

11916 Sjt. H. Jones, G. Gds. (W. Hartlepool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting C.S.M. during an advance. Company headquarters was set on fire by an enemy sniper, who hit some Very lights, and all personnel had to evacuate to shell holes. He dashed into the fire and endeavoured to pull off the burning part of the building, in spite of Very lights going off all round him and the fire of the sniper, until hit in the wrist. After having his wound dressed he at once returned to work on the fire, undoubtedly saving many lives. He was afterwards wounded in the back.

42815 Pte. W. J. Jones, R.I. Rif. (E. Malting).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some of our units were being pressed back by a counter-attack and were likely to be cut off he and another man rushed his Lewis gun into position, and, using the other man's back as a rest, he fired two magazines into the thick mass of advancing enemy, causing them heavy casualties and checking their advance. He only fell back with his gun after the companies had taken up new positions.

242541 Pte. C. V. Jordan, Leic. R. (Ratby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While firing a trench mortar he saw that the lever of one of the bombs had been knocked off and that the fuse was burning. Realising that the bomb would explode in a few seconds he placed it in the mortar with the intention of firing it, but the cartridge missed fire and the bomb remained in the mortar with the fuse still burning. He at once raised the base of the mortar, seized the bomb as it slid from the muzzle and threw it out of the emplacement, where it immediately exploded. His splendid courage and resource saved a large quantity of ammunition and prevented casualties among the gun team.

10592 Cpl. P. Kane, R. Dub. Fus. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed a machine gun which was holding up the advance, and, though badly wounded, continued to lead his platoon to the objective, where he organised the consolidation. He would only leave his men when ordered to do so by his company commander. His splendid example undoubtedly encouraged the men at a most critical time.

14/45 C.S.M. E. J. F. Kennedy, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that the stretcher-bearers had suffered heavy losses in an attack, he volunteered to take a party of his men to assist them. He was the means of bringing in the remainder of the wounded, and set a splendid example of courage under the most trying conditions and heavy fire.

6886 Sjt. J. W. Kevern, C. Gds. (Alvington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of platoons detailed to capture the second objective. When a collection of concrete blockhouses were encountered, evidently strongly held by machine

guns, dispositions were made by the company to outflank it, but just as the attack was due to commence this N.C.O. and a comrade were seen coming from the biggest blockhouse with about thirty prisoners and three machine guns. Unobserved by friend or foe, they had worked round and approached it from the rear. By his courage and initiative he saved many lives, and prevented any check in the advance.

510207 L./Cpl. (A./2nd Cpl.) E. W. King, R.E. (Salisbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of communications during an action he remained out repairing lines continually for eight hours under very heavy shell fire. When his signalling lamp was destroyed by a shell, though badly shaken, he went back a distance of a mile for another lamp and re-established communication under most difficult conditions. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to the men under him.

202691 Cpl. F. Kirtor, S. Staff. R. (Rookhope).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When several casualties were caused by enemy snipers he went out and located the position of the snipers. He returned and led his section against them with great skill and judgment, capturing three and killing one of the enemy. His courageous action was of the greatest service.

200248 Sjt. A. F. Knight, Dorset R. (Blandford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though he was wounded early in the attack, and received two more wounds later, he continued to lead and control his men throughout the day. He set a fine example of courage to all around him.

L./14220 Sjt. P. Knightley, R.F.A. (Kingsland Road, N.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the battery was exposed to a very destructive bombardment. During this period the S.O.S. was sent up by the infantry. In spite of the heavy shelling, he at once ran to his gun, and by his display of coolness and disregard of danger inspired his men to keep firing until the situation was reported all clear. Two dumps were then burning, and had started exploding, and though the battery was ordered to stand clear, he insisted on staying and extinguishing the burning dumps, and succeeded in saving one. He gave a magnificent example of devotion to duty under most trying circumstances.

300618 Cpl. (A./L./Sjt.) J. Lamont, A. and S. Highrs. (Dunoon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section against an enemy strong point and taking fifty prisoners. After his officer and serjeant had become casualties he commanded his platoon throughout the day with great skill.

200570 Sjt. L. Lawless, York & Lanc. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great courage