

ting back many wounded. Early in the day he was wounded and buried by a shell, but refused to rest. Later he was again wounded, but carried on until all wounded had been brought back.

3/7312 L./Cpl. W. V. Watkins, Som. L.I. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working round the rear of a "pill-box" that was holding up his platoon. He killed three of the garrison of twelve with the bayonet. This enabled the remainder of the platoon to rush up, capture the "pill-box," and account for the remainder of the garrison, except two.

9264 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Wheatley, S. Staff. R. (Jersey, C. Islands).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked and captured a machine gun before it could be brought into action. He showed great energy in constructing a strong point on a threatened flank. He kept a Lewis gun in his post, and killed many of the enemy who exposed themselves.

27640 Pte. N. Wheeler, R. War. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in tending the wounded in the open under heavy fire. He went out six times in face of heavy machine-gun fire and brought back a wounded man each time. He crawled out and recovered important messages off the body of a runner who had just been killed by a very active sniper. He was finally hit while bringing in a stretcher case.

67691 A./Sjt. F. White, M.G.C. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer had become a casualty he led his guns forward to a position gained by the infantry. He remained some 200 yards in front of the front line for two days, during which time his guns dispersed attempted counter-attacks. Several of his men became casualties.

31704 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Whitehead, R.E. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When communications between brigade and battalions were continually cut by shell fire he worked unceasingly to keep touch, going out again and again, mending the wires under heavy fire. By his bearing and behaviour under very difficult conditions he set a magnificent example to his men.

14293 L./Sjt. R. Whitmore, Durh. L.I. (Murton Colliery, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when some advanced posts were raided by the enemy. With one man, he rushed the trench, and by skilful bombing drove off the enemy, who were in considerable numbers, and were enveloping one of his posts. His courage and resource prevented the position from being surrounded, and saved several casualties.

265042 C.S.M. A. Wilkinson, Ches. R. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of great assistance in as-

sembling his company for the assault under very heavy fire, and led them forward in the attack, capturing the objective. Throughout the day his coolness and energy under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire were a fine example to his men.

2575 Sqn. Cpl.-Maj. (A./R. Cpl.-Maj.) C. Wright, Household Bn. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the guides became casualties he volunteered to take up a company of the relieving battalion, guiding them by compass-bearing, and completed his task successfully.

13946 L./Cpl. F. H. Wright, Notts. & Derby. R. (Ilkeston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attack was held up he pushed forward with a Lewis gun, captured an enemy machine gunner after shooting two others, and enabled the advance to continue. He showed splendid courage and initiative throughout.

12050 Sjt. F. S. Yates, R. Lanc. R. (St. Annes-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon brilliantly in the attack, and was instrumental in bringing about the early fall of a strong enemy position. He then led his platoon forward and captured and consolidated a further objective. When all his officers became casualties he took command of the company. His dispositions were excellent, and he was able to inflict heavy loss on the enemy by his skilful handling of Lewis guns. He showed unfailing zeal and courage throughout the operations.

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5026 Pte. S. J. Ainsworth, M.G. Corps..

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. He continually volunteered for the most dangerous work under heavy fire, and was invaluable to his section officer. With one other man he captured a machine gun and seven prisoners, and showed splendid courage and initiative.

1068 Cpl. L. W. Ashmore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by an enemy strong point he organised a party, and by a brilliant movement, though under heavy shell and machine gun fire, captured the strong point with fifteen prisoners and two machine guns. After the capture of the final objective it was partly due to his fine selection of fire positions that two counter-attacks were beaten off. He rendered invaluable service to the battalion by his cheerfulness and coolness and by his skill in organising his sector of the line.

5119 Pte E. I. Barrett, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages for forty-eight hours continuously to the front line under the heaviest fire. On another occasion he gained the foremost position won by the battalion, and inflicted many casualties on