

and held an advanced line of shell holes under intense fire. His splendid fearlessness, determination, and ability greatly encouraged and inspired the company under very difficult conditions.

200030 C.S.M. E. F. Palot, Essex R. (Chipping Ongar).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations he took command of his company for over six hours after reaching the enemy trenches, which he was one of the first to enter. Throughout this period he led his company with great ability, and set a splendid example to the men.

4624 Sjt. F. Parkins, North'd Fus. (Hirst Asbington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in three places previous to the attack he refused to go to the aid post, but took command of a party in the advance, inspiring them by his personal example. He was again wounded, and though suffering severely and unable to move he still continued to urge his men on. His example of courage and leadership was magnificent.

8915 Sjt. A. H. Partridge, Devon R. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company on his own initiative, when all the officers and non-commissioned officers had become casualties, and led it forward to the attack with great dash and gallantry. He helped to drive back a hostile counter-attack, and brought the company out of action with skill and fine leadership, having greatly inspired all ranks by his personal example.

43143 Pte. C. F. Pascoe, Manch. R. (Ventnor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by another man he went out some 200 yards to a detached post to bring in a wounded man. They dressed and carried in the man 700 yards across the open in broad daylight in spite of rifle, machine-gun fire and sniping, machine-gun fire from an aeroplane, and in the later stages very heavy shell fire. Had the wounded man been left until night he would undoubtedly have died. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

242563 C.S.M. A. Passmore, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking part in a raid. He organised parties and led them forward with the greatest fearlessness and determination, and when the withdrawal of the party commenced, he, with another man, carried back a wounded officer a distance of 300 yards under heavy fire. When the raiding party had returned, he went out into No Man's Land and brought in several more wounded men, working until he collapsed from sheer fatigue, and displaying a splendid disregard for his own personal safety.

29036 L./Cpl. J. W. Payne, W. York. R. (Beverley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With only two men he captured two concrete emplacements, killing and capturing

the whole of the garrisons. He showed a dashing and soldierly spirit throughout.

44040 L./Cpl. H. S. Pearce, R.E. (Hornsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a visual signalling station, and though heavily shelled, and the lamps and telescopes put out of action several times, he stuck to his post and enabled uninterrupted communication to be kept up with the attacking troops. He was continuously on duty for four days, but he remained cool and collected under the most adverse conditions, and set an excellent example to his men.

9649 Sjt. J. Pearce, W. York. R. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a convoy. Owing to heavy shelling the animals became straggled and many were bogged, but with exceptional coolness and total disregard of personal safety he moved up and down, helping and cheering the men, and undoubtedly saving many animals by his gallant conduct. When the convoy was finally stopped, he superintended the unloading under heavy fire of every description, and did not leave the dump until satisfied that its position was known to superior authority.

558546 Pnr. (A./L./Cpl.) F. O. Pease, R.E. (Wandsworth, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For four days he worked almost incessantly, and was often out repairing lines for hours in the dark during heavy hostile shelling. On the day of an attack he laid a line through an intense barrage to advanced Brigade H.Q. to replace one cut to pieces by shell fire, and it was largely owing to his fearlessness and devotion to duty that communication was maintained during a very critical period of the attack.

9624 L./Sjt. W. Peck, Bedf. R. (Barnet).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. With entire disregard for personal safety he rushed an enemy machine-gun alone, which was seriously holding up a platoon. He killed the gunner, and then jumped on to the emplacement and bombed the rest of the gun team. This act of gallantry enabled the attack to be carried on to a successful conclusion.

A/2273. L./Cpl. W. Peniston, K.R.R.C. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. His company came under enemy barrage fire which caused considerable casualties, and he remained behind under heavy shelling, attending to the wounded, and helped to carry them to the aid post. He undoubtedly saved the lives of many seriously wounded cases by his prompt action, and set a fine example to the stretcher-bearers under him.

26422 L./Cpl. R. Phillips, R. Welsh Fus. (Briton Ferry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was killed early in the day, he led his men with great skill and determination, and finding