

M2/182297 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Ramsey, A.S.C. ("E." Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of caterpillars moving guns to a forward position. The road was very heavily shelled. Several casualties were caused among his men, and one of the caterpillars was damaged by a shell. This he repaired under very heavy fire. The road was badly broken up, but by skilful manœuvring he got the gun forward to its position. He then returned to bring another gun forward, but his only caterpillar was put out of action by a shell, whereupon he returned for another, and succeeded in removing the damaged one. He showed great initiative and determination.

250047 Sjt. N. H. Rand, Essex R. (Wyvenhoe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When detailed as escort to machine guns during their withdrawal from a trench he remained until the last, and was captured by the enemy. He bayoneted two of them, but was knocked unconscious by a third. He was then left, and, regaining consciousness, escaped and made his way back with remarkable skill and initiative under trying circumstances.

23640 L./Cpl. R. T. Rawlings, R.W. Kent R. (Marylebone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When out on patrol with two men they were attacked by a party of ten of the enemy. Though both his men were wounded they beat off the attack, killing and wounding four of the enemy and putting the rest to flight. He showed great coolness, courage, and ability.

7276 Sjt. S. G. Rawlings, Som. L.I. (Cleveland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During three days of incessant fighting he displayed the greatest ability in many times helping to reform his company. He was untiring in his efforts to keep men in forward positions supplied with ammunition and food, and was of the greatest value to his company commander, inspiring the men by his fearlessness and confidence under very heavy fire.

18182 Pte. F. J. Read, Suff. R. (nr. Framlingham, Suffolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire he and a comrade went forward on their own initiative, knocked out the gun and killed the entire team in spite of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. This gallant act enabled the advance to continue and secure ground of vital importance. Throughout the operation the gallantry and determination of these two men set a splendid example to all ranks.

240069 C./Q./M./S. C. S. Reid, R. Highrs. (Broughty Ferry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party bringing up rations during an action. His party came under very heavy fire, and would have been broken up but for his example and courage.

He was severely wounded, but refused any assistance until he had delivered the rations.

41573 Sjt. E. Renaut, Essex R. (Gayton, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up during an attack by machine-gun fire from a blockhouse some 1,500 yards in front he immediately volunteered to attack it, and collecting a party, led them across the open under heavy fire. Owing to his prompt action the blockhouse surrendered, and throughout the whole action he displayed splendid gallantry and leadership.

37683 C./S./M. J. A. Rice, Mach. Gun Co. (Rathminto).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally heavy enemy shell and machine-gun fire. He got the guns of his battery into advanced positions, and although wounded in the face had his wound dressed, and continued to command the battery on his officer becoming a casualty. All his available guns were kept in action, and the splendid example he set was of the greatest value to the morale of the men under exceptionally adverse circumstances.

10324 L./Cpl. C. Richards, Worc. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun. He and another man took forward their Lewis guns and attacked an enemy machine gun, which was holding up their platoon. Finding that they had not put the gun out of action, they again went forward with the greatest courage, and Lance-Corporal Richards himself accounted for the gun team with his revolver, and captured the gun, which they brought back with them. They then proceeded with their Lewis gun, and rendered valuable assistance on the flank, which was held up by hostile machine-gun fire.

Intell. Agent James Robert Richardson, Intell. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained at a critical juncture, although very ill, in touch with the enemy, and sent in valuable information, which enabled a small post to make dispositions to meet the enemy's attack. During five attacks he has shown most conspicuous gallantry, rallying his native scouts and displaying the greatest coolness and resource in action, although hopelessly outnumbered. He kept constant touch with the enemy for a period of over four days under the most trying circumstances, setting a splendid example of pluck, endurance, and determination.

3648 Pte. (L./Cpl.) P. E. Richardson, R. Fus. (S. Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when under intense machine-gun and shell fire. He proceeded many times in search of wounded, and displayed very great zeal and courage in his endeavours to organise parties of stretcher-bearers.

54603 Dvr. T. Richardson, R.F.A. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery came under heavy and