

whom he succeeded in bringing to our lines in safety.

624400 C.Q.M.S. L. T. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the launching of an attack on the enemy line his company was held up by intense machine gun fire. He, in broad daylight, stood up and waved and encouraged his men to go forward, thereby allowing his company to make a further advance and causing the enemy to retire. Later, having collected a party, he led them on to attack a machine gun emplacement, which he destroyed, killing the entire crew. Throughout the day he displayed the most gallant qualities of leadership and initiative until seriously wounded.

430337 L./Sjt. G. H. Soles, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, when the left flank was held up by some strong posts, he led his men to the right and worked round to within bombing distance. He knocked over a machine gun with a bomb, killing eight of the enemy and taking the remainder, eighteen in number, prisoners.

112297 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. J. Spilsbury, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all his officers and senior N.C.Os. were casualties, and his platoon became disorganised, he took command and, rallying his men, led them to their objective in the face of severe opposition, and consolidated and held the position. On the next day he led a daylight patrol into No Man's Land and captured an enemy N.C.O. and a private who had been causing casualties by sniping. His example of courage and coolness materially assisted in saving a critical situation.

117548 Cpl. A. J. Stark, Mt. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Single-handed he engaged ten of the enemy who were approaching his post, killed four and drove off the remainder. He also carried out valuable reconnaissances, and showed splendid courage and resource.

186250 L./Sjt. H. Stoddard, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the first wave of his platoon in the assault, and with great courage and dash stormed the enemy's position, capturing a machine gun and killing the garrison. Though many casualties were caused, by his magnificent example he was able to lead his men to the assault and the capture of the position. This gallant action was an inspiration to his men, and encouraged them to further efforts.

116045 Cpl. A. O. Swanby, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his bombing squad into the enemy trench, working it with fine judgment

right up to the edge of our barrage. At one point he himself entered a concrete shelter with three of the enemy in it, killed two of them, and took the third prisoner. Prior to the raid he had shown great skill and daring in reconnoitring the enemy wire.

192830 Pte. (L./C.) W. J. Taylor, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun team which took part in the capture of an enemy strong point. He kept his gun in action with great success, and beat off determined counter-attacks by the enemy. He showed splendid courage and determination.

827096 Cpl. G. W. Thompson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he saw an enemy machine gun open fire. He at once rushed forward through our barrage, killed the crew and captured the gun single-handed. His courage and initiative undoubtedly saved many casualties, and were a magnificent example to all.

460196 Pte. P. Thompson, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days and nights of incessant bombardment, in addition to carrying out his duties as runner, guiding in numerous ration and water parties and taking out wounded, he was continually digging out buried men and tending wounded under heavy shelling. In a scattered position of unconnected shell holes he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

1402 S.M. G. J. Townsend, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of the stretcher-bearers and parties carrying water, and owing to his determined efforts kept the line supplied with water and evacuated the wounded from the dressing-station. He contributed materially to the success of the operations by his excellent work.

71748 Sjt. C. Wilkins, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. displayed great coolness and courage in the attack, and accounted for six of the enemy single-handed. He also assisted in the capture of a machine gun, helping to kill the whole crew of eight men. His conduct throughout the whole operations was characterised by the utmost coolness and outstanding gallantry, serving to inspire his men in the highest degree.

53631 C.S.M. G. H. Williams, M.M., Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising a new line after the trench had been destroyed by an enemy barrage. During a heavy bombardment he succeeded in establishing communication with the company on his right. He was untiring in his efforts in getting rations up to the front line and guiding stretcher parties.