

23/822 Serjt. C. A. Cowans, M.M., North'd Fus. (Ashington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He collected and assumed command of a body of men, and with a Lewis gun inflicted many casualties on the advancing enemy. Although ill and in an exhausted condition, he remained with his men until ordered to withdraw. He set a fine example of coolness and devotion to duty.

290070 Serjt. A. Cowbourne, R.G.A. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and marked ability in taking charge of battery observation post. During an attack he maintained telephonic communication between battery and observation post (six miles) for four days, this being the only line kept open between the column commander and the forward elements of the column.

16153 Serjt. A. Cox, M.M., North'n R. (Irthlingborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his platoon, led it in a successful attack, and broke up three enemy counter-attacks. Again, when the enemy had driven in the flank, he organised a counter-attack and restored the line. His prompt initiative and contempt of danger were the means of averting a very critical situation.

195073 Dvr. T. W. Creed, R.F.A. (S. Lambeth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When driving in the wheel of an ammunition waggon he was severely wounded in the abdomen by the explosion of a shell from the enemy barrage, through which he was passing. He displayed great courage and resolute fortitude, driving his pair of horses, in spite of his serious injuries, about a mile to the forward waggon lines, where he collapsed. His endurance in sticking to his horses was the means of extricating the waggon, and thereby probably saving the lives of the other two drivers.

482103 L./Cpl. J. E. Crooks, R.E. (Bolton-on-Dearne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a party of line-men laying a line. Owing to men dropping back to repair breaks he was left to go on alone, and finally, under heavy shell fire, got the line through, enabling important messages to be sent. He showed fine courage and determination.

42775 Pte. C. A. Crouch, Midd'x R. (Head-corn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An officer of another regiment, in an attempt to reach the front line from the support trench, was badly wounded by machine-gun fire. Private Crouch, who was one of the stretcher-bearers of the company, with great courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, left his trench under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and managed to reach the wounded officer, whom he bandaged up and brought back singlehanded.

38544 Serjt. J. Curran, M.M., Manch. R. (Sale, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with two men and surprised and captured an enemy post of one officer and six men in broad daylight. Later, he assumed command of his platoon, and under very heavy barrage held an isolated position till relieved. His conduct throughout was splendid, and inspired his men.

39743 Sjt. J. Dale, M.G. Corps (South Kirkby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during many days of severe fighting, when he made several hazardous reconnaissances under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and obtained valuable information. He also displayed great courage and skill in keeping his guns in action and covering the retirement of infantry, holding his positions several times until the enemy were within a few hundred yards, even although he had a long stretch of open country to retire over. He showed great fearlessness, and set a splendid example to all men with him until he was wounded.

28104 Cpl. R. L. Dalton, Hamps. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our troops were trying to establish themselves in a certain position, he went forward alone, under heavy machine-gun fire, and, taking up a suitable position, covered the advance of the attacking party. The next day, under heavy machine-gun fire and bombs, he went forward and bombed, singlehanded, an enemy shell-hole post, capturing the two surviving occupants. His gallantry and resolute devotion to duty were most marked.

8206 Sjt. B. J. Darke, Shrops. L.I. and W.A.F.F. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was with a section of the right of the advanced line, and effectively controlled and directed the fire of his men. When the line retired he continued to control his section, and on reaching the second line at once put his men in position and continued to greatly assist till the end of the day.

48703 Pte. J. Davies, R.A.M.C. (Tylorstown, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This private was the only European assistant with Lt. Burnet, R.A.M.C. He acted as his right-hand man, either with stretcher parties or in the dressing station, and remained out all night attending to some wounded who could not be moved till next morning. Later, he was assisting Lt. Burnet at an amputation when the attack with rifles and machine guns took place on the camp, and, although bullets were traversing the tent, he remained steadily at his post. He has already shown good service and devotion to duty.

10058 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. H. Davis, R. Berks. R. (Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a night raid, when he led his sec-