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Stk./1416 L./C. W. J. Holt, R. Fus. (Manor Place, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He led his section forward in daylight through a heavy barrage to reinforce the front line. He repulsed several determined thrusts by the enemy, and kept his Lewis gun in action until all the team had become casualties and all his ammunition was exhausted. He showed great courage and determination.

2202936 Pte. (A./L./C.) R. A. Hudson, W. Rid. R. (Yeadon, near Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's lines. He commanded a flanking section which rushed a trench and killed several of the enemy. His platoon captured thirty-seven prisoners and three machine guns, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed splendid determination and initiative.

56060 Sjt. J. Humm, R.G.A. (Bermondsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his gun in action for several hours under intense shell fire, sometimes with the assistance of only one man, the remainder of the detachment having become casualties. He showed great courage and coolness.

550382 C.S.M. C. L. Ives, Lond. R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his company were driven out of their trench he established a bombing block in the communication trench and held it for six hours against all the enemy's attacks. He thus made possible the organisation of the next line of resistance. He rendered valuable service and set a splendid example of courage and determination.

L/3230 Sjt. A. Jeffery, Lrs. (Notting Hill, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flank of his troop was left exposed he led forward a patrol 500 yards ahead of the line under intense shell and machine gun fire, and located an enemy machine gun. His prompt and gallant action cleared up a critical situation, and enabled the troop to be successfully extricated from their position.

302828 Coy. Q.M. Sjt. (A./Coy. S.M.) J. Johnstone, R. Scots (Morningside, nr. New-mains).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the first advance, when the company commander had become a casualty, he acted as second in command to the sole surviving officer and rendered valuable assistance in re-organising the company. He showed a splendid example of devotion to duty and of contempt for danger.

S/13397 Cpl. H. K. Jolly, Rif. Bde. (High-bury New Park, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Seeing a party of his company bombers held up in a communication trench, he dashed along the outside of the trench with a machine gun in front of his bombers, firing the gun as he went. Having thus cleared away the enemy, he jumped into the trench, but finding a further party of the enemy who were still holding up his company's advance, he rushed at them round a traverse and killed several with his gun, thus completing their defeat. His energy, determination and courage were most marked.

L/29599 Gnr. E. A. Kirby, M.M., R.F.A. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was telephonist at an exchange situated in a tunnel which was blown in by enemy shell fire. The exchange was destroyed, and he was partially buried. On being extricated he went over the open under heavy shell fire to send back information of what had occurred, and then laid a wire to the battery position while the shelling continued, and kept up communication throughout the night. He showed magnificent coolness and initiative.

37557 Sjt. R. Knudtzon, R.G.A. (W. Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack, in which his battery was subjected to a severe bombardment, he kept his gun in action, and by his coolness instilled the utmost confidence in his detachment. Later, he rendered valuable service in attending to some wounded officers, whom he assisted to the dressing-station under heavy fire. His gallantry and coolness were of the highest order.

553679 Cpl. H. Lewis, Lond. R. (Mile End).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He fired his Lewis gun at the advancing enemy from an exposed position, and inflicted very heavy casualties. When his gun was destroyed and his team put out of action, he went back to the trench, found another gun whose team had all become casualties, returned to his forward position, and continued to fire with great effect. He showed splendid initiative and determination.

550454 C.S.M. H. Lintott, Lond. R. (Ashford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When the flanks of his trench were penetrated he fought a rearguard action with the greatest determination. By bombing the enemy he enabled the Lewis guns of his company to get into action and inflict heavy casualties. He rendered valuable service, and set a splendid example of coolness and courage.

493540 Pte. R. B. McCoy, R.A.M.C. (Maidstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the aërodrome of the squadron to which he was attached was attacked by enemy aircraft. He was badly wounded in