

with a bombing section, and later when his platoon officer was killed he remained behind with a runner to carry his body back to his lines. He displayed great coolness and able leadership throughout.

238055 Sjt. L. Rockley, Linc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a bombing attack he went forward in front of the first wave and materially assisted in the capture of eight prisoners and a machine gun. Subsequently when the enemy counter-attacked he exposed himself without any regard for safety to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and himself accounted for six of the enemy. His fine example of courage and determination materially assisted in the complete repulse of the enemy.

9364 C./S./M. H. J. Routledge, M.M., Yorks. L.I. (Loughborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. Under heavy fire he led his platoon straight on to the objective and, although he was three times blown over by shell bursts and much shaken, he continued to lead his platoon and captured some machine-gun posts. Next day he assisted materially in beating off a counter-attack on his battalion's position. Throughout he set a splendid example to his men.

39616 B.S.M. G. Rowley, R.G.A. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While the battery was in action under an enemy bombardment a gas shell put the whole of one detachment out of action and set fire to some cartridges in the gun-pit. He at once assisted an officer to put out the fire, thereby saving the ammunition and averting what would have been a serious fire. They then got the gun into action and fired it until relieved by a fresh detachment. He set a splendid example of coolness and determination on this and many other occasions.

55413 Pte. W. Rowson, R.W. Fus. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company sergeant-major was wounded by a machine gun at close range. He ran forward and, in spite of the heavy fire of the machine gun, which was only a few yards off, he lifted the warrant officer into a shell hole, where he was attacked by three of the enemy, all of whom he killed. His company dislodged the machine gun and the advance continued. His gallant and determined action excited great admiration among all who saw it.

9482 Sjt. J. W. Rynn, North'd Fus. (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy trenches. He did excellent work in bombing dug-outs. Though wounded himself, he assisted in carrying in a wounded man. He led his section splendidly all through the raid.

25535 Sjt. E. W. Salt, R.W. Fus. (Bodedern Valley, Anglesey).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. On two occasions in the course of an attack he rushed and captured an enemy strong point which had been holding up the advance and captured twenty prisoners on each occasion in the face of heavy fire. He showed splendid resource and initiative.

38051 Dvr. J. C. Sandercombe, R.F.A. (Gosport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy heavily shelled the wagon lines and several teams stampeded. Ammunition was urgently required at the battery position. Driver Sandercombe took the situation in hand with great initiative and energy and rallied some of the teams, with which he at once started off and delivered the ammunition to the battery, having to pass through heavy barrage to do so. He spent the night searching for the other teams, and having at length got them back to the lines, he took the place of the lead driver of one of them who was wounded and took the remainder of the ammunition to the battery. He displayed admirable determination and gallantry and power of command.

S/24207 Sjt. C. W. Sanders, Rif. Bde. (Dorking).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his platoon during an advance when his platoon commander became a casualty, and led it to the objective. When one of the flanks became exposed, owing to the troops on the left being held up, he carried out a valuable reconnaissance under heavy fire. He set a splendid example of initiative to his men.

G/5105 Sjt. C. H. Scheurmier, M.M., R. Fus. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his platoon in an attack with great skill under heavy machine-gun fire and outflanked and captured a large number of the enemy. Though wounded, he remained with his men until wounded a second time. He showed great initiative and determination.

240119 Sjt. A. T. J. Sherwood, Worc. R. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his platoon with great dash into the enemy's lines, and then with one man he worked down the trench and killed five of the enemy and made one prisoner. He then returned to company headquarters to make a report, after which he went down the trench with three men, this time accounting for four of the enemy and assisting another party to capture a machine gun and eleven prisoners. He did splendid work.

93000 Pte. W. Sidell, Tank Corps (Swanton Abbott).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His tank became detached in the enemy front line and was hit by a shell, which set it on fire and wounded an officer and two men. He first dressed the wounds