

1800 Sjt. P. J. Sammon, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Handled his platoon with great skill, and assisted greatly in repulsing an enemy attack. On outpost duty and patrol work he performed excellent work, gaining valuable information at great personal risk.

3402 Cpl. D. A. Sayers, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., with four men, was detailed to protect a machine-gun post. About 30 of the enemy advanced to the attack, two men being shot; they ran back, this N.C.O. with three men pursuing them, shot the officer and dispersed the rest, five others being killed and two wounded. Others were hit but escaped. Our casualties were nil.

567 S./Sjt. J. E. Sleeman, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was left behind in charge of a party with patients on nine camels, unable to travel further. They were overtaken and fired upon by enemy cavalry, who were only held up by a small party of our mounted men. He got all the patients on to the camels and sent on five who were able to travel. He did everything possible to extricate the remainder by putting some on horses and helping some by walking, and succeeded in getting them out of immediate danger and saving the majority.

3998 L./Cpl. C. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of the company stretcher-bearers, he walked up and down needless of the fire, attending to the wounded and removing them to shelter. Although blown up by a shell and severely shaken, he carried on his work unceasingly.

3314 Pte. S. G. Smith, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having located an enemy post, he went out, supported by the rifle fire of two other men, and met an enemy patrol. He immediately rushed forward, attacked the patrol, wounding one and taking him prisoner. By his plucky action he secured important information, and set a very fine example of courage and the success of promptness of action when in a serious position.

6624 Cpl. T. M. Stinson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of our posts had been occupied by the enemy, Corporal Stinson volunteered to lead a small party to re-capture it, which was done with success, owing to his great resource and dash. He was wounded, but remained at duty, and in order that the post might be held, he crawled three times over 200 yards of ground swept by machine guns and rifle fire, to get up S.A.A. and hand grenades. Though wounded, he led his party in the main attack, which then took place, and did not retire to a dressing station until our line was restored.

2253 Sjt. C. A. Stokes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Serjeant Stokes led a section of bombers against some machine-gun positions which were

holding up the advance of the flank of his company. All the section except himself became casualties, but two of the guns were put out of action and their detachments killed, and then Serjeant Stokes attacked the remaining gun single-handed, captured it, killing or wounding all the crew. During all this time he was under machine-gun fire of great severity. On returning to his platoon he found his Commander had become a casualty, and he at once took command and led the men forward. His very gallant behaviour and coolness under fire of the heaviest description were an example worthy of the highest praise.

1867 Cpl. T. B. Sullivan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, during a counter-attack on strong enemy positions, this N.C.O. organised two platoons under heavy fire, and continued the advance. When the final objective was reached, Corporal Sullivan set about the work of defence and consolidation with great skill and initiative, exposing himself in the execution of his scheme with complete disregard of his own safety. Throughout the operation he displayed great gallantry and ready resource.

12224 Bomdr. B. G. Thomas, F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a very heavy gas and high explosive bombardment, which cut all the telephone lines, this N.C.O. worked for two hours in a small box respirator on the lines, and succeeded in establishing communication. On returning to his battery he assisted in putting out fires and saving two guns from damage. His resourcefulness and courage set a fine example to all.

3631 Pte. G. Thomas, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During one of our attacks he was sent forward as a scout. He captured, single handed, an enemy machine gun, killing one of the detachment and taking prisoners the remainder. The information he also brought back to his company commander was of the greatest value. Throughout the attack he displayed great courage and determination, and set a fine example to his comrades.

5859 L./Cpl. W. H. Thomas, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a post he defeated a determined enemy attack. Later, when the officers and other N.C.O.'s became casualties, he took charge of the platoon, handling it with great skill and maintaining touch between the posts. He was the last to leave, carrying a wounded man.

2310 Sjt. H. Thompson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He very daringly established himself in "No Man's Land" and opened fire with his gun on an enemy machine-gun nest, enabling our parties to advance. During our attack he caused the enemy very heavy casualties. He volunteered to explore a trench where a large number of the enemy were concealed, and with his party dislodged them,