

the attack from coming to a standstill. When heavily shelled that night he took turns with the company commander in steadying the men in the trenches and evacuating the wounded.

39793 Cpl. C. G. Greenway, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Mainesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a sub-section of machine guns advancing with the infantry in an attack near Villers Guislain on 21st September, 1918. Although incurring numerous casualties from machine gun fire, he got his guns into action but was wounded while observing their fire. He remained directing the fire the whole day, and had to be carried back on a stretcher completely exhausted.

37096 Pte. W. Griffiths, 8th Bn., R. Berks. R. (Frodsham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on the craters at La Boisselle on 25th August, 1918. He volunteered to act as bayonet man in a bombing attack on a machine-gun post, and finally rushed it by himself. His conduct throughout the operations was exceptional.

200195 Sjt. G. Halewood, 1/4th Bn., Ches. R. (T.F.) (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the neighbourhood of Kemmel on the night of 22nd September, 1918. He was one of a raiding party of one officer and eleven other ranks. After completing their mission, one Lewis gunner was missing; he at once, on his own initiative, went back and found him lying wounded. While carrying him back both of them were wounded, but he struggled into our lines, the man subsequently dying of wounds.

57168 Pte. G. Halstead, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Havrincourt on 27th September, 1918. As No. 3 of a Lewis gun section, he brought forward his gun into action after Nos. 1 and 2 had become casualties. On reaching the objective he took his gun into the open and engaged a battery of field artillery, driving the enemy from their guns. His prompt initiative considerably helped the success of the advance.

201774 Pte F. Hanson, 2/4th Bn., W. Riding R. (T.F.) (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry in operations before Havrincourt between 12th and 15th September, 1918. Although wounded in the initial attack, this N.C.O. insisted on remaining with the leading wave until the first objective was reached. By good work with his Lewis gun he enabled his party to capture sixteen prisoners.

240979 A./Cpl. T. Hargreaves, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Rawtenstall)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Beaucamp on 25th September, 1918. With two battalion scouts he volunteered to go out by day to obtain some required information, and by bold patrolling located an enemy post. Fetching up eight more men, he led a skilful surprise attack and took four of the enemy prisoners without a casualty.

45671 Pte. (A/Cpl.) E. C. Harvey 5th Bn., R. Berks. R. (Portsmouth).

For gallantry on the morning of 22nd August, 1918, near Meaulte. The platoon was held up by a machine gun. This man immediately rushed forward at great risk and shot the man at the gun, whereupon the remainder of the team surrendered. On 26th August, east of Carnoy, the platoon was in an isolated position. He gathered the platoon together and organised them for defence, then set out to find the remainder of the company despite the heavy machine-gun fire, and reported his whereabouts and strength and returned to his men.

Ply./884 (S.) Sjt. G. H. Hastings, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Mar. (Aston, Birmingham).

On 21st August, 1918, at Logeast Wood, having gained his objective in the face of stubborn opposition, he repulsed three determined counter attacks. Subsequently, when his platoon in an isolated and exposed position was almost surrounded by the enemy, he organised a local counter-attack and drove off the enemy. Throughout the whole operations he displayed great gallantry and conspicuous powers of leadership.

30262 Pte. (L/Cpl.) E. E. Hawkins, M.M., 1st Bn., Som. L.I. (Otley St. Mary, Devon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Eterpigny, on 29th August, 1918. When his platoon was held up by machine-gun fire, he went out alone to the flank, wading through water waist deep, and shot several of the gun team, forcing the rest to retire. He also accounted for at least four snipers. His fine work was largely responsible for his platoon reaching the river bank.

G/836 Sjt. E. J. Head, 7th Bn., R. Sussex R. (Uckfield).

For gallantry near Becordel Becourt on 24th August, 1918. He took out a party of six men to investigate a suspected machine-gun position. In spite of heavy machine-gun fire from the flank he succeeded in making his way to the desired spot, from which he brought back fifteen prisoners. At Carnoy on the 26th August, 1918, he continually organised bombing parties and succeeded in clearing several enemy bombing parties out of some trenches. When the enemy were trying to bomb us out again, he held them up, and then rushing forward, killed four men, dispersing the rest with a captured revolver and machine gun.

1226 Sjt. H. Higgins, M.M., 2nd Bn., R.I. Rif. (Altrincham).

During the operations in the Messines Sector on 6th September, 1918, he was employed as Scout Sergeant, and rendered invaluable service. He maintained communication with the firing line from the commencement until the finish of the battle, and made a very valuable reconnaissance, which enabled it to be decided how to deal with the left flank, that had become exposed to the enemy, who were advancing to get between the advance and the support lines. He led his scouts forward after the battle to ascertain that the enemy had been mopped up between the front and support lines, the ground being a nest of old trenches. He was gassed, but remained at duty.