

3/8645 A./S.M. E. E. Amos, Bedf. R. (Bedfont).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He worked day and night organising carrying parties to the front line until exhausted. He showed great gallantry in salvaging ammunition and distributing it to the companies in action, and by his total disregard of danger instilled a splendid fighting spirit in all ranks.

355024 C.S.M. J. H. Amos, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When told that all his company officers were out of action, he rallied what men he could find and gallantly led them forward in face of heavy machine-gun fire to the enemy's trench, which he was the first to enter. He displayed very great courage and fine leadership.

6750 C.S.M. J. T. Amos, N. Staffs. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted an officer to rally some men of a neighbouring unit who had been forced back from an important post by an enemy assault. He then led a party in a counter-attack, and materially assisted in the recapture of this post. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and determination.

325619 Pte. E. L. Anderson, Cambridge. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in the assembly position for an attack, he carried the gun 4,000 yards to the final objective, and dug in under very heavy fire. He was rapidly outflanked, and, all his team having been wounded, he remained behind and blew up his gun. He then fell back and joined the infantry, using his rifle to help to repel the attack. He acted throughout the operation with great coolness and devotion to duty.

72202 L./Sjt. M. Anderson, M.G. Corps (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile counter-attack he got his two guns into a shell-hole thirty yards in front of our trench, and kept them in action under heavy bombardment, until the attack was repulsed. He exposed himself fearlessly to all kinds of fire in order to do this—by his coolness and devotion to duty keeping the teams in hand during a very trying period. He was largely responsible for the repulse of the counter-attack.

25033 Pte. W. Anderson, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With an N.C.O. he reconnoitred the ground in front of the position for 600 yards in broad daylight, capturing an enemy machine gun and killing the team. As the result of this action the line was advanced 600 yards, and the gain consolidated.

840329 Sjt. W. Arnold, R.F.A. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An ammunition dump at the battery position was set on fire by hostile shelling. He set to work, with two other men, under heavy shell fire, and extinguished the

dump, saving several hundred rounds of ammunition. He showed great courage and coolness.

24980 Pte. (L./Cpl.) E. Ashton, N. Lanc. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section of bombers successfully to their final objective. Later in the day, when forced to withdraw, he noticed that another N.C.O. had been wounded whilst carrying his gun to the rear. He at once picked up the gun, and carried both the gun and the N.C.O. to the next position, thereby preventing both from falling into the hands of the enemy. Throughout the whole engagement he set a magnificent example of initiative and gallantry.

265494 Cpl. (actg. Sjt.) W. Ashwell, Herts. R. (Letchworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He fought his Lewis gun until all the team and the gun had been knocked out. He then took command of the men round him, and helped to clear the enemy out of dug-outs. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command and reorganised and consolidated the line. Throughout he set a splendid example to his men, and displayed great qualities of leadership.

201490 Sjt. H. L. Aust, R. Berks. R. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an action. When all his officers became casualties, he took command of his company until the battalion was relieved. Throughout the action he showed a fine example of resolute courage and contempt for danger.

10918 Sjt. E. A. Austin, N. Staff. R. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He directed a successful attack on an enemy machine gun which was holding up our advance, captured it and took fourteen prisoners. His exceptional courage and resource saved many casualties, and largely contributed to our success.

6485 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) S. Averill, N. Staff. R. (Keele, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties he took command, and secured the objective, in spite of heavy machine-gun fire on his flank. By his contempt of personal danger and splendid spirits he set a magnificent example to the men under his command.

L/9700 C.S.M. J. R. Ayres, Midd'x R. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations, and especially during a counter-attack, when he rallied the men of his company after all his officers had become casualties, and by his fine personal example was instrumental in the attack being repulsed.

17881 Pte. C. Backhouse, Y. & L. R. (Leeds).

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