

and H.E. shells. He showed initiative and courage of the highest order, and inspired others by his splendid example.

14380 Cpl. G. S. Perrett, Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising the company after all the officers and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties. When relieved by another company on the following night, he brought his men out in good order, though only thirty-eight N.C.O.'s and men remained.

11037 Sjt. J. Perryman, Dev. R. (Bideford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon. Although wounded he carried on until the objective was reached and consolidated.

202528 Sjt. A. Piper, W. Yorks. Regt. (Eastbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon to the capture of two positions after his platoon commander had become a casualty. When heavily counter-attacked and suffering severe casualties from fire at close ranges he was constantly up and down the line for six hours encouraging the men.

22726 Pte. T. Pole, Notts. & Derby. R. (Charlton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the leading wave in an attack which was held up by parties of the enemy. He rushed forward with his officer against a machine gun, put the team to flight and captured the gun. His courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades.

25011 Pte. C. F. Pollett, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a company stretcher bearer, dressing no less than 150 cases in the course of the day under continuous machine gun and shell fire.

200586 A./C.S.M. A. Potts, E. Lancs. Regt. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in extinguishing a fire at the brigade ammunition dump under heavy shell fire. He worked with the greatest energy for forty minutes, removing burning boxes and pouring sand upon them, thereby undoubtedly preventing a serious explosion.

Ch.16227 Pte. (A./Sjt.) G. A. Priestley, R.M.L.I. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when his officer became a casualty and led an attack on a party of the enemy who were assembling on the flank. He led his men with great courage and initiative and killed or captured the whole party.

260204 Sjt. P. S. J. Randall, Yeo. (Tisbury. R.S.O.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried a most important despatch under very heavy fire, showing the greatest contempt of danger

1522 Sjt. C. Ranstead, M.M., Rifle Bde. (Sittingbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his double platoon after the officers and senior N.C.O.'s had become casualties, leading them forward in face of intense machine-gun fire. He attacked one post single-handed, driving the enemy out and killing and wounding several. He collected scattered bodies of men and organised a sector of the new line under intense machine-gun fire.

15305 Sjt. S. Rawding, Suss. R. (Lincoln).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his platoon after his officer was killed. He captured the objective and immediately reorganised and endeavoured to gain touch with both flanks. Although wounded early in the operations he remained at duty, and only went to the aid post when ordered to do so.

23145 Cpl. E. Rhodes, Notts. & Derby. R. (Skegby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing a gap on the flank of a wave in front he led his bombing section into the trench and cleared it. On reaching the company objective he with another man engaged a machine gun eighty yards in front, shooting the machine gunner and taking five prisoners. With his section he was responsible for taking about fifty prisoners.

267621 Sjt. J. Riach, Seaf. Highrs (Fochabers).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a platoon in an attack. Under heavy fire he rushed along a trench at the head of his men and bayoneted the first three of the enemy he met. The remainder, about fifty, surrendered, and their machine guns were captured.

14564 Cpl. A. Riding, Hamp. R. (Cowes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a patrol and penetrating the enemy's trenches, killing several and bringing back useful information. Later, he led a bombing attack and reached the enemy barricade with one other man who was wounded. He remained with him, bandaged him up and carried him back to our lines under a heavy fire.

1178 Pte. (A./Sjt.) M. Roache, M.G. Gds. (Knocktopher).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in siting his gun in the final objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The gun was subsequently knocked out and he was wounded in the hand. Though told he might go back, he declined to do so until the section was relieved two nights later.

282706 Pte. C. H. W. Roberts, Lond. R. (Kentish Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party of four stretcher bearers during an attack, and when the three others were wounded he worked alone for twenty-six hours, bringing in wounded from shell holes. He also re-