

Lewis gun from a shell hole with such good effect that the attack was broken up. At one time his gun jammed, but he put it right with the utmost calmness and brought rapid fire to bear just as the enemy were close upon him.

37352 Sjt. A. R. Albury, R. Berks. R. (Pangbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout ten days' operations. On one occasion, when all the company officers had been killed or wounded, this N.C.O. took command and held up the enemy for two hours.

8461 C.S.M. T. Alderson, W. York. R. (Padiham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations, when he kept his company together under most difficult circumstances after a counter-attack had been broken up, and organised it against the enemy, who had nearly turned his left and endangered the whole brigade front. His courage and ability were most marked.

8777 L./Cpl. C. J. Alexander, M.M., Hamps. R. (Grately).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was in charge of the battalion stretcher bearers, displayed great devotion to duty during a hard day's fighting. He kept touch with the advancing companies, notwithstanding heavy shell fire, and was able to arrange for the removal of the wounded as soon as they fell, establishing a relay post between the front line and the regimental aid post, which greatly accelerated their evacuation. With complete unconcern for his own safety he worked incessantly and without food for twenty-four hours, his initiative and unflagging energy being the means of saving many lives. He set a fine example.

325027 C.Q.M.S. J. Allan, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, showing initiative and personal courage during five successive days' hard fighting. On one occasion he restored a dangerous situation by organising the defence of an exposed flank with the stragglers of different units and three Lewis guns, which he got into position, and with which he inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. His fine example was no less valuable than his sound dispositions on this occasion.

265216 Serjt. A. W. Allen, Hereford R. (Cheshunt, Herts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He remained to the last and alone fired his Lewis gun on the advancing enemy, inflicting enormous casualties. When surrounded by the enemy he fought his way out. By his magnificent conduct he stopped the enemy's advance for some time.

13/14 Pte. E. Allen, York & Lanc. R. (Smithies, nr. Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed excellent work as a runner and never failed to deliver a message safely and correctly. On one occasion he was sur-

rounded by the enemy, when he hid in a ditch, concealing important papers in his box respirator, eventually succeeding in crawling away and handing in his message safely.

201107 Pte. H. Allen, Lin. R. (Waddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He several times took his Lewis gun out into the open under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to obtain a good view of the enemy, and was observed to inflict considerable casualties on him. When his company's right flank was turned and the company ordered to withdraw, he stayed to the last, covering the retirement with his gun, and then brought it back over five hundred yards of open ground under a hail of machine-gun bullets. His care for his gun's safety rather than his own was an example of the highest order to his comrades.

27318 Pte. R. Allen, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as a stretcher-bearer. He managed to bring a wounded man back successfully from a front position under full fire from an advancing enemy, and during the following week he repeatedly brought in wounded men under heavy machine-gun fire. He was eventually wounded while attending to a case.

32293 B.Q.M.S. W. J. Allen, R.G.A. ("E" Newhaven).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went as a volunteer through heavy shell fire to the guns. Throughout the day he showed absolute disregard of danger. He kept food ready, collected stores, and remained to the last to burn what could not be removed. He has given evidence of energy, initiation and resource to a marked degree.

267507 Pte. A. Ambrose, Sea. Highrs. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. His section leader becoming a casualty, he assumed command of the section and a party of stragglers, and by fine powers of leadership he controlled this party splendidly and inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

42156 R.S.M. A. Ambrose, Midd'x R. (King's Cross, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was untiring in seeing to the supply of rations and ammunition, and showed great coolness and ability in rallying men under heavy fire, causing considerable casualties to be inflicted on the enemy.

531876 L./Cpl. C. S. Amsden, Lond. R. (Muswell Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during our retirement when in command of a Lewis gun section. Nearly all his detachment had become casualties; nevertheless, he kept his gun in action, inflicting severe losses on the enemy, taking up successive positions as the retirement developed and bringing his gun out of action