

himself with the Lewis gun, of which all the crew had become casualties, until he reached a position in rear, where he remained until relieved the following night. His coolness and ability were a great example to his men.

12590 Sjt. F. Roberts, M.G.C. (Pontefract).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled two machine guns with great skill and coolness. He took command of a party of infantry and reorganised them. When most of the teams, including himself, had been wounded, and one gun knocked out, he fired the remaining gun himself. Subsequently, after inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, he carried his gun out of action, and, though weak from wounds, returned and rescued the spare parts. His conduct throughout was an inspiration to the men under him.

20704 Sjt. M. R. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus. (Carnarvon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack on an enemy position he reached the furthest point attained by his company with the first wave. His officer became a casualty, but of his own initiative he took skilful steps for defence, reconnoitring the position of companies on his flanks and informing them of his situation, and making suitable dispositions of his own men. He then sent back full information to his company commander. All his arrangements were made under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His behaviour throughout was marked by coolness and resourceful ability.

23404 Pte. W. Roberts, M.M., York. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, who was a company runner, and had just come in with a message, volunteered with another man to take a message back to battalion headquarters over 1,500 yards of open fire-swept ground. His companion was killed, but he got through, and on his return brought back ammunition for his company, who badly needed it. He subsequently got through to battalion headquarters twice more and brought back orders. At a later date he was wounded when starting out with a message, but delivered it, and remained with his company until relieved, setting a fine example to all.

25360 C.S.M. W. C. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus. (Bangor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Observing that an attack by two platoons on enemy positions was being held up by enemy machine-gun fire, he went forward and collected a section, and led a bombing attack on the gun position. His men becoming casualties, he attempted alone to silence the gun, and was shot in the stomach. By his fearlessness and fine example he enabled the line to be advanced.

200283 C.S.M. W. L. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus. (Denbigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a retirement he steadied his men with indomitable energy and courage, at the same time carrying on his back a wounded officer. He continued carrying the

latter and exhorting his men for fully half a mile under very intense machine-gun fire until the officer was again shot, this time through the head.

11406 A./Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. Robertson, S. Gds. (Kincardine).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a strong patrol, which divided into two parties to capture an enemy post at night. He led one of the parties most successfully. He killed two of the enemy, and with another man acted as covering party, while the patrol mopped up the remainder of the garrison. He behaved with fine courage and resource.

S/14281 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Robertson, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and sergeants of his company had become casualties, he took command of the remnants and various stragglers, and held out along a sunken road until almost completely surrounded, when he fought his way out and gained touch with the rest of the battalion. Later, in full view of the enemy, and under intense machine-gun fire, he brought in two wounded men who were lying out in front of the trench.

27874 Sjt. J. Robertson, R. Scots (Lanark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent out in charge of a patrol to clear up a situation. He encountered a body of the enemy advancing, and by his bold and skilful handling of his command he captured one officer and made over thirty other prisoners. The information gained from these was invaluable.

18570 Sjt. H. G. Robinson, Bedf. R. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company after a successful counter-attack, organised the defence of the position gained, and, under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, hung on to it all next day. He showed fine courage and initiative.

14798 C.S.M. J. E. Robinson, M.M., Linc. R. (London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He behaved with conspicuous gallantry and much initiative during an attack, when the first objective, owing to the stiff resistance of the enemy, was only reached after all three waves of our advance had been absorbed in the fight. He organised the advance on the second and third objectives, and while holding the last he showed great skill in consolidation. In the afternoon the very heavy counter-attack of the enemy rendered it necessary for our troops to withdraw. During the whole of this retirement his fine behaviour was an example to all about him.

5/12397 Pte. S. Robinson, R. Ir. Fus. (Keady, Co. Armagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst carrying an important message to company headquarters he was seriously wounded, his leg being fractured. He crawled for 200 yards over rocky ground