

discovered that one of his men was missing. He thereupon immediately ran to the dump, found the man seriously wounded, and carried him eighty yards to a place of safety, thus saving his life. When, on a later occasion, the enemy attacked our trenches in great strength and gained an entrance into our front line, he, on his own initiative, climbed on to the parapet and bombed the enemy out of a portion of the trench, and drove them back finally for a distance of 200 yards. A very critical situation was thus saved by his coolness and courage, and the enemy were prevented from turning the flank of the battalion.

250044 Pte. J. Mackay, R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as stretcher bearer, on the aid post being blown up by a shell and the officer in charge evacuated, he carried on unaided for two days, though himself wounded, during which period he attended to a large number of cases under the most intense shell fire. The splendid work he performed and his devotion to duty were magnificent and beyond all praise.

9076 L./C. J. McKay, Sea. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded early in the day he continued to carry messages under heavy fire across the open. Later, he took charge of a party engaged in forming a block in a dangerous portion of a trench, and set a very high example of coolness and courage throughout the day.

266217 Pte. R. T. McLeish, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Employed as a runner he constantly carried messages over ground swept by shell and machine-gun fire. On one occasion, whilst returning from the firing line, he with another man accounted for three enemy snipers who were concealed in an orchard behind our line. His courage and endurance were beyond all praise.

201587 C.S.M. H. MacMillan, A. & S. Highrs. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on the enemy trenches, on his company commander becoming a casualty, he at once assumed command of the firing line, and by his energetic leadership and personal courage led the men to their objective. He then reorganised the company and succeeded in occupying a commanding position more advanced than the objective assigned to him. His conduct throughout was most gallant.

15/12052 Pte. J. McWhirter. M.M., R. Ir. Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by his platoon on a hostile strong point, he worked his machine gun with great courage under heavy fire at close range and held up the enemy's flank, thus enabling men of his platoon to get a footing in the strong point. After his gun was blown up, he continued to fight with

rifle grenades, and his officer and all the N.C.Os. being casualties, took charge of the platoon, which captured the strong point with twenty-two prisoners. At night, not being relieved, he reported himself at battalion headquarters, and finally extricated the remnants of his platoon from a difficult situation with great gallantry and skill, all his ammunition being by this time exhausted.

42081 C.S.M. H. Maggs, M.G.C. (East Sheen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to return to the rear, in order to bring up ammunition. Having organised several parties, on which casualties were inflicted on each journey, he personally carried wounded men under cover, and on one occasion led his party through a heavy barrage. It was largely due to his splendid initiative and disregard of danger that two brigades were supplied with ammunition at an extremely critical juncture.

S/10524 Pte. D. Malcomson, Sea. Highrs. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy delivering a counter-attack, he collected a party of men, and by his skilful use of bombs checked and eventually repulsed the enemy. Throughout the day he set a fine example of coolness and courage.

S/16203 Cpl. J. C. Marshall, A. & S. Highrs. (Glenluce).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded he remained with him and held his post under a severe trench mortar bombardment. When the enemy rushed the position and set fire to the post he withdrew to a position a short distance in rear and moved about in the open among his men with utter disregard of danger, encouraging them to hold their ground by his splendid example.

310223 S./S./M. H. T. Mason, Yeo. (Stratford-on-Avon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a charge of his regiment he killed several of the enemy, including a gunner officer, with his sword, and displayed the greatest gallantry. His dashing example helped greatly in making the charge successful.

20624 Cpl. M. Mather, R.F.C. (Croy Station).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as observer. He was attacked by twelve enemy machines while flying over the enemy's lines, and in a fight which lasted fifteen minutes he shot down two of the enemy out of control and drove off the others. He undoubtedly saved his machine by his dogged determination. He has shown great skill and courage in many other aerial combats.

201129 L./Sjt. J. Merrington, M.M., Essex R. (Sutton, Beds.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in the captured trench, an enemy bombing party made an attack on his