

19664 Pte. Q. Finlay, Army Cyclist Corps (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our first assault on a redoubt was driven back, he rushed forward, waving the Royal Standard of Scotland. On the second attempt he led his comrades into the redoubt, and when there moved about in the coolest manner, sniping the enemy and encouraging the men. He also twice made trips to the isolated left of the position and brought back information. He set a splendid example of pluck and initiative at critical moments.

54204 Pte. G. H. Fisher, R. Welsh Fus. (Abergavenny).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When owing to heavy shell fire two previous attempts to reach the front line with a message had failed, he volunteered for the task. In spite of heavy shelling he reached the front line and brought back information which was of the greatest importance to the conduct of the operations. He showed great courage and determination.

1232 Sjt. J. Fisher, Ches. R. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he led the company to the attack and capture of a position, and by his determination and courage carried his men through a heavy barrage and consolidated his objective. He set a splendid example of gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operation.

56796 Pte. S. Fisher, Welsh R. (Landore).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when acting as scout to his company commander. When direction had been lost he went forward under heavy fire and guided his commander to the correct objective. Later he assisted a stretcher bearer to take back a wounded man two miles, and when the bearer was wounded he carried in the man himself, although he took 9½ hours to do so, and arrived in a completely exhausted condition. He displayed a magnificent spirit of devotion to duty.

230062 C.S.M. W. Fittin, Lond. R. (St. John's Wood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our attack he displayed the utmost gallantry and fine leadership, and by his coolness and personal example succeeded in reorganising men of several companies, and taking up part of the line of defence.

350035 Pte. F. Fowler, L'pool R. (Nr. Stafford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and initiative in bombing the enemy, and when his supply of bombs was finished he used those which he had captured. Through his efforts at least a dozen prisoners were taken and his gallant conduct was an inspiration to all.

10077 Pte. F. C. Fox, E. Surr. R. (Crewekerne, Somerset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When heavy hostile barrage had cut all the telephone wires and prevented

runners from getting back with information; he volunteered to try and get a message through. He was twice buried, but undauntedly got out of the trench, and made his way over the top through the barrage. He brought back valuable information from a unit that was being hard pressed. Reinforcements were then sent up and the situation relieved.

48525 A./Cpl. T. Fox, Manch. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his section through a very heavy barrage, and outflanked an enemy machine gun. He was hit in the right eye whilst doing so, and it was completely destroyed, but in spite of this he remained at duty for another six hours, showing the most magnificent pluck and devotion by his determination to assist his company commander as long as he could possibly do so.

4811 Cpl. A. H. Franklin, R.A.M.C. (Staines).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of bearers. On two occasions he led a party of stretcher bearers through a very heavy barrage to an extremely exposed position, and rescued men from an aid post in the front line. He was twice struck by splinters, but continued to do excellent and valuable work, displaying a splendid disregard of danger and remarkable leadership in managing a large party of men who were practically untrained to the work.

11725 Sjt. F. J. Frankum, R.E. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when senior N.C.O. of a working party. By his fine personal example and good work under heavy fire he steadied the men after casualties had been sustained, and greatly assisted the sole remaining officer to bring the work to a successful completion.

6/17476 Pte. L. Frayne, S. Wales Bords. (Pontypool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company stretcher-bearer. He attended to the wounded under very heavy shell fire, regardless of his own safety. He also found, and put in a place of safety, his company commander, who was severely wounded, and although wounded in several places, blinded in one eye, and buried on two occasions by shell fire, made his way back to Battalion Headquarters and reported that his officer was wounded.

23651 Pte. J. French, E. Lanc. R. (Colne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with an N.C.O. and another private he dashed out across 150 yards of open ground, which was swept by machine gun fire, and took up a position on our flank, where an enemy machine-gun team were endeavouring to get a position. He and his comrades drove off the enemy, and held their position for eight hours under heavy shell and machine gun fire, until all three were wounded by a shell. This prompt and gallant action saved what would undoubtedly have been an awkward situation.