

an advance. Though early wounded, he carried on, and was with the first to reach the final objective, where he was again wounded. His fine courage and leadership instilled the greatest confidence in his men.

790909 Sjt. R. G. Evelyn, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. He discovered a machine-gun post in a church tower which was inflicting heavy casualties. He led his men forward, and succeeded in killing the crew and capturing the gun under extremely heavy fire and difficult circumstances. His behaviour throughout the whole of the attack was splendid.

5665 Sjt. H. J. Faulkner, M.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He went forward with one signaller under heavy fire, and kept in touch with lamp station at advanced brigade headquarters until within two hundred yards of the objective. Here the ground was heavily swept by machine-gun fire, and he was only saved by the action of a Tank, which cleared the position. He set a splendid example of enterprise and devotion to duty.

436148 Pte. J. W. Faulkner, L.T.M. By.

Pte. Faulkner, with a N.C.O. and nine men, annihilated an enemy machine-gun nest and a 7.7 c.m. gun crew during an attack on a village. The approach was made in the face of intense fire under cover of smoke bombs, but at the finish, after completely destroying the crews of the gun and machine guns, Pte. Faulkner and the N.C.O. were the only members of their party who were not casualties. Owing to this gallant effort the whole line at that point was able to advance.

1093048 Pte. A. R. Fenwick, Infy.

Although his Lewis gun crew, with the exception of one man, became casualties, he pressed forward and put out of action three successive machine guns, following this up by capturing four machine guns and one officer and twelve men. The destruction of these posts enabled his platoon to go forward without delay.

33253 S./Sjt. J. Ferguson, A.M.C.

This N.C.O. displayed exceptional devotion to duty under heavy fire in personally organising his stretcher-bearers, so that the battlefield in his vicinity was rapidly and efficiently cleared of wounded.

1982 Sjt. F. Foster, A.M.C.

During an attack on enemy positions in front of a village, in thick mist, this non-commissioned officer controlled and directed his bearer squads with coolness and resource, dressing cases in the open under heavy fire, and managing to keep up with the advance. His disregard of danger materially assisted in the speedy evacuation of the wounded.

736580 Sjt. J. W. Foster, Infy.

When his platoon was suffering from heavy machine-gun fire, this non-commissioned officer went forward, and at great risk located the machine-gun nest. Returning to his platoon, he organised and led an attack, capturing the post, and opening the way for the advance of the company. His coolness and resource throughout were an inspiration to his men.

138574 Sjt. T. E. Fudge, Infy.

With one other man this non-commissioned officer rushed a machine-gun post, killing eight of the enemy and taking two prisoners. This feat enabled his platoon to push forward. His coolness throughout the attack was most noticeable.

5664 Sjt. W. Fullerton, M.M., Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He and his party followed the centre battalion, laying and maintaining the line as they went forward. He behaved with marked courage, energy and devotion to duty under heavy fire.

81299 Sjt. W. J. Garratt, M.M., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. After his officers had become casualties he assumed command of half the company and successfully led them over five hundred yards through heavy fighting to their objective. He displayed determined courage and fine leadership.

469861 A./C.Q.M.S. W. F. Gault, M.M., Infy.

When his platoon was held up by a field gun firing point blank, he assisted his platoon commander in leading a party round the flank, where they opened fire with a Lewis gun, and, charging the post, put the gun out of action. After his commander was wounded he led the platoon with great skill and daring in attacks on two villages. He then volunteered to gain touch with the company on the left, which he succeeded in doing under very heavy fire.

69319 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. F. Gilbert, M.M., Infy.

When the platoon commander and senior non-commissioned officers had become casualties, this warrant officer, at a critical period of the advance, took charge, and led the platoon to its objective. Although wounded, he refused to leave until the objective was gained. The success of the attack was largely due to his coolness and initiative.

657512 Cpl. T. D. Gilbert, Infy.

In the first day's fighting on a river, this non-commissioned officer assisted his company to clear several nests of enemy machine guns, which enabled the attack to be brought to a successful conclusion. The next day, when the attack was held up, he directed the fire of his Lewis-gun section, and then, rushing forward, captured a machine gun and crew single-handed.