

sage back to Battalion Headquarters. Later, single-handed, and walking on the parapet, he drove the enemy back for 100 yards along a communication trench by throwing bombs into the trench. On many previous occasions he had displayed qualities of courage and coolness of a very high order.

482134 Sjt. N. Marples, R.E. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an engagement, while under very heavy shell fire, this non-commissioned officer was continually at work laying and maintaining cable lines. Of the two men working under him, one was killed and the other wounded. The latter he bestowed in a place of safety and then returned and carried on his work. His coolness and courage were an example to the men under him.

200535 Sjt. W. Marr, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a platoon and handled them with great skill and coolness during a heavy enemy attack. By his fine example of coolness and determination under heavy fire he encouraged his men to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy.

10594 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) C. Marsh, C. Gds. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of an advanced outpost during a hostile advance, when his valuable reports led to the enemy's manoeuvres being successfully forestalled. Later, when heavily attacked, he drove off the enemy with severe losses, and finally withdrew his party, under heavy fire, to the front line without casualties.

11300 Sjt. J. Marshall, E. Lanc. R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. took charge of his platoon when the commander had been killed, and moved forward to a position that was being attacked by the enemy. Though troops in the line were falling back, he kept his men together and held the position until he was ordered to withdraw eight hours later, though during most of the time his right flank was quite unsupported. His intelligent grip of the tactical situation and his gallant conduct were of the greatest value.

631561 Sjt. R. Marshall, R.F.A. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire at close range, after the gun in his own charge had been disabled, this non-commissioned officer went forward and superintended the dismantling of the forward gun. He then held the enemy in check with the Lewis gun until the detachments had dismantled the few remaining guns of the battery that had not been destroyed by shell fire.

281718 Cpl. A. Martin, Lond. R. (Hoxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his officer and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties he assumed command, and successfully met and drove off an enemy

attack by leading his men out of their trench and engaging the enemy with the bayonet on the parapet. His courage and coolness greatly inspired all ranks with him.

58650 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. A. Martin, R.F.A. (Douglas, Isle of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The guns had to be man-handled over 100 yards of soft and broken ground under the most intense shell fire. He set a splendid example of courage, and it was mainly due to his example that the guns were withdrawn, although the last gun had to be man-handled nearly 150 yards under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range.

250371 C.S.M. J. R. Martin, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days especially this warrant officer was of the greatest assistance to his company officer. Wherever the shelling was heaviest he went about placing his men to the best advantage. He was seriously wounded, but continued his work until again wounded. He showed the highest courage and determination.

49092 Cpl. L. E. Martin, R.F.A. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though early wounded, he remained with the battery under heavy fire all day, and after all the officers and sergeants had been wounded or killed, he commanded the battery until an officer from another battery arrived. He behaved splendidly.

S/3998 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. Martin, Sea. Highrs. (Maybole).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He went forward alone between the lines in search for an enemy machine-gun which was continually enfilading the line and was eventually able to put this gun out of action, killing part of its crew. Throughout the whole action he displayed the greatest courage and coolness, and was of invaluable assistance to his C.O.

33567 Pte. W. Martin, Ches. R. (Lewknor, Berks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repaired his telephone wires and maintained communication during a heavy enemy barrage fire. When the enemy forced an entry into a front-line trench, entirely on his own initiative he immediately collected a supply of bombs and alone cleared 100 yards of trench full of the enemy, killing twenty and wounding several more.

21345 C.S.M. R. Maskell, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, in spite of heavy machine-gun and shell fire he visited his platoon, inspiring the men with confidence and putting new heart into them.

325314 Serjt. T. Mason, Durh. L.I. (Chopwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy rifle and machine-