

tion to their objective, and captured it. When his officer was wounded he took command, and on reaching the enemy's front line, and finding the enemy had fallen back, he led his platoon on, and succeeded in inflicting severe casualties and bringing back some prisoners. After the withdrawal signal had been given, he went out three times through a heavy barrage, and brought in wounded men from "No Man's Land."

67051 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. A. Deighton, R.A.F. (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In little more than a fortnight he has shot down five enemy aircraft. He has shown remarkable marksmanship and coolness in action, and is a valuable asset in his squadron.

330271 Sjt. J. Diamond, M.M., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had got through the front line he went out with details from battalion headquarters and drove them back, accounting for at least twenty himself with a Lewis gun. Throughout he set an example of the utmost coolness, and was always to the fore in bringing up his Lewis guns to any threatened part of the line.

23743 Sjt. F. Downs, M.M., M.G. Corps (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When fifteen of the enemy had effected an entrance to his emplacement and the rest of the team were overcome with gas and cordite fumes, he kept them at bay with his revolver and fired his gun until the arrival of our counter-attacking troops.

7008 C.S.M. H. T. D. Doyle, R.W. Fus. (L'pool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the enemy were breaking through on his right this warrant officer rushed signallers, runners and servants to the spot, and with them held up the enemy for several hours. Under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he displayed the greatest coolness in organising the improvised garrison and defensive position, and by his courage and cheerfulness inspired the men to hold this important position.

71430 Spr. R. J. Dunn, R.E. (Llanrhidian, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, especially during two particular days when continuously at work under very heavy fire. This man also did good work during another engagement.

8670 Cpl. (A./Serjt.) E. Edwards, Worc. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assumed command of his company and consolidated a new position. For four days he worked with the utmost zeal to preserve his company front intact, despite repeated enemy attacks. When the enemy got behind him he retired systematically and took up a new position, which he also consolidated and defended with the utmost vigour.

46105 L./Cpl. A. Ellis, North'd Fus. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy massed attack. He fired his Lewis gun under intense bombardment until it was out of action. He then went through a heavy barrage to procure a fresh gun, which he fired until ordered to withdraw. He showed splendid pluck and endurance, firing continuously for many hours, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

8013 Serjt. H. J. Empringham, Hamps. R. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has rendered good service in charge of a machine gun, and during one engagement he displayed great pluck and devotion to duty, when, although severely wounded in the hand and unable to work his gun himself, he continued to supervise the firing of it and remained at his post until the enemy retired in the evening. After having his wound dressed he returned again to duty with his company and remained with it during the rest of this critical period, only going into hospital after the conclusion of this engagement when the column withdrew.

24831 Pte. S. A. Farr, Glouc. R. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in his capacity as company runner. He was instrumental in bringing up allied supports to a threatened point at a critical time. He overcame all language difficulties, and by his gallantry and personal magnetism induced a company to advance without orders, leading them himself, and by his ready resource saved a difficult situation.

19802 Pte. T. Fenton, M.M., Bord. R. (Devonport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He displayed courage and determination in a marked degree in leading his party over most difficult ground, capturing an officer and lending the utmost help to his commanding officer. He has distinguished himself on many occasions.

203340 Sjt. F. J. Field, W. Rid. R. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was in command of a platoon under difficult circumstances. He lost two out of his three N.C.O.s, who became casualties at the very commencement of the operation. Nevertheless he captured his objective, handling his platoon with much skill and showing great powers of leadership. When the signal to withdraw was given he retired, bringing back all his wounded with his men in good order. His gallantry and coolness under heavy fire were a conspicuous example to his men.

S/11585 Sjt. A. Findlay, M.M., Gord. Highrs. (Ayr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a platoon. The front line of the assaulting company being held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he charged the gun and killed the team. During the rush he was twice wounded, but remained until his platoon was established on the objec-