

under continuous heavy shell fire. His steadiness preserved his company. He rose splendidly to the occasion.

9429 A./Sjt. C. Clarke, Bord. R., attd. Wilts. R. (Carlisle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting R.S.M. He worked untiringly in getting up ammunition to companies during very heavy fighting. Later, when battalion headquarters was surrounded and all the officers killed or wounded, he made a courageous stand, and was the last man to leave, after which he did excellent work in rallying men of other regiments and in taking up another position of defence. His tenacity and leadership were most marked throughout the day.

307350 C.S.M. F. Clarke, W. Rid. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During severe enemy attacks he showed great coolness under heavy rifle and machine gun fire, encouraging his men and satisfying himself that every man was in the most advantageous position for firing. His fine example and disregard of personal danger contributed very largely towards keeping up the excellent morale of his company.

457395 Pte. E. Clemens, R.A.M.C. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He went again and again through heavy shell fire to bring dressings and instruments from a dressing station. For four days he worked without rest, attending to the wounded under very trying conditions, and showed fine devotion to duty.

202380 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) F. Cliff, N. Staffs. R. (Shurawley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when sent in charge of a patrol to a village which was partly in the enemy's hands. He met an enemy patrol on the way and drove it off, killing two. He entered the village and brought back an important message.

200100 C.S.M. W. J. Coggins, O. & B. L.I. (Banbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a fighting patrol. When his officer became a casualty he took charge and led the platoon. He set a splendid example of pluck and initiative in the attack, and afterwards organised a rearguard which prevented the enemy, now reinforced, from interfering with the carrying in of the wounded officer.

332 Colr./Sjt. (Armed Scout) Commando Bin Mzee.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the whole period that our intelligence patrols were operating, and especially for his initiative during a particular engagement, when, after the death of the white officer, he assumed command of our scouts and ruga-ruga, and repelled two enemy companies with four machine guns in a fight lasting five and a half hours.

3/10196 C.S.M. C. J. Connor, Suff. R. (Shadwell, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was ordered to withdraw he collected several small parties of men and organised and conducted a very difficult rearguard action in the face of heavy opposition. Thanks to his prompt initiative and cool control over isolated parties of men, his company was able to achieve a deliberate and unimpeded withdrawal.

5749 Sjt. R. Cooke, M.M., Rif. Bde. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With four other men he carried out a brilliant raid in broad daylight on a position of consolidated shell holes occupied by the enemy, in front of our lines, capturing twenty of the enemy. At one point, when the progress of the raiding party was arrested by the fire of a machine gun, he bombed the machine-gun post, killing the garrison and capturing the gun. When eventually he withdrew his party he brought away the only casualty, thus preventing the enemy from obtaining an identification.

125833 Cpl. T. Coombs, R.F.A. (India).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment a direct hit set fire to an ammunition recess. He at once went to the recess and commenced throwing out the unignited ammunition, and continued to do this, although he was twice thrown out by exploding bombs, the second time being also wounded in the head. He was eventually dragged away just before the remaining ammunition exploded. His particularly gallant action undoubtedly saved the fire from spreading to an adjacent ammunition recess.

6847 Pte. A. Corlett, Lan. Fus. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. Seeing that the battalion on his right was held up by machine guns, he took out a Lewis gun section and took up a position from which he brought flanking fire on the machine guns and compelled them to withdraw. He was wounded while taking up this position, but continued to encourage his men until accomplishing his object successfully, so enabling the next battalion to advance.

10173 Pte. J. W. Costello, M.M., York. R. (Stockton-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as company-runner. He continuously carried messages through enemy bombardment previous to the attack. After the enemy had got round the right flank of his company he tried several times to rejoin them, but was wounded and surrounded by four of the enemy. He escaped after killing three of them, and again tried to reach his company, but was wounded again in the thigh. He set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.