

objective. At night he showed conspicuous ability in consolidating the ground won. He set his men a splendid example by his own behaviour.

5915 L./Cpl. G. T. Ogilvie, R.W. Kent R. (Chatham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack on an advanced trench. He brought an abandoned Lewis gun into action under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Later, he guided an ambulance back alone under heavy fire, and brought in a wounded officer. He behaved magnificently.

290104 L./Sjt. D. O'Hare, R. Highrs. (Glencraig).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. He was called upon to act as R.S.M., and it was largely due to his energy, courage, and resource that the men were kept supplied with ammunition. When the corps line was being held, and the supply of ammunition was running short, he personally distributed further supplies under very heavy shell fire. His coolness greatly inspired the men and encouraged them to hold on till the last possible moment.

45583 L./Cpl. C. Old, Lanc. Fus. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was leader of a bombing party, and ran into a nest of the enemy, who fired on them with two machine-guns at point blank range. He immediately rushed them with the bayonet, capturing them and the guns. Later, he was the first man to re-occupy points of the original front line and crater posts, showing coolness and determination.

126 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) E. Oldridge, Dur. L.I. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a critical day's fighting this warrant officer was ubiquitous in helping to rally men and organise defensive posts. He was twice in the very last group of men to withdraw. During the next two days he was always at work in helping with the linking up of trenches and general arrangements for defence, and proved his solid value to the battalion as R.S.M.

L/11312 C.S.M. W. A. O'Leary, R.W. Surr. R. (Willesden, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He helped to rally his company at a critical moment under intense machine-gun and rifle fire, and by his fine example enabled the company to make a valuable stand.

33354 Sjt. E. Oliver, R.F.A. (Walkington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout a retirement. On one occasion, when all his detachment had been wounded, he continued to serve and fire his gun until the battery was withdrawn from action. His courage and cheerfulness was most marked.

786581 Bdr. J. Orme, R.F.A. (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense hostile bombardment. Owing to casualties, although badly gassed himself, he took charge of the battery and acted as battery serjeant-major, receiving and carrying out orders from one of the gassed officers. He showed great initiative and devotion to duty at a very trying time.

18825 Sjt. H. Orvis, M.G.C. (Gt. Oakley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He broke up several enemy attacks at close range, and hung on to positions with great tenacity. He inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He showed great courage and determination.

72895 Pte. R. L. Ottaway, Notts. & Derby. R. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When in a Lewis gun section in the front line, the heavy bombardment killed all the other members of the crew, but he continued to hold the post until it was blown in. He then took up another position, which was also blown in. Finally, when the enemy attacked, he got his gun on the parapet and did great execution, enabling the initial attack to be repulsed. His disregard of danger and coolness were throughout the operations most marked.

47616 Cpl. P. A. Ovenden, R.A.F. (Groombridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire whilst in charge of the balloon guard. In spite of heavy shelling, he made repeated attempts to repair a balloon which had been damaged. Later he returned with a party to remove the deflated balloon, when a shell fell amongst them, wounding five. He was largely instrumental in removing them to safety.

25206 Pte. (A./Cpl.) L. Overall, M.G.C. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a machine-gun team. He remained in action in a very exposed position covering the withdrawal of other troops. He then withdrew his gun and reopened fire. When all his team had become casualties he retained possession of his gun and carried on for two days. By his determination and pluck he set a fine example.

31285 Pte. (A./Cpl.) V. H. Pace, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The officer in charge of the bearers having been wounded, this N.C.O. volunteered to go and find out why no wounded were coming in from a regimental aid post. He found that one medical officer had been taken prisoner, and the other had moved farther back, so, though exposed to fire of all sorts, he personally organised and carried out the evacuation of the wounded from the front line.

11018 L./Cpl. S. J. Palmer, Wilts. R. (Marlborough).

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