

he at once fired on the enemy post until he silenced it. He then started to assist his comrade back, and succeeded in dragging him 50 yards towards our line before another patrol came to their assistance. The information which he obtained as to the position of the enemy's post was most valuable. He showed magnificent determination and devotion to duty.

307245 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Hayes, L'pool R. Wraysbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before a raid he reconnoitred the enemy's wire and found a gap in it. He then marked out the route from our front line through the enemy's wire, which contributed materially towards the success of the raid. Though wounded, he remained at his post until all the raiding party had returned. He set a splendid example of determination and coolness.

572249 Sjt. W. Haynes, Lond. R. (Roman Rd., E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in command of his platoon, a party of the enemy under cover of a mist worked round to our left flank. He at great personal risk collected a few men and with them charged and repulsed the enemy, who by reason of this gallant act received severe casualties.

43277 Cpl. J. Hembrough, R.F.A. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained unbroken communication with all batteries in the brigade throughout an action. He was continually exposed to shell fire, and set a magnificent example of energy and determination to his men.

265028 Sjt. H. Herd, Sco. Rif. (Grange-mouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When wounded during the advance he retained command of his section, which he led in a most gallant manner. His endurance and devotion to duty were most conspicuous.

350202 Pte. J. Hibbert, Manch. R. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the right of the raiding party he rushed it with an N.C.O. and another man, killed the detachment and captured the gun. His prompt and courageous action was of the greatest assistance to the raiding party.

361 Pte. M. Hickey, Conn. Rang. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As company runner he was sent on a message to battalion headquarters, and on his way picked up a badly wounded man and carried him to safety over 200 yards of shell-swept ground, after which he delivered his message. Later, he carried in two more wounded men, though exposed all the time to heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout the operations he showed an indefatigable energy and an utter disregard of danger.

18428 Sjt. J. Hill, M.M., M.G.C. (Perthshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a sub-section of machine guns he was for three days in positions exposed to constant sniping and machine-gun fire, but despite this kept his guns continually in action, and when the left flank was attacked brought most effective enfilade fire to bear on the advancing enemy. He also spotted two hostile machine guns coming into action, opened fire on them and rendered them useless. Throughout the action he displayed the greatest courage and gave a fine example of the offensive spirit.

251351 Pte. W. Hilsden, Essex R. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his company reaching its objective he showed great courage and initiative in volunteering to reconnoitre the ground in front, bringing back information of great value.

8538 Sjt. T. D. Hintridge, K.R.R.C. (Stratford-on-Avon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy attempted to raid the position held by his platoon. He killed several of the enemy and encouraged his platoon by his splendid example of determination and coolness to put up a very strong defence.

6806 Sjt. W. C. Holdway, York. L.I. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. During the advance through a heavy barrage he moved about from section to section of his platoon guiding them through the wire and inspiring them by his cheerfulness and utter disregard of danger. When the company, after capturing its objective, was much troubled by an enemy sniper he worked his way out to a flank and succeeded in putting him out of action. He set a splendid example to his men throughout the operation.

240078 Sjt. (A.C.S.M.) F. H. Holmes, Norf. R. (Gt. Yarmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward in a most gallant manner, and thanks to his coolness and energy was the means of reorganising a platoon of another unit.

11940 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Holmes, Shrops. L.I. (Dawley, Salop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A hostile machine gun was delaying the advance of the company and causing many casualties. This N.C.O. collected a few men and rushed the gun, bayonetting some and capturing the remainder of the post, an act which materially helped his company's further advance.

52503 Pte. (A./L./C.) A. C. Hodges, M.G.C. (Cav.) (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the regimental signallers had become casualties he kept up communication with brigade headquarters by means