

prompt and gallant action these men would have fallen into the hands of the advancing enemy. He also displayed the greatest courage at a bombing post, where he received a wound whilst attempting to drag a wounded prisoner to safety.

2487 Pte. J. Costello, R. Lanc. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as stretcher-bearer he displayed great coolness under heavy fire in bringing in wounded cases. He rendered most valuable service, and carried out his duties in a most commendable manner throughout the operations.

200010 C./S./M. J. Coubrough, High. L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was forced to give ground before a strong and determined enemy counter-attack, he rushed to the front regardless of his own safety, and, by his splendid example of courage and coolness, succeeded in rallying the men, leading them forward again, and checking and finally holding the enemy. His services throughout were of inestimable value.

200842 Cpl. G. C. Couldrey, Wilts. R. (Salisbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, with the assistance of one other N.C.O., captured two officers, forty other ranks and two machine guns. These men accomplished this bold and gallant deed entirely unassisted by other troops.

21493 Pte. J. Cunliffe, G. Gds. (Tyldesley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He went forward on his own initiative a distance of 400 yards to the front line through an intense barrage and attended to the wounded though heavily bombed at close range. He showed the greatest courage and contempt of danger under very heavy fire.

292002 C./S./M. F. C. Curtis, Sco. Rif., (Blackpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to heavy casualties amongst the headquarters personnel he carried orders under fire to platoons widely separated from each other, and when the stretcher-bearers were unable for the time being to cope with the casualties he tended the wounded and rendered the most valuable assistance in evacuating the most urgent cases.

50620 Cpl. (Motor Cyclist) H. Davey, R.E. (Hyde).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as dispatch rider. When the enemy attacked and entered a village, he volunteered to try and get through with an urgent message. He rushed through the enemy, who were holding the cross roads, although machine guns were turned on him. He was then chased down the road by two enemy aeroplanes, but got away and delivered his message. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

300006 C./S./M. G. Davie, Essex R. (Landon Fields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Taking charge of the company when all the officers had become casualties, he led it with great gallantry throughout the day, during which he held a trench successfully against several enemy bombing attacks. His initiative and devotion to duty were a fine example to all ranks.

420283 Sjt. (A./Coy.S.M.) H. Dearman, Lond. R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the action, on three of his company officers becoming casualties at the commencement of operations, he took charge of his company and led it in the most efficient and skilful manner throughout the day.

9112 A./Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) P. Delahunty, E. Lan. R. (Kilkenny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He pressed forward with his Lewis gun, showing complete disregard of danger, and surprised an enemy picquet. By rushing the sentry and bringing his gun into action at point-blank range he inflicted severe casualties on the enemy and captured several prisoners. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

206607 Cpl. A. W. Denyer, R.W. Surr. R. (Camberley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officers and the company serjeant-major became casualties he took command, though wounded himself, and refused to withdraw until another officer arrived. He repelled a counter-attack with great skill, and stood up under heavy fire with utter disregard of danger in order to bomb the enemy more accurately.

15/11922 Pte. J. Dillon, R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After an attack he, accompanied by a N.C.O., went out to bring in five of our wounded, whose groans and cries for help could be heard from the direction in which our posts had penetrated furthest. He assisted the N.C.O. to bring in four of the wounded men, and while bringing in the fifth man the N.C.O. was wounded. He thereupon brought in both the remaining man and the N.C.O. The whole time they were under intense machine-gun and rifle fire, and his action afforded a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

9444 Sjt. J. J. Donaldson, R. Ir. Fus. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the action he, together with an officer and six men, captured a machine-gun emplacement in the enemy's line, killing eight of the garrison and capturing one officer and twenty-two men and two machine guns. Throughout the attack he showed exceptional coolness and determination.

240664 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) H. Dorrington, N. Staff. R. (Burton-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though suf-