

3152 Cpl. C. J. Meers, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in re-establishing communication by attacking an enemy strong point, killing the garrison and capturing the machine gun.

316 Cpl. G. F. Miller, M.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in re-establishing communication by telephone during a heavy enemy barrage when it had been temporarily disorganised by shell-fire. After this line had been laid he organised his linesmen as stretcher-bearers and brought in five badly wounded men. Throughout the operations he succeeded in maintaining telephonic communication.

101 Sjt. J. H. Moore, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was leading forward his section and an infantry working party when they suffered several casualties. In spite of the heavy fire he gallantly led his men forward and carried out the work which he had been ordered to do. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

4851 Sjt. H. Mortlock, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the objective had been captured, an enemy strong point in advance of the position considerably harassed the work of consolidation. In company with his officer and two other men he rushed the strong point, put the machine-gun crew out of action, cleared the position, and captured thirty prisoners. He saved many casualties by his prompt and fearless action.

784 Sjt. P. C. Mudford, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company forward after all the officers had been killed or wounded, to reinforce the battalion attacking the second objective.

2762 Pte. H. E. Newton, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy shelling was intense, and his section suffered many casualties. He collected the remainder of his men, and kept up supplies and rations to the men in the front line, continually going backwards and forwards through heavy barrages, organising the work. It was largely owing to his devotion to duty that the company in the line were kept supplied with ammunition and rations.

2719 Sjt. J. C. Noakes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When moving forward in rear of the attacking troops to establish a Battalion H.Q., it became evident that a group of enemy dug-outs had been passed over. He cleared these with the aid of a battalion runner, rushed a "pill-box" and captured the twenty-eight occupants. Later he captured a party of the enemy with two machine guns.

2777 L./Cpl. P. L. Ord, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward alone under heavy fire, and entered a sap containing an officer and a party of the enemy. He threw a bomb

among them, killing the officer, and brought back the remainder, thirteen in all, to his own lines. His arm was severely shattered on the way down to act as guide, but he guided in the relief and reported back on the completion of his task.

363 Sjt. H. H. Peard, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy opened up a heavy fire upon our men, who were assaulting the final objective, from a certain redoubt. He, together with another serjeant, went forward to this redoubt, where ten of the enemy were killed, two captured, and the remainder routed. This performance was one of great coolness and courage, and by this gallant deed many valuable lives were saved.

3604 Sjt. G. L. A. Peters, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the objective had been captured, strong opposition was encountered from an enemy position just ahead of the objective. In company with his officer he rushed the strong point, put the machine-gun crew out of action, cleared the position, and captured thirty prisoners. His prompt and fearless action saved many casualties.

6558 Pte. B. G. Pettitt, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He and another man were Nos. 1 and 2 of a Lewis-gun team, with a limited field of fire. The enemy had reached to within fifty yards of our line, when they sprang out of the trench, and standing on the parapet, his comrade fired the gun, resting it on Pte. Pettitt's shoulder, and continued until the remnants of the attacking line retired, and they were ordered back into the trench. They inflicted severe casualties on the enemy, and contributed largely to the utter defeat of the attack.

474 Cpl. D. C. Robertson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of rather severe wounds, he led four men against a pill-box. He posted them round the dug-out, and was on the point of entering when he was rushed by a party of the enemy. He killed two, and the remainder surrendered. He was again wounded, but refused to go back until the objective was taken and the consolidation complete.

18927 Sjt. E. J. Robinson, F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a party of thirty men and sixty animals bringing up ammunition to the battery position through deep mud and numerous shell-holes, and under incessant bombardment for a distance of 800 yards.

7236 B.S.M. J. Rostron, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the battery was heavily shelled with gas and H.E. shells. Though gassed, he took command of the battery when all the officers became casualties, and set a most valuable example to his men. He showed the greatest disregard of danger in clearing the wounded, digging out men who were buried, and keeping his battery operative for a period of seven hours.