

73103 Sjt. T. W. Laybourne, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded he led his platoon, and when volunteers for a hazardous attack were called for, he immediately volunteered and accompanied the party, rendering great assistance.

65553 Pte. L. B. Le Boutillier, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried out a reconnaissance under very heavy fire, obtaining most valuable information. Later he rescued a wounded man, and carried out several more daring reconnaissances, also carrying bombs and ammunition to the front line. He displayed great courage and determination throughout.

73677 Pte. S. MacDonald, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the N.C.O.'s of his section had become casualties he took command and carried on under heavy fire. Later, he again took command of his section and protected the flank of a battalion with great skill and determination until he was severely wounded.

63632 Pte. E. J. McMahon, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded he stuck to his post. Later, he carried bombs to the front line and acted as a stretcher-bearer displaying great courage and determination throughout.

80265 Sjt. J. W. Muncaster, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led an advance party with great skill and determination. He greatly assisted the officer in charge of the various parties by his cool behaviour and good judgment.

A/11085 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) A. F. Neatby, P.P.C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during an attack in handling Lewis guns. Isolated with his detachment from his company, Acting Corporal Neatby guided his men through unknown and heavily shelled country for nearly 1,000 yards, placed his guns in advanced shell holes, commanding the enemy's trench and ground behind, and remained there for 20 hours until the trench was finally taken.

53947 Pte. J. Nelson, Inf. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his officer and N.C.O. had been killed, Private Nelson took charge of his Lewis gun sections, and skilfully placed the guns in position in advance of the captured line. He displayed great coolness and courage throughout the operations.

A/36357 Pte. D. O'Grady, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his officer, mortar and entire crew were buried he dug the gun and the team out, then placed the gun in action. He kept his gun in action for thirty-three hours, displaying great courage and determination.

418010 Pte. C. A. Owston, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He tended and rescued the wounded under very heavy fire, displaying great courage. Later, when the battalion was relieved, he remained behind to see that the wounded were more quickly evacuated.

68048 Pte. C. Parsons, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When carrying a despatch he encountered eleven of the enemy, killed two of them and captured the remainder. Later, although severely wounded, he continued to carry despatches. He showed great gallantry and initiative throughout.

79873 Sjt. J. A. Profit, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in action. A machine-gun officer was wounded and the command of a section devolved on Sjt. Profit. He displayed great bravery and executive ability, bringing all his guns safely out of action and capturing an enemy machine gun. He also showed coolness and courage in carrying wounded over 150 yards to safety under heavy shell fire.

75224 Pte. P. A. Pumphrey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He, with another man, crawled out under fire and shot an officer and two men who were working an enemy machine gun. Later, they rushed the gun and took four of the crew prisoners and captured the gun.

18679 Sjt. C. H. Reynolds, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assumed command of his platoon and handled his men throughout with great courage and initiative.

418794 Sjt. G. T. Riddell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although severely wounded he handled his men with great courage and determination. Later, he rendered very valuable services by reorganising the line. He set a fine example to his men.

67456 Sjt. R. Roberts, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He tended and rescued the wounded under very heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination.

8402 C./S./M. C. Romans, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He dressed the wounded and personally supervised their evacuation under very heavy fire. He led his men with great courage and initiative, himself doing fine work as a bomb thrower. Later, he carried a message through a very heavy barrage. He set a fine example to his men.

53610 L./Sjt. C. E. Routley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in action. After all his officers and senior N.C.O.'s had been killed or wounded Lance-Serjeant Routley took command of the com-