

dition. By his splendid conduct and devotion to duty he set a wonderful example to all under his command.

18549 L./Cpl. W. F. Chapman, R.W. Kent R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a forward isolated post, where he remained for over 24 hours without rations or communication from his company. Afterwards he constructed and held a bombing block in a communication trench, showing the greatest gallantry in assisting his officer to repel a hostile bombing attack. His conduct throughout was of the highest possible order of courage and devotion to duty.

L/13705 Gnr. J. Charnock, R.F.A.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions. When his battery was under heavy shell fire, he worked unceasingly at the preparation, repair and improvement of his gun positions, showing an utter disregard of danger, and personally taking the place of casualties and loading the gun himself for several hours. He has at all times displayed splendid coolness and gallantry under fire.

17614 Cpl. R. Clarke, R. Innis. Fus.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. With four comrades he worked to the rear of a strong post, held by eighteen of the enemy, killing three and capturing the remainder. He then went forward with the same party and cleared a trench, taking 45 prisoners and killing many others. His conduct throughout the day was absolutely fearless, and he has on previous occasions displayed similar gallantry.

19570 Cpl. W. Cochrane, Welsh R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he reorganised and led his men and those of other companies under heavy fire, leading them well up to the barrage, and displaying the finest possible example of courage and fine leadership. He was finally wounded when the objective was secured.

241028 L./Cpl. W. H. Coltman, N. Staff. R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in evacuating wounded from the front line at great personal risk under shell fire. His gallant conduct undoubtedly saved many lives, and he continued throughout the night to search for wounded under shell and machine gun fire, and brought several in. His absolute indifference to danger had a most inspiring effect upon the rest of his men.

7885 Sjt. J. Cook, Manch. R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when holding a sap with his platoon under direct enfilade fire. Although half his men became casualties he moved up and down encouraging the remainder to hold on, and at one moment digging out men who had been buried by shell fire, at all times showing total disregard of danger. By his extreme coolness and devotion he kept his men together in readiness to repel any

attempt at an attack on the part of the enemy, displaying personal gallantry of the highest order.

6884 C.S./M. J. Cooper, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising troops whose officers had become casualties and assisting in consolidating the captured position. His conduct was admirable in the face of heavy fire, during which he was wounded.

680535 C.S./M. W. Cousins, Lond. R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking command of an isolated section of a trench and organising and consolidating the position. Later he did splendid work in reforming and rallying his company, taking command of them when all his officers had become casualties.

35773 Spr. (A./L./C.) N. Darroch, R.E.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an explosive party. During a raid upon enemy trenches he entered buildings and dug-outs which had not been cleared, and by his daring and coolness ensured the successful firing of all his charges. He set a very fine example to his party.

52252 Pte. J. H. Davidson, Ches. R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section. Although wounded, he continued to work his gun, not only supporting his own company, but affording valuable assistance to another brigade which had passed through them. He set a splendid example of courage and endurance under fire.

41745 Pte. A. Davies, M.G. Co.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in protecting the right flank of his gun by lying outside the sap in which it was in position, and remaining there throughout a heavy bombardment with fixed bayonet and a supply of bombs to frustrate any rush that might be made. Eventually the gun was knocked out by a direct hit, and the whole team became casualties, including Pte. Davies. His splendid action showed the highest degree of courage and initiative, as well as admirable keenness to do even more than the ordinary dictates of duty demanded.

17565 Sjt. J. Deane, R. Ir. Rif.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two comrades he made a bombing attack upon an enemy machine gun that was enfilading our advance, from a concrete emplacement, capturing four officers and ten of other ranks. He then attacked and captured another gun in a similar position, taking prisoners two officers and fourteen men. A little further on he and his party captured a dug-out and six prisoners, and throughout the operations they displayed splendid dash and fearless initiative.

17137 Sjt. P. J. Dempsey, Ches. R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon. He