

15256 Pte. G. W. Mallett, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. He displayed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger in attending to the wounded under very heavy fire, and over very sodden and muddy ground. He further volunteered twice to carry messages in daylight under rifle and shell fire to the advance posts. He continued to attend to the wounded until he fell exhausted, having set one of the finest examples of devotion to duty under the most trying circumstances.

23951 Cpl. L. L. Malpass, M.G.C. (Chipping Norton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of three machine guns in an attack after the officer became a casualty, and got them into action, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Later, he also took charge of the guns on his flank and organised a defensive line. He brought a captured enemy gun into action in addition to his own, and also recovered two guns whose teams had become casualties. He showed great initiative and determination throughout.

305053 Sjt. E. Mann, R.A.M.C. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of bearers. A stretcher squad was carrying a wounded man when a shell burst near, wounding one of the bearers and one of the walking cases. On his own initiative he called for a bearer, ran out with a stretcher, accompanied by another N.C.O., under very heavy shell fire, rallied the bearers, and assisted in bringing all the cases to safety. Throughout the operations he displayed untiring energy and splendid disregard for personal safety.

9833 L./Sjt. J. T. Marriott, E. Lanc. R. (Hulme, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers of his company having become casualties, he took command of the company and led them under heavy machine-gun and shell fire to a position on the right of the battalion. He remained at his post for three days, during which period he inspired all ranks by his courage and devotion to duty.

357148 Pte. W. Marsden, L'pool R. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun. He pushed forward in the open and silenced an enemy machine gun which was holding up his platoon, and afterwards, when a hostile bombing squad was working down a communication trench, he took his gun outside the parapet, and by his fire prevented the enemy from passing a gap in the trench. He was the only man left in his team, but kept his gun in action throughout.

8189 C.S.M. J. Marsh, W. York. R. (S. Farnboro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading forward a portion of his company and reaching the objective in spite of heavy machine-gun fire. Although suffering severely from the effects of gas, he succeeded in reorganising his men under

heavy shell fire, setting a very fine example of pluck and devotion to duty under trying conditions.

14523 Dvr. (A./Bombr.) L. F. C. Marsh, R.F.A. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when at the telephone in a dug-out which was hit by a shell. Although half buried by the explosion, he worked his way out, repaired the wires, and restored communication. A second direct hit then blew in the dug-out, but he and a comrade again repaired the damage. Later, they rescued three severely wounded men from a gun-pit, and while carrying them to the dressing-station the party was heavily shelled. During the whole time his battery was under a very heavy bombardment, and full of mustard gas. He displayed admirable courage and devotion.

26153 Pte. W. Martin, M.G. Corps (Poplar, London, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking his gun into the open under heavy machine-gun fire. When the enemy counter-attacked he did not leave his post until our infantry had passed him, when he withdrew, fighting his gun throughout, until the infantry were established in their trenches. He then took up his position with them, and immediately opened fire again, taking over command of a second gun which he found had no officer or N.C.O. in charge.

S/7972 Sjt. W. J. Martin, Gord. Highrs. (Bo'ness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he displayed the greatest courage and determination, locating hostile machine guns and so skilfully handling his platoon that the emplacements were rushed with a minimum of casualties. At one moment, when the crew of a gun was knocked out by shell fire close to his position, he dashed to the spot under heavy machine-gun fire, carried away the gun and brought it into action, inspiring his own platoon and all around him by his coolness and fearless bearing.

87566 Cpl. V. F. Mason, R.E. (Harringay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of the whole brigade-forward party when the two officers had become casualties, and organised and kept up communication with headquarters at a critical moment under heavy artillery fire. He continued in charge of the station for three days' fighting, during which his position was heavily and continuously shelled, and he displayed the greatest coolness and courage throughout.

3757 Bomdr. W. C. Mason, R.F.A. (Bermundsey, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with an ammunition convoy. Coming under heavy barrage and gas shells, respirators were put on, but owing to the thick mist and the track being destroyed by shell fire the drivers could not see their way. He thereupon removed his respirator, with complete disregard of the deadly gas fumes, collected a portion of the convoy, with the drivers, and got them through the barrage to the battery position.