

No. 4926 Sjt. Harry Coverdale, Manchester R. (Old Trafford, Manchester).

For most conspicuous bravery in attack on enemy strong points. He showed the utmost gallantry in approaching his objective, and when close to it disposed of an enemy officer and two men who were sniping our flank, killing the officer and taking the two men prisoners. He then rushed two machine guns, killing or wounding the teams. He subsequently reorganised his platoon in order to capture another position, but, after getting within a hundred yards of it, he was held up by our own barrage, and was obliged to return, having sustained nine casualties.

Later, this gallant non-commissioned officer again went out with five men to capture this position, and when he had gone some distance he saw a considerable number of the enemy advancing. He thereupon withdrew his detachment man by man, he himself being the last to retire, when he was able to report that the enemy were forming for a counter-attack.

By his gallant leadership and utter disregard of danger throughout the attack he set a splendid example of fearlessness to his men, and inspired all with a spirit of emulation which undoubtedly contributed largely to the success of the operations.

No. 43537 Corporal William Clamp, late York R. (Flemington).

For most conspicuous bravery when an advance was being checked by intense machine-gun fire from concrete blockhouses and by snipers in ruined buildings. Corporal Clamp dashed forward with two men and attempted to rush the largest blockhouse. His first attempt failed owing to the two men with him being knocked out, but he at once collected some bombs, and, calling upon two men to follow him, again dashed forward. He was first to reach the blockhouse and hurled in bombs, killing many of the occupants. He then entered and brought out a machine-gun and about twenty prisoners, whom he brought back under heavy fire from neighbouring snipers.

This non-commissioned officer then again went forward encouraging and cheering the men, and succeeded in rushing several snipers' posts. He continued to display the greatest heroism until he was killed by a sniper.

His magnificent courage and self-sacrifice was of the greatest value and relieved what was undoubtedly a very critical situation.

No. 355652 A./Cpl. John Collins, R. Welsh Fus. (Merthyr Tydvil).

For most conspicuous bravery, resource and leadership, when, after deployment prior to an attack, his battalion was forced to lie out in the open under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, which caused many casualties.

This gallant non-commissioned officer repeatedly went out under heavy fire and brought wounded back to cover, thus saving many lives. In subsequent operations throughout the day Cpl. Collins was conspicuous in rallying and leading his command. He led the final assault with the utmost skill, in spite of heavy fire at close range and uncut wire. He bayoneted fifteen of the enemy, and

with a Lewis gun section passed on beyond the objective and covered the re-organisation and consolidation most effectively, although isolated and under fire from snipers and guns.

He showed throughout a magnificent example of initiative and fearlessness.

No. 33316 Pte. Thomas Henry Sage, Som. L. I. (Tiverton).

For most conspicuous bravery during an attack on an enemy strong post. He was in a shell hole with eight other men, one of whom was shot while in the act of throwing a bomb. The live bomb fell into the shell hole, and Private Sage, with great courage and presence of mind, immediately threw himself on it, thereby undoubtedly saving the lives of several of his comrades, though he himself sustained very severe wounds.

His Majesty the KING has been pleased to confer the following rewards in recognition of gallantry and distinguished service in connection with Anti-Aircraft services in the United Kingdom. :—

*Awarded a Bar to Distinguished Service Order.*

Temporary Captain Gilbert Ware Murles Green, D.S.O., M.C., General List, Royal Flying Corps.

*Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.*

Lieut.-Colonel William Maxwell Thompson, R.E. Temporary Captain William Harold Haynes, R.F.C.

*Awarded the Military Cross.*

2nd Lieut. Frederick Arthur Darien Grace, Special Reserve, R.F.C.

Temp. 2nd Lieut. George Murray, General List, R.F.C.

Temp. 2nd Lieut. Thomas Bradley Pritchard, late General List and R.F.C.

*Awarded the Military Medal.*

No. 564555 Sapper Ralph Eric Frazer, R.E.

No. 23555 Fitter Joseph Horner, R.G.A.

His Majesty the KING has been pleased to confer the Military Medal for bravery in the Field on the undermentioned Ladies of the Nursing Service for bravery and conspicuous devotion in the performance of their duties whilst exposed to enemy shell fire or bombs dropped by enemy aircraft :—

Miss Elizabeth Mountford Humphries, Matron T.F.N.S.

Miss Gladys Victoria King, Queen Alexandra Hpl. (V.A.D.).

Miss Helena Kate Repton, Queen Alexandra Hpl., B.R.C.S.

Miss Ethel Isabella Devenish Meares, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).

Miss Annie Weir, Nurse, B.R.C.S. (V.A.D.).

Miss Lelia Helen Ann Thomson, Sister, T.F.N.S.

Miss Annie Alexander, Nursing Sister, Queen Alexandra Hpl., B.R.C.S.