

gun fire he coolly directed the fire of his men and encouraged them by his example. He organised men nearest him, and with them strengthened his own position and kept the enemy in check. He showed fine courage.

60227 Farr. Sjt. W. Matheson, R.F.A. (Oban).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy shell and gas shell bombardment of wagon lines. It was owing to his fine example of coolness and courage that men and horses were got out of the lines with few casualties. His work was worthy of high praise.

200831 Pte. W. P. Mattman, Sea. Highrs. (Sandyford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages to battalion headquarters under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, on one occasion after two runners had been killed and another wounded in trying to get through. His conduct throughout was a wonderful example to all.

283441 Gnr. G. May, R.G.A. (Lincoln).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was being employed as runner to take back information as to the disposition of our troops, and at the time was awaiting orders. He collected, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, fifty stragglers, got them into line, and by his fine example caused them to put up a useful fight until the arrival of an officer, who took charge of the party. It was a fine proof of resource and initiative during a trying time.

83370 Sjt. A. E. Maybury, R.E. (Horwich, near Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy. On the commencement of an enemy bombardment, he went from dug-out to dug-out, through heavy shelling and gas, organising his men into squads, and sending them to their battle stations. Though gassed himself, his only thought was for his men. When nearly at his own battle station he was severely wounded. Throughout the operations his fearless courage and initiative were of the highest order.

3756 Sjt. B. G. Mayhew, M.G.C. (Barnsbury, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his gun emplacement was blown in, he promptly brought his gun into the open and silenced enemy machine guns at close range. Next day, though practically surrounded, he kept his team working, and set a splendid example of grit and determination.

12327 Serjt. G. Maylett, L'pool R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He took command of his company, led it forward over almost impassable ground, and captured the position. He reorganised his company, consolidated his position, and held it despite repeated counter-attacks by the enemy.

M2/100314 Pte. V. C. Mears, A.S.C. (near Eastleigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was constantly in the forward area, and throughout displayed great courage and energy in carrying out his duties efficiently under heavy fire. The rapid and successful evacuation of the wounded from the divisional front was largely due to his untiring efforts.

235254 Serjt. R. F. Mee, Worc. R. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, together with a corporal, to bring back his company commander, who had been wounded. The corporal was wounded in the attempt, notwithstanding which he proceeded alone, brought back his officer, and went back again and brought the corporal in.

266706 Pte. A. Mellor, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man with another proceeded about 100 yards with the object of capturing five enemy observers, but on approaching they discovered a party of fifty, with several machine guns. They held their ground, shouting and shaking their bayonets, assisted by shouts of men behind, which induced the enemy to surrender. They captured thirty men and four machine guns.

17951 C./S./M./S. Mellor, R. Scots (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When trenches in rear of those which had to be occupied were entered by the enemy, he organised bombing parties and formed bombing blocks, and held back the enemy all night. Next morning, when the enemy again attempted to advance, he remained at the bombing block bombing for two hours, and finally enabled his company to withdraw in safety. He showed fine courage under difficult circumstances.

132221 Sjt. S. J. Menadue, R.E. (St. Day, Scorrier).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer with another was in charge of a portion of underground defence that was overrun by the enemy; they, however, refused to surrender, and remained below with an officer who was unable to walk, having always in view the possibility of an escape during the confusion. Their anticipations were justified, and in spite of a heavy machine-gun fire and shell barrage they succeeded in carrying the wounded officer into safety and in rescuing six other men. The happy result of this enterprise was due to the courage and resource of these non-commissioned officers, who were equally responsible for its success.

2484 Cpl. J. P. Menah, R.F.A. (Balham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he led two fresh detachments from wagon lines to gun line through a heavy barrage. He then