

His courage, energy and initiative were of a very high order.

1996 Pte. F. J. A. Tregoweth, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all communication was interrupted, he went back mending the line in six places and delivered a message to Battalion Headquarters. He then went forward mending the line, which had again been broken. Later, he volunteered to take a message over 200 yards of open ground, swept by machine-gun fire, and, although wounded several times, struggled on and delivered his message.

2693 Cpl. P. Turvey, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a strong enemy attack he took his Lewis gun 300 yards forward of his post and continued to fire till the enemy were within 60 yards of him. Later his excellent gunnery and personal courage assisted materially in frustrating an enemy attack. He was under heavy fire on these occasions, and set a splendid example to his men by his cheerful confidence and gallantry.

736 Sjt. N. A. Vallance, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander was killed, he took charge and led his men with such dash that the first and second objectives were captured, a machine gun and several prisoners being taken. He then consolidated the position under heavy fire.

1480 Sjt. W. Vickers, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his section with such dash against a strongly-garrisoned objective that the enemy fled. With great initiative he led a bombing team forward and captured a machine gun. Later, when the position was repeatedly counter-attacked, he inspired his men by his courage, and all attacks were driven off.

3295 Sjt. L. S. Walker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A party of the enemy was defending a house and holding up our advance as we were clearing a village. Serjeant Walker, with a few men, working round the house, attacked it from the rear. Under very heavy machine-gun fire, they rushed the enemy with the bayonet and forced the garrison, which included two officers, to surrender. The courage and initiative displayed by Serjeant Walker during this operation were worthy of the highest praise, and he revealed qualities of leadership of a high order.

4269 Sjt. H. S. Warfield, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as platoon commander during an advance. Considerable opposition was encountered from an enemy post, where upon he led a flank attack and bombed the enemy out, killing several and capturing a machine gun. When enemy reinforcements forced his withdrawal, he brought away the gun and his wounded with him. He set a fine example of courage and resource.

206 Sjt. W. H. Waters, M.G. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of two guns during an enemy attack he caused heavy casualties to the enemy, and when the enemy rushed his position he stood up and directed the fire of both guns. He covered the withdrawal of infantry and enfiladed a party of the enemy who had worked round to the rear. Throughout, his courage, cheerfulness and devotion to duty were beyond praise.

3312 Sjt. A. W. White, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When four officers of his company had become casualties he took charge of the company, commanding it with skill and coolness throughout a very trying day. The example set by this N.C.O. to all under his command, under a harassing fire of artillery and machine guns, was of the highest order, and it was mainly through the steadfast courage of Serjeant White and a few other N.C.O.'s that the troops on the semi-exposed flank of the Brigade maintained the position intact.

1890 Cpl. J. J. White, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he went out through frontal and flank machine-gun fire to reconnoitre some dead ground. When the attack was driven off he went out with some bombs to deal with some enemy who were digging in about 150 yards away. He met ten, killing some with bombs and shooting two. When he ran out of bombs he used enemy stick bombs which he took from the dead. He brought one N.C.O. back with him as prisoner.

3184 L./Cpl. W. L. Whitmore, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He worked his Lewis gun on the enemy side of a railway embankment and inflicted heavy casualties. All his team had been early killed or wounded, but though wounded himself, he continued at his post and covered the withdrawal of his company. Later, when his wound had been dressed, he returned to the line and used his gun with splendid effect during the remainder of the day. He did magnificent work.

2661 Pte. F. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to carry a message to battalion headquarters, having to pass through several belts of fire of advanced enemy machine guns. He was severely wounded in the back and unable to rise, but crawled over open ground, constantly sniped at, and, in spite of great pain, he struggled on until he delivered his message. His splendid example of courage and determination was worthy of the highest praise.

3190 Sjt. H. R. Wright, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack on the enemy positions this N.C.O., of his own initiative, went over to the sector of a battalion on the flank and rallied and reorganised a large