

dug-out, finally carrying him under shell fire to a relay post in the rear. He behaved splendidly.

512083 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. G. Caswell, Lond. R. (Upper Tooting).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action. He assumed command of his platoon and led them most gallantly, bombing enemy machine-gun posts and capturing several guns. After reaching his objective he reorganised his platoon, and ably consolidated his position. His courage and cheerfulness inspired all under his command.

250161 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) E. E. V. Cavey, Lond. R. (Stockwell).

When his platoon commander was wounded he rallied the men and led them through uncut wire to an enemy post, where he captured a machine gun in action and killed the crew. He took this gun forward some 600 yards and turned it on the enemy with great effect, and one flank which was held up was able to come on. Later, he was badly wounded and could not move, but cheered and directed his men from where he lay, proving himself a good leader and a gallant soldier.

98572 Pte. (A./Cpl.) W. C. Channing, M.G. Corps (Ystalyfera).

He directed the fire of his gun from a mound exposed to machine-gun and rifle fire with very great coolness and skill on the enemy, who attacked after a heavy bombardment. He inflicted losses of great magnitude, and throughout the whole operation he set a splendid example of courage and determination.

203396 Sjt. P. Childerley, R. War. R. (St. Neots).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during a raid. After his platoon commander was wounded he assumed command, and tried to rush a house. Though at first unsuccessful, he manoeuvred his Lewis gun with such skill that he was able to neutralise the fire from the house and assist the platoon on his left to reach their objective.

76304 Cpl. W. Clark, Tank Corps (Horden Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Leaving his Tank, he ran across the open under heavy machine-gun fire and drove away the crew of an anti-Tank gun which was preparing to fire. He brought back over twenty prisoners from rifle pits near the gun.

9237 C.S.M. H. Clatworthy, Devon R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his company officers had become casualties he took command and displayed great energy and determination at a critical time under very heavy machine-gun fire. He repulsed two enemy counter attacks, and his conduct throughout was admirable.

G/1985 C./S./M. W. Coffin, E. Kent R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He took over and reorganised his company under very heavy

fire after all officers had become casualties, and led them most successfully to their final objective, greatly assisting in the success of the operation.

20136 Cpl. C. H. Cole, S.W. Bord. (Risca, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of a patrol sent to reconnoitre a village he went forward with two others and cleared it of the enemy, capturing five prisoners. Later, during an attack, he carried on after being wounded, showing wonderful coolness throughout.

50458 Cpl. L. V. Cole, R.E. (Fishguard).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the brigade forward report centre for four days and nights with no cover under heavy shelling, and maintained telephonic communication throughout. He rendered very valuable service.

8142 C./S./M. W. T. Coleman, Linc. R. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire after his company was held up, and found a good defensive position in which to consolidate. He rendered invaluable service to his company commander in getting his men into this position and reorganising. In six different advances he showed untiring energy, and his conduct was splendid.

3/7538 Sjt. W. Costigan, R. Mun. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When his company was caught in a violent barrage of gas and other shells, during an advance, though he was gassed himself, he rallied the company and led them forward to their objective. Later, when some enemy machine guns offered a determined resistance he led an attack under heavy fire and killed or captured the whole of two gun teams. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

229427 Pte. A. Coventry, Lond. R. (Glasgow).

He led a bombing party, which drove the enemy down a communication trench and established a block, which he held against all their efforts. He was under intense machine-gun fire the whole time, and it was only his courage and staunchness that prevented the enemy from outflanking the company.

265025 C./S./M. A. Cowan, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He displayed marked courage and coolness while reorganising the company after the assault and superintending consolidation. Though suffering badly from malaria he refused to leave his company, and remained at duty until the battalion was relieved.