

and then took command of a section of the line. His dash and courage were worthy of the highest praise.

497305 S./Sjt. R. O'Nions, R.A.M.C. (Coulsdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked with untiring energy for several days, removing the wounded under most difficult conditions. When the remainder of his party were casualties he worked alone for several hours until overcome by gas. It was largely due to his splendid example that the evacuation of the wounded was successfully carried out.

9696 Pte. R. S. Orris, Shrops. L.I. (Caning Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his company, on nearing the final objective, was held up by machine-gun fire, he and another man volunteered to work up the left flank in front of the Tanks, crossed the canal and cleared the enemy out of his position, thus enabling the advance to be continued without further casualties.

16678 Pte. W. Osborn, R. Berks. R. (Aldbourn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our raiding parties were checked in their advance on the enemy trench, he crawled forward on his own initiative to reconnoitre under heavy fire. He returned and reported the situation to his officer, and then guided a N.C.O. forward, and assisted him to blow up the enemy's wire. He was the first into the enemy's trench, and blew up an enemy bomb store. But for his gallant and courageous action the party would have been unable to advance, and would undoubtedly have suffered many casualties from the enemy's machine-gun fire.

20593 Pte. W. Paddock, Bord. R. (Henley-in-Arden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner between the front line companies and battalion headquarters. He constantly brought in wounded to the dressing station under very heavy fire. On one occasion, when our position was rocking with the explosion of shells, he went out and rescued another runner who was wounded.

240059 Sjt. G. H. Parkin, York & Lanc. R. (Dinnington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as company serjeant-major he showed great determination and energy in organising and leading a ration party to isolated posts which could not be reached by day. When the battalion was relieved, he voluntarily remained behind to bring in five wounded men from advanced posts, and worked for several hours in a most exposed position until this was accomplished. He set a splendid example to his men.

200598 C.S.M. J. Parkinson, W. Rid. R. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He rendered most

valuable assistance to his company commander in reorganising the company after each of four separate advances. He showed great initiative and disregard of danger at critical times.

*3rd Cl. Asst. Surg. R. H. F. Parkinson, I.S.M.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the action he remained in close contact with the fighting troops, and by his cool courage and professional skill the wounded were dressed and evacuated with the utmost despatch. Though the heat was intense, he performed magnificent work.

S/26847 Sjt. W. C. Partridge, M.M., Rifle Bde. (Stanford Le Hope).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company after the officer and senior N.C.O. had become casualties to within 300 yards of a strongly held redoubt. Finding further advance impossible owing to heavy casualties, he established posts within bombing range of the enemy, and held them against repeated counter-attacks until relieved two hours later.

1998 Sjt. E. Patrick, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a relay post for three days. He worked without ceasing, collecting and evacuating wounded under heavy shell fire, and so saved the lives of many men.

164083 Cpl. E. G. Payne, R.F.A. (Chippenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was in action during an attack, a direct hit on one of the guns blew up the gun and exploded all the ammunition round it. He continued to work his gun alone, the remainder of the detachment having been put out of action. He also extinguished the ammunition in the gun-pit which was on fire. He showed great courage and determination throughout the bombardment.

161000 Spr. G. W. Payne, R.E. (Liphook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on linesman's duty he covered a distance of four miles in order to mend a break in the line. An engagement was in progress at the time, and he met several enemy patrols, narrowly escaping capture. He remained for twenty-two hours at his task, working single-handed with the greatest determination and initiative, and after the rest of his party had been dispersed by the enemy.

170872 Dvr. (A./Bombr.) H. Pearce, R.F.A. (East Ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two dug-outs in which his men were sheltering during a heavy bombardment were blown in, he went out under intense shell fire to obtain help, and organised rescue parties, inspiring them to work under the heaviest fire. He got all the wounded away to the dressing station, making repeated journeys through the barrage of gas