

240732 Cpl. J. H. Archer, Notts. & Derby. R. (Buxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis-gun post which had been rushed and lost all its garrison except him, single-handed he drove off the enemy, killing five with his gun, and, when this jammed, killed three more with his rifle. Later, he went 300 yards back and brought in a wounded man, although almost surrounded, and on all occasions his conduct has been superb, for he was always the first to make a stand and the last to withdraw.

265658 Cpl. R. H. Archer, M.M., North'd Fus. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a counter-attack this non-commissioned officer, accompanied by one other man, went forward and attacked and captured an enemy machine gun, with its detachment of six men.

17176 Sjt. J. Armit, H.L.I. (Wishaw).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On several occasions he accompanied his company serjeant-major on reconnaissance of enemy strong points and dug-outs, and then led his platoon to the attack with great skill and determination. On one occasion, going with his C.S.M. into a large dug-out, they brought out a complete battalion staff, some forty-eight prisoners. His personal example was an inspiring incentive to the men of his company.

10622 Pte. H. Armstrong, Ox. & Bucks. L.I. (Rowley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a section of guns during an enemy attack. The enemy approached his position from the rear in a thick fog, but he blew up one gun and escaped with useful information to battery headquarters. Subsequently he showed courage and untiring devotion to duty.

16529 C.Q.M.S. B. Arnold, M.M., Linc. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had obtained some success in their attack on the front line this W.O. rallied the men by his example and courage, organising a new line of defence, which he established in spite of heavy shell and machine-gun fire, though he was wounded at the time.

20095 Cpl. F. E. Asbrey, Northants. R. (Kettering).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out most useful work on patrols. On one occasion he went forward alone, bombed an enemy post and captured a machine gun. He was subsequently blown up by a shell, but refused to leave the line.

13672 Cpl. J. Ashton, S. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, the enemy having penetrated into our lines, he organised and led a bombing squad, which captured this party of the enemy. His courageous action undoubtedly saved the situation at a critical moment.

17775 L./Sjt. T. Ashworth, M.M., L'pool R. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of regimental stretcher bearers. For six days he attended the wounded under tremendous difficulties, although wounded in the foot and in great pain; and when the M.O. was evacuated sick he took charge himself and arranged for the collection and evacuation of the wounded, dressing the wounds of a large number of men himself.

15380 Sjt. J. Astley, K.O.S.B. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a lengthy retirement. When his officer had become a casualty, he took command of the platoon, which he handled with marked ability and great personal courage, fighting a hard rearguard action until all but surrounded by the enemy.

24347 Sjt. P. Atkin, North'd Fus. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had forced us to withdraw, this N.C.O., in command of an outpost position, rendered valuable service by maintaining touch with the flanks and obtaining information of the enemy movements in front. When our counter-attack took place he led his platoon forward with great dash, and his energy and courage were an inspiring example to his men, weary with hard fighting, at a time when there were few officers left, after many days' prolonged action.

202703 Sjt. A. Atkinson, L.N. Lanc. R. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy had gained a footing in part of a strong point, this N.C.O. held them up by throwing bombs, until they were ejected. Later, he went out with an officer into a lane which was occupied by the enemy, and recaptured a Vickers and Lewis gun, both of which were brought into action. Although wounded, he refused to leave the firestep till dusk, setting a fine example to the other men.

38896 Pte. J. Atkinson, Dur. L.I. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to take an important message to the front line over open country, and over a light railway embankment in full view of the enemy. He was wounded, but reached the front line. He was again wounded, this time seriously, but managed to deliver his message. His loyal devotion to duty and resolute determination could not be surpassed.

41358 Pte. A. Atterbury, M.G.C. (Luton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his gun in action in an isolated position all day. Eventually he was surrounded, but, assisted by a N.C.O., he picked up the gun and rushed it back, refusing to surrender it when called upon to do so.