

to advance to its objective. His fine action was a splendid example of coolness under difficult circumstances.

240172 Pte. W. C. Allum, Suff. R. (Horham, Eye).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On seeing an officer attacked by five of the enemy and a machine-gun crew attempting to come into action close by, he attacked and killed these five men and captured the gun. No praise is too high for his magnificent courage and gallantry.

240034 C./Q./M./S. R. Anderson, High L.I. (Govan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his company commander becoming a casualty he immediately assumed command, reorganised the company and continued the attack. His services throughout were most valuable.

45112 Pte. W. Anderson, R. Scots (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst acting as one of a carrying party and though wounded during the first advance, he continued to remain at duty. Later, whilst making a fourth journey, he was again wounded, but still persisted in making another journey, at which point he was compelled through exhaustion to give up. His example of devotion to duty under the most trying conditions was magnificent.

4/12281 Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) R. Arthur, S.W. Bord. (Glyneath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Taking up a forward position under heavy fire he handled his Lewis gun with great skill, thus materially assisting the advance of his company. He displayed marked gallantry and ability, and has at all times proved himself a most efficient leader of men.

10212 C./Q./M./S. A. Avery, Worc. R. ("E" Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected a party of fifty men and led them to the counter-attack, in which the enemy were driven back. Afterwards he went back under heavy fire, and collected another party of men, whom he brought up as reinforcements. Throughout the day he showed a complete disregard of danger, and was a fine example to all ranks.

3/6736 Sjt. J. G. A. Bailey, M.M., Dorset. R. (Dorchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's lines. Though wounded early in the operation he led his men to the final objective with great skill under the most difficult conditions. He inflicted several casualties on the enemy and set a splendid example of determination and courage throughout.

13080 Opl. A. Ball, Bedf. R. (Sandy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a machine-gun section he showed considerable initiative and gallantry, and when under heavy shell fire

and before the position had been consolidated he pushed forward to an advanced position and opened fire on the enemy assembling for a counter-attack.

241191 Pte. E. Banks, R. Sco. Fus. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Grasping the fact that it was urgently necessary to seize a high ridge from which the enemy were on the point of retreating, he, as one of the party which had been detailed to fulfil this task, saw, on coming to the crest, a hostile machine gun in action against our troops on the right flank. He immediately rushed on ahead, shot the gunner dead at point blank range and captured the gun, his magnificent example affording great inspiration to all ranks.

12168 C./S./M. H. Barlow, M.C., Shrops. L.I. (Radcliffe, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst the enemy were advancing he, seeing three teams of hostile machine gunners attempting to come into action, seized a machine gun, with which he killed many of the enemy, thus enabling his company to capture the guns. The latter he immediately assisted in bringing into action against the enemy. Though wounded he remained at his post, thus affording a fine example of endurance and courageous determination.

240583 Sjt. J. H. Barrowman, R. Sco. Fus. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he, together with a comrade, went forward on the flank of the battalion to investigate what was thought might be an enemy ruse, he received no answer to his challenge, but was fired upon. Finding that his comrade was missing, he went out again to search for him, despite heavy fire from front and flank, and eventually succeeded in reaching him, bringing him back safely to our lines. This courageous deed was most praiseworthy.

201369 Sjt. J. Bartlett, D.C.L.I. (Delabole).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer and senior N.C.O. had become casualties, on the defence of the post thus devolving on him, he maintained it for many hours, though himself wounded, displaying a fine fighting spirit and able leadership. On one occasion, leaving his cover, he rushed out into the open, bombed the enemy who were collecting under cover, preparatory to rushing the post, and dislodged them.

24579 L./C. J. P. Baxter, York. L.I. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. When his company commander became a casualty during the advance, he at once went forward and informed another officer, thereby ensuring continuity of command. When the objective had been captured, he volunteered to carry an important message to battalion headquarters. He carried the message a distance of 1,000 yards over ground swept by the