

during an attack, and kept his men well under control in spite of heavy casualties. He personally rushed two shell holes from which snipers were firing, and superintended the clearing of several others. Though wounded, he led his men to the objective and engaged an enemy strong point beyond it, collecting scattered parties of men and leading them to the attack. His courage and initiative was a magnificent example to all.

1341 Cpl. P. N. L. Pellandine, E. Kent R. (Clerkenwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Lewis gun section was checked by hostile machine gun fire during an attack, he at once made a forward reconnaissance and brought his gun into action. When his gun was knocked out he collected some men, stalked the machine gun, and succeeded in capturing it. He then got the captured gun into action, and used it with great effect on the enemy. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

L/6425 A./Cpl. F. T. Pillams, R.F.A. (E., Manor Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when he was wounded. He kept his gun in action under very heavy fire till it received a direct hit. The four guns of the battery being successively put out of action, he increased his own rate of fire as each gun was silenced. During an S.O.S. he kept his gun in action, though the battery was being heavily shelled and ammunition going off.

15445 C.Q.M.S. J. Pollard, York. L.I. (Heckmondwike).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During five nights he took up rations to the front line and showed unflinching resolution and devotion to duty in bringing his parties repeatedly through the zone of the enemy's barrage. His example was a fine incentive to his men.

8978 Sjt. G. F. Pope, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of two platoons during an attack. He collected men of another company which had lost all its officers, also men of other units, and captured a portion of the objective and several prisoners. Later, seeing some troops on the flank retiring, he detached a portion of his command and regained the original positions.

19449 Sjt. G. Portlock, York. L.I. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were casualties in an attack he took command of his company and consolidated the captured position under heavy shell fire. He set a splendid example of courage to his men.

5759 A./L.Sjt. C. Rayner, Manch. R. (Peel Green, near Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He took command of his company when all the officers were casualties and led it forward. He supervised the reorganisation and consolidation after the final

objective was captured, and remained in command of the company until the battalion was relieved. He displayed the greatest initiative and devotion to duty, and set a splendid example to the company.

7411 C.S.M. H. Reynolds, M.G. Corps (Dorset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during four days' operations. He kept communication throughout with the forward guns and company headquarters under the greatest difficulties and constant shelling. He repeatedly rallied men and sent them forward again.

15457 L./Cpl. W. H. Ridge, York. & Lanc. R. (E. Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a strong enemy raid had been driven back he asked permission to take out a patrol of four men. In broad daylight he went beyond our wire and encountered a party of the enemy in a shell-hole, who put up an obstinate resistance. The patrol attacked them with bombs, killing four and wounding a fifth, whom the patrol brought in, thus obtaining a valuable identification.

200081 C./S./M. H. Roberts, N. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the company officers had become casualties, he took command and led the attack with great determination. During the consolidation he personally sited the trench line and strong points in advance of the position. He showed great courage and a thorough grasp of the situation, and kept his men well under control throughout the action.

11271 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. Robinson, S. Staff. R. (Heath Hayes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the battalion scouts, obtaining valuable information regarding the progress of the attack. He captured, single-handed, a "pill-box" containing twelve of the enemy, which had been overlooked by the front-line troops. He also bayoneted many enemy snipers, who had feigned death and been passed over by the attacking troops.

8090 C.S.M. A. P. Rodgers, Sea. Highrs. (Elgin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command of a platoon for four days under heavy and continuous shell fire. Throughout he displayed the greatest courage and energy, and set a splendid example to the men.

24124 Pte. B. Roe, G. Gds. (Leigh, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Noticing that his company was suffering casualties from a "pill-box," he collected two men and rushed it, killing eight of the enemy and capturing the "pill-box" and fifteen men inside.

202547 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) M. Ross, R. War. R. (Linlithgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a successful raid. He effected an entry only after severe hand to hand fight-