

228391 Sjt. J. Waring, M.M., Lond. R. (posted R. Fus.) (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all officers of his company had been killed or wounded he took command, and by his skilful handling of the men and the personal example which he set them, succeeded in repelling very heavy enemy attacks. He did fine work.

40183 Pte. J. H. Waring, W. York. R. (Ingleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under an exceptionally heavy artillery and machine-gun barrage this man dressed and attended to the wounded, running from one to the other and succouring in all about fifty. When wounded in the head he carried on until he dropped from exhaustion and loss of blood. After his wound had been dressed he had to be forcibly prevented from returning to the line.

11316 Pte. W. Warman, E. Surr. R. (Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man was a company stretcher-bearer, and did splendid work during an action in bringing in wounded under heavy machine-gun fire. He personally was instrumental in bringing in at least thirty wounded, and at the end of the day's work he carried a badly wounded N.C.O. back several miles to a dressing station.

4286 C.S.M. L. Warren, Rif. Bde. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made a valuable reconnaissance under intense machine-gun fire. Later, he rallied his company time after time when all platoon officers had become casualties. He showed a fine example throughout.

5415 C.S.M. W. Warren, Rif. Bde. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a very heavy artillery bombardment the enemy launched a series of strong attacks against the position this warrant officer was helping to defend. He was constantly moving up and down the line under the heavy shell fire encouraging the men and showing an inspiring example. During the hostile attacks he himself accounted for many of the enemy. When forced to retire he carried with him a badly wounded man and brought him to a place of safety.

300164 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. Waterhouse, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great keenness and initiative in action. On one occasion, when the enemy were advancing to the attack, he charged forward with six men against a hostile party of over twenty and put them all to flight.

48004 R.S.M. W. Watkins, Lanc. Fus. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement lasting many days. On several occasions he displayed the

greatest courage and initiative in collecting stragglers and leading counter-attacks, when officers had become casualties, and throughout a most trying period he showed a very high standard of energy and devotion.

C/12699 Sjt. R. W. Watkinson, M.M., K.R.R.C. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to severe casualties among the officers, this N.C.O. was in command of a company when the enemy opened an exceptionally heavy bombardment on the position they were occupying. During several hours under very heavy fire Serjeant Watkinson was moving up and down the line encouraging the men without concern for his personal safety. On several occasions he brought back valuable reports to battalion headquarters through intense shell fire, and when orders to withdraw were received he conducted the retirement of his company in perfect order, and throughout the battle he showed a splendid example of courage and good leadership.

250426 Sjt. H. Watsham, Essex R. (Wivenhoe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. In charge of the first wave of his company, he led them to the assault, and reorganised them in the captured trench, after which he cleared a communication trench with bombs, and was clearing another when badly wounded. He set a fine example to all.

21721 Pte. J. Watson, W. Rid. R. (Parkhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A large dump having exploded from enemy shell fire, he rushed to the spot and with assistance dug out and saved the lives of two buried men. He also organised stretcher parties to attend to the other wounded. He set a fine example of promptitude in a dangerous situation.

245498 Spl. W. Watson, R.E. (Strathaven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The work of a survey post was beginning to suffer some deterioration in consequence of the men having been under a practically continuous bombardment, chiefly with mustard gas shells, for seven days, when Corporal Watson volunteered to take charge of the post and put matters right. His courage, determination and cheerful bearing put renewed heart into the detachment, and in spite of continued shelling and gas, he kept the post in action until about a week later he received orders from his commanding officer to withdraw the post as observation had become impossible. This N.C.O. has on previous occasions shown the highest qualities of determination and contempt of danger.

21793 Sjt. T. E. Watterson, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when all officers but two in the battalion having fallen, he took command of the company and held on to his position