

encouraged by his aggressive spirit and inestimable élan the remnant swept forward and reached the edge of a wood, which they held till relieved. It was due to his fearless energy that a machine gun was silenced and the crew killed. His efforts to collect the wounded were tireless and unceasing.

267110 Spt. T. Wells, M.M., W. Yorks R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the company stretcher-bearers had been killed, he bandaged up several wounded under heavy fire. After seeing them away he returned to the Lewis guns of his company and supervised them in action. He did fine work.

18/187 Cpl. J. R. F. Welsh, North'd Fus. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the right flank of the company retired he took his team and Lewis gun to that part of the line, and, although half his men became casualties from the intense fire, he succeeded in carrying on until the enemy's advance was stopped. By his pluck he prevented what might have resulted in an awkward situation.

79085 Gnr. A. West, R.G.A. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the arm, this gunner continued to serve his gun throughout a protracted bombardment of high explosive and gas shell until he was withdrawn under orders.

306842 Pte. F. West, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As No. 1 of a Lewis gun team he covered the withdrawal of his platoon and prevented it being outflanked by taking up a position in the open and causing heavy losses to the advancing enemy. Later on he was wounded, but went on working his gun until he collapsed from loss of blood.

11058 Pte. W. Westbrook, Bord. R. (Woking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while the only soldier left in his team. He stuck to his Lewis gun, collected all the ammunition he could find, and from a suitable position greatly helped to repel an enemy attack. He afterwards collected sufficient men and formed another section. He did fine work.

3/8538 Cpl. H. Wharfe, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the whole time the enemy were attacking he showed fine qualities as a leader, keeping his men together and controlling their fire. When surrounded by six of the enemy and ordered to surrender he fought his way out with clubbed rifle and regained the line.

23670 Opl. W. C. Wheatley, R. Scots (Clapham).

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.

10708 Sjt. O. Wheeler, Sco. Rif. (Pendleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as company serjeant-major he led the remains of his company forward with absolute disregard of danger, and consolidated, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, the position gained. Two days later he rallied the company under trying conditions. Throughout the operations he set a fine example to his men, and did much to keep them going.

52692 Sjt. R. J. Whell, R.F.A. (Cornwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his gun in action throughout the day under heavy gas and high-explosive shelling. When some of the gun pits were smashed, he organised parties and dug the guns out and got them into action again. He showed firm courage and determination.

65588 Cpl. A. J. White, M.G.C. (Halwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his guns in action, covering the infantry withdrawal until the enemy were in his trench 100 yards on his right. He then turned both guns on to them. One gun was immediately put out of action, but he kept his second gun firing until the enemy were within 20 yards of him, when he smashed it up and rejoined the infantry.

G/35409 Pte. A. W. White, R.W. Surr. R. (Hampton Wick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He did excellent work as company runner, and twice led platoons, which had got lost in the fog, to their correct positions. He twice went back for reinforcements under heavy machine-gun fire. He continuously showed cheerfulness and courage.

240397 Sjt. E. G. White, Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy having possessed himself of one of our advanced posts, had managed to occupy a farm enclosure between two of our posts, under cover of the darkness and the protection of the hedges. This N.C.O. with twenty men attacked with great alacrity at early dawn, and by skilful and fearless leading drove out the enemy, who lost many killed and seventeen prisoners, while his own casualties were few. The result of this operation had unmistakable effects in holding up the enemy's advance, and the eagerness of this N.C.O. to undertake the attack and the manner in which it was carried out were worthy of all praise.

204093 Sjt. H. W. White, Wilts. R. (Trowbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties, his fine example of coolness and determination caused his men to hold up the