

five rounds to cover the right flank of our raiding party from the retiring enemy. This action was fought under an intense enemy barrage, and he displayed the utmost coolness and presence of mind throughout.

1209 Pte. W. Hughes (Glasinfoy, nr. Bangor), W. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when one of a liaison party with other troops. At a critical moment, when fire had been opened from a strong concrete emplacement upon the attacking troops, he charged the position himself, and was followed by the remainder, who were so inspired by his fearlessness and determination that they captured the post. His heroic action was heartily cheered by the troops with whom his party was co-operating.

11990 C.S.M. S. Jackson (Birmingham), S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. Although not taking part in it, he went out under very heavy fire at a critical moment, having learnt that the raid was making very little progress owing to considerable opposition. He reorganised parties and led them forward, afterwards personally conducting stretcher bearers up to the enemy lines and clearing No Man's Land of wounded. His fearlessness and splendid initiative at a trying time proved invaluable to the success of the operation.

24532 Pte. S. F. Jefferies (Bristol), G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun. Under heavy trench mortar fire he crept out from his post and attacked a hostile raiding party with enfilade fire, showing the greatest initiative and pluck in so doing, and bringing most effective fire to bear upon the enemy by his skilful selection of position. He has shown very great fearlessness and devotion to duty on many other occasions.

290337 C.S.M. T. Johnson (Rogerstone, nr. Newport), Mon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst supervising working parties under a continuous heavy bombardment. His splendid courage gave the men confidence to carry on steadily with their work, and contributed very largely to its successful completion.

15650 L./Sjt. (A./Sjt.) S. Jones (Cosstessey, nr. Norwich), G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company serjeant-major. Although wounded, he declined to leave his company until it was relieved, and his splendid courage and personal example very considerably helped his company officer in handling his men during the attack, and afterwards in the consolidation of their objective.

26262 Cpl. M. Jowett (Bradford), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst taking four guns into action. A sudden burst of fire was opened on the road, which caused heavy casualties amongst men and horses. Although suffering from poisoning by the fumes, he displayed great coolness

and gallantry in attending to the wounded and clearing the road. His energy and presence of mind had a most encouraging influence on the badly shaken drivers throughout the operation, during which he himself was also wounded.

27864 L./Cpl. J. Keddle (Llangarren, Ross), Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon. In spite of the forced retirement of the troops on his flanks, he held on to his position for thirty hours, under concentrated hostile fire, until relieved. His gallant action greatly facilitated the re-establishment of the line at that point, and by his courage and devotion to duty he set a splendid example to his comrades.

16404 B.S.M., J. T. E. Kendall (Leicester), R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting to extinguish a number of ammunition dumps which had been set alight by enemy shell fire and were already exploding heavily. But for his courageous and prompt action a great quantity of shell would have been destroyed, and other serious damage must have ensued.

49135 By. S./M. B. V. Kirby (Tewkesbury), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at a very critical moment. Whilst six ammunition wagons were being unloaded a sudden and intense fire was opened, and a scene of great confusion ensued; it was very dark, and the drivers were unable to see what to do in their gas masks. He removed his smoke helmet, and assisted the officer in charge to restore order, and by so doing saved a serious block in the traffic, which would have caused heavy casualties. His coolness and presence of mind under heavy fire set a very fine example at a time when it was most needed.

9498 Cpl. W. Hitchenman (Ripon), W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a daylight raid. In spite of enemy machine gun fire he led his section on to the flank of the enemy's trench, bringing back two prisoners and accounting for several of the enemy.

1157 B. S./M. E. C. Landsberger (Aldershot), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assisted by an officer, he succeeded in extinguishing two burning gun-pits containing ammunition. His splendid example and devotion to duty under very heavy shell fire did much to keep up the efficiency of his battery and the spirits of the men.

L./26643 Gnr. J. Laycock (Rotherham), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his mortar in action under exceptionally trying conditions. He continued to fire it under very heavy shell fire until it was buried by a heavy shell; the remainder of the team then took cover, but he got it into action again and continued to