

gun out of his hands, severely wounding him, he took the injured gun back to a place where it could not fall into the hands of the enemy, afterwards returning to his company with a rifle and continuing to fight throughout the day. He set a very fine example of pluck and determination.

240729 Sjt. J. Kelly, S. Staffs. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was in charge of a party which came upon a large dug-out from which the enemy commenced to emerge. The first man was shot, and the remainder retired into the dug-out and fired rifles through the entrenchments. He went in alone to reconnoitre, and returning for help finally brought out four prisoners. He showed the greatest initiative and fearlessness throughout.

266155 Pte. J. Kelly, R.W. Fus. (Ballygar-dine).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was always the first in the rushes and in the final assault, and by his dash and fearlessness set an example that was most inspiring to his comrades.

33963 Sjt. C. R. Keyte, D. of Corn. L.I. (Bolkington, Nuneaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company were casualties, he took command of the men round him and rushed an enemy strong point. He went himself into the entrance of the strong point and drove out the enemy, who were put out of action by his men as they came out. When the enemy counter-attacked he held on for some time, but finally fell back and established and held a block in a trench, repeatedly driving back enemy bombing parties. He suffered heavy casualties and was wounded and buried himself; nevertheless he returned to his post when his wound had been dressed, collected more men, and held his position. He was conspicuous throughout the operations for his courage and energy and for the splendid example which he set to his men.

7975 C.S.M. J. R. Kilgour, Durh. L.I. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried a badly wounded N.C.O. out of action under a hot fire for a considerable distance. He set a splendid example of fearlessness and devotion to duty.

16244 Sjt. C. L. King, Som. L.I. (Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon forward when all his officers had been killed. He collected his men and led them over very swampy ground in face of determined opposition from snipers, taking a considerable number of prisoners at the point of the bayonet. He also dealt with several enemy snipers, and by his energy and personal example encouraged and urged on those of his party who were getting left behind from fatigue. He finally reached his objective and dug in with the few men he had left, having set a splendid example of gallantry and fine leadership throughout the operation.

48068 Sjt. F. J. King, R.A.M.C. (Ogmore Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Learning that the medical officer in charge of an aid post had been wounded he went forward under very heavy fire, and discovered that the medical equipment had been destroyed, and that many of the stretcher-bearers were casualties. He then returned to the next post in the rear, and took up a party of bearers with fresh stores, and organised the collection of the wounded. He remained at this forward post for three days and nights, during the whole of which time he displayed exceptional gallantry, and proved himself to be an able leader of men.

6455 Pte. G. King, M.G.C. (Tyler's Green, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer and sergeant both became casualties in the advance he took command of his team under very difficult conditions as he was extremely short of ammunition. He showed coolness, courage, and a good grasp of the situation throughout.

8985 C./S./M. H. King, W. York. R. (York).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he observed four enemy machine guns and a trench mortar firing from a wood. He organised a small party, outflanked the position and captured all the guns and their teams. By his fine leadership and prompt action the advance was not delayed, and he set a splendid example of coolness and courage under heavy shell fire.

10254 C./S./M. W. H. King, Sco. Rif. (Kingsland Rd., London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company in an attack when there were no officers left, and led them forward most gallantly. He showed great judgment in establishing a line of advanced posts which were of great assistance in the attack which followed. Later, he rallied his men under intense fire and led them to their positions with determination and boldness. His coolness and cheerfulness were largely responsible for the high state of efficiency of his company throughout the operations.

M2/177455 Pte. G. Kirkbright, A.S.C. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This driver used excellent judgment in his choice of a route over very treacherous sand dunes during an attack on enemy fortifications. After the enemy redoubts had been attacked in succession, he was instrumental in bringing the tank back to safety in spite of the severe injuries which he sustained from shell fire, and that the remaining members of the crew were wounded. His coolness and gallantry deserve the highest praise.

9678 L./Cpl. R. Lake, Essex R. (Gravesend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the leading line of our