

duty when, undaunted by a terrific fire directed on his party, he brought up his Stokes gun and ammunition and got into action. And, again, when he stayed behind during a withdrawal, firing his gun until the infantry were clear and his ammunition expended, when he blew up his gun with the enemy close up to it and got away.

13765 Sjt. W. W. Palmer, M.M., Norf. R. (Felthorpe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the line on his right was withdrawn in face of violent hostile attacks, he went forward at great personal risk, and by his fine example encouraged the men to stand firm. Later, when his own front was attacked by overwhelming odds, he directed his platoon fire with deadly effect, personally accounting for many of the enemy, and when the line was withdrawn he remained until every man had gone.

S/4087 Pte. H. Park, Sea. Highrs. ("E" Kilmarnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, when, single-handed, he attacked a hostile machine gun, killing its crew and putting it out of action. His courage and resource on all occasions have been most praiseworthy.

200782 Pte. T. Park, M.M., L.N. Lanc. R. (Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, acting as stretcher bearer during a heavy bombardment, worked unceasingly, dressing wounded in the open and carrying them in. In the afternoon he went out with a bombing patrol to a post strongly held by the enemy, five of whom were captured. The same night he again went out and assisted in capturing a machine gun and team. He was untiring in carrying ammunition and bombs.

14716 Sjt. H. Parke, M.M., Norf. R. (E. Harling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were advancing down a communication trench he repeatedly went forward under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and kept them at bay by standing on the parapet and throwing bombs into the trench. Later, when in charge of a platoon, he showed great ability. Throughout, by his courage and cheerfulness, he set a splendid example to the men.

72379 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. J. Parkin, R.F.A. (Huswell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Several men of his detachment having been hit he carried on from 5 a.m. until 12 noon, firing the whole time without relief. When his men were completely worn out he sent them to a dug-out to rest whilst he himself, single-handed, carried on loading, laying and firing his gun. During the whole period his battery was being subjected to very heavy shell fire. His conduct has always stood out as a fine example to his battery.

15485 Sjt. R. W. Parlett, M.M., Norf. R. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an intense bombardment. When a Lewis gun team had all become casualties he showed great initiative in firing a Lewis gun under heavy shell fire, and held up the enemy's advance until his gun was destroyed. Throughout the whole action, as on many previous occasions, he set a fine example of coolness and utter disregard of personal danger.

8945 Pte. F. G. Parsons, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack when in charge of a mortar. After expending 150 rounds the remainder of the ammunition was blown up by a shell, and while the mortar was being taken out of the emplacement the team received a direct hit, which destroyed it and killed the whole of the team except Cpl. Parsons. Later in the day he proved himself invaluable in several counter-attacks, not withdrawing until machine guns were turned on him at close range. His great courage and determination in the face of the enemy set a fine example to all ranks with him.

242091 Pte. W. Pasquill, R. Lanc. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man volunteered to form one of a bombing party, attacking an enemy post. During the attack an enemy bomb dropped amongst them. Seeing that there was no time to throw it clear he placed his foot upon it, thereby saving several lives, but his foot was shattered.

20213 Sjt. G. Paterson, M.G.C. (Myrebird, Crathes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in controlling his guns, making frequent journeys across the open exposed to heavy shell and machine-gun fire, thus greatly inspiring his comrades, who beat off frequent enemy attacks. Subsequently he led small parties forward at great personal risk, and on each occasion returned with an enemy machine gun.

7312 Sjt. G. Patience, M.M., Linc. R. (Burn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in a daylight raid he reorganised the men in the captured line and refused to go back in spite of having been twice wounded and being in great pain. He greatly assisted in the success of the operations, and by his personal example inspired his comrades.

44751 Cpl. E. V. Payne, M.M., R.E. (Ports-mouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advanced divisional exchange in an unprotected bell tent was being heavily shelled he ordered the whole personnel under cover, manned the exchange and took charge of the office himself until the shelling had diminished.