

gap in the attacking line on the second objective, he took some men forward and joined in the assault. He then collected all the men of his unit and held a position, finally successfully withdrawing the following night.

21929 C.S.M. R. Moyse, Lanc. Fus. (Peel Green, Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy counter-attack he reorganised and led forward part of a company which had become detached and with it filled a gap in the line. He held his ground under heavy fire, and by his skilful dispositions and good leadership assisted in repelling the enemy's attack.

4318 C.S.M. J. Murphy, Bord. R. (Workington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company went forward through a heavy barrage he kept his men together and encouraged them by his example. It was mainly due to his coolness and complete control over his men that the company were able to take up their correct position and get under cover. He helped to bring in and dress the wounded, and his courage, coolness and skill were of the highest order.

240214 C.S.M. B. Murtagh, M.M., York & Lanc. R. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his company in an attack when his company commander was killed and reorganised it, together with other units. He supervised the consolidation of the position and was untiring in his efforts to strengthen the line. He showed great courage and initiative throughout.

L/38953 Gnr. (A./Bdr.) A. Murton, R.F.A. (Nr. Diss. Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained in a forward observation post for two days, keeping up communication under heavy fire. He also made two journeys through a hostile barrage to the battery position. He has consistently done good work.

17187 Sjt. A. Naysmith, R. Scots (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile counter-attack he showed great daring and leadership in running from shell-hole to shell-hole encouraging and collecting his men. In spite of an intense hostile barrage, he formed his men up and drove off the counter-attack with Lewis gun and rifle fire, accounting for over eighty of the enemy.

7178 C.S.M. B. M. Neale, Norf. R. (Swanton Novers).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering with an officer and N.C.O. to put out of action some machine-guns that were holding up the advance of his company. Under heavy fire from the two guns he succeeded in doing this, and in the hand-to-hand fighting that ensued killed four of the enemy.

4/8772 C.S.M. J. G. Nicholson, M.M., Durh L.I. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during enemy attacks in helping to bring in a wounded man who was lying fifty yards from our parapet. During counter-attacks he personally manned a Lewis gun whose team had been killed or wounded and the gun left in No Man's Land.

9478 Pte. A. Nippard, Hamps. R. (Bournemouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company runner. He carried messages from the front line to Battalion H.Q. across very exposed ground. When the company advanced to the new line and were isolated, a runner was sent with a message, but only got a short way before he was sniped. He at once volunteered to get the message from the other man and bring it back, which he did under heavy fire.

6484 Sjt. P. A. Nolan, I. Gds. (Omagh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He rendered valuable services to the only surviving officer of his company in consolidating the captured position. Later, he was instrumental in re-establishing a position which was very heavily shelled. He set an excellent example of courage and fearlessness.

280032 Sjt. G. Norris, Lond. R. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When during our bombing attack one section was held up and had eight casualties, he rallied the remainder, and by skilful use of his rifle grenadiers gained his objective, the enemy losing five killed and twenty wounded and prisoners. He advanced with his company commander 200 yards beyond the first objective and attacked two machine-guns that were holding up the attack on the left, killing the crews and bringing in the guns.

11963 Sjt. A. Nottingham, York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in the most forward position gained during the day he volunteered to go forward and reconnoitre the enemy's position alone, and advanced 300 yards and brought back most valuable information under continual rifle and machine-gun fire. He showed great coolness and courage throughout the action.

4389 Sjt. E. J. O'Hare, I. Gds. (Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the troops fell back on the right he immediately formed a line to his flank and so enabled his company to hold on to their line. His conduct was largely instrumental in checking the withdrawal of the right.

530089 C.S. M. J. S. Oldcorn, Lond. R. (Grosvenor Square).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the first man to enter the enemy trench, killing several of the enemy,