

and thus prevented an identification from being obtained by the enemy. He organised a rescue party when some men were buried in a cellar which had been blown in. He set a splendid example of courage and energy throughout the operations.

201278 Sjt. A. Nickson, N. Lan. R. (Preston, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His coolness and gallantry have on numerous occasions led to the defeat of enemy raids, notably when a superior party of the enemy attempted to cut off a small reconnoitring patrol. His quick action in attacking the enemy, killing their leader, and inflicting heavy casualties on them saved his patrol from being surrounded. On a later occasion he personally manned and worked a machine gun, and succeeded in driving off a superior enemy force which had been working round the flanks of his platoon. In his quick judgment, resource, and initiative this N.C.O. possesses admirable qualities.

5300 C.S.M. J. Norris, Hamps. R. (Martyr Worthy, nr. Winchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done consistently good work, both in and out of the line, for twenty-seven months. His personal ability and example have been of the greatest possible help in maintaining discipline and in the training of the men, his conduct during active operations being equally commendable.

L.7261 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. O'Brien, R. Fus. (Mortlake).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions in action. His courage, energy, and cheerfulness under all circumstances have added greatly to the efficiency of the battalion.

7029 Pte. J. Odell, Sea. Highrs. (Amphill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He was always ready to undertake any dangerous work under the heaviest fire, and set a fine example of courage and efficiency to all ranks.

9880 C.S.M. A. O'Nions, S. Lanc. R. (Douglas, I. of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations, when, by his courage, energy, and resource, he set a fine example to all ranks with him.

540372 Sjt. B. St. C. Owen, R.E. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As senior signalling serjeant in a brigade signal section during the fourteen months, he has done exceptionally good work, the nature of which has called for a large amount of initiative, determination, and personal courage, all of which qualities he has exhibited in the highest degree. He has never failed to rise to the occasion, and his conduct throughout has been most praiseworthy.

T/585 Armnt. S./S. H. Owen, A.O.C. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work during the

operations, his skill and initiative being worthy of the highest praise.

200021 C.S.M. G. Owens, R.W. Fus. (Wrexham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was continually engaged on work in the forward area in preparation for operations, frequently under heavy shell fire, and always set a splendid example of determination and courage to his men.

5703 C.S.M. C. E. W. Parish, M.G. Cps. (Brecon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and consistent good work. He has maintained a high level of discipline in the company, and has always set an excellent example of energy and determination to his men.

5955 B.S.M. A. Parker, R.F.A. (Clonmel).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the battery had lost heavily he took over the entire duties of a subaltern officer and did excellent work in re-organising the gun detachments. Whilst in charge of a working party at the forward position, although frequently interrupted by shell fire, he built four gun pits and the necessary dug-outs for the men in a very short time. He is a most efficient and capable warrant officer, and handles his N.C.O.'s and men in a very able manner.

275002 C.S.M. W. B. Parker, Dur. L.I. (Bishopwearmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his energy and zeal he has brought his company to a high state of efficiency, and has inspired his men by his splendid example and encouragement.

L./8270 Sjt. W. W. Pass, E. Kent R. (Darlestone, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done good work under all conditions as platoon serjeant. His courage and cheerfulness have inspired all ranks, and his enthusiasm in all instructional work out of the trenches has been of the greatest value.

52268 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) J. B. Pearce, R.E. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of wagons conveying material to form an advanced dump, a task which he successfully performed nightly, often under very heavy shell fire. On one occasion he, assisted by his drivers, unloaded ten wagons under heavy shell fire, and succeeded in getting the wagons away safely. His work has been conspicuously good and his conduct always most commendable.

10617 Pte. P. Pearson, R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went continually over open ground swept by the enemy's fire in daylight collecting the wounded, and remained at his task, showing splendid courage and self-sacrifice, until all the wounded had been brought in.