

305961 Pte. H. Hett, W. Rid. R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his Lewis gun team had been killed or wounded, he stuck to his gun in a post single-handed, filling his empty magazines from the pouches of killed or wounded comrades, and continued to fire his gun with great effect, setting a fine example of coolness, courage, and devotion to duty. His skill and resource considerably checked the enemy advance, and enabled necessary reorganisation to take place.

200024 Sjt. E. D. Holland, Shrops. L.I. (Market Drayton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He rallied a number of men under exceptionally heavy shell fire and put them back in position. Throughout he showed great coolness and presence of mind, and by his example gave confidence to the men under him.

17586 C.S.M. G. A. Holland, Wilts. R. (Edmonton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All his company officers being casualties, he took command of his company in the front line and handled the situation with great skill, and sent back most valuable information. Throughout his conduct was admirable.

5655 C.S.M. J. Home, M.M., Dorset R. (Fulham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid in leading the men of his company to their objectives. On reaching the first objective he reorganised a platoon and led it forward to fill a gap in the line. On the withdrawal he remained behind, and was instrumental in bringing in a number of wounded men. His gallantry was most marked.

201250 L./Cpl. W. Homer, Worc. R. (Quarry Bank).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a Lewis gun section. Three times he was blown up by shell fire, and the rest of his section became casualties, but he continued to fire his gun and inflicted heavy loss on the enemy. During the withdrawal he remained behind, giving covering fire for his company. Throughout his personal disregard of danger was splendid.

G/13194 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) H. H. Hopper, R. Fus. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the officers of his company had been put out of action, C.S.M. Hopper took charge and continued the action until ordered to retire. He reorganised his company in their new position, and by his example encouraged the men to hold on under very heavy fire.

77426 Bomdr. (A./Sjt.) E. Horsley, R.G.A. (Poppleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery came under heavy fire, both gas and high explosive, and several of the detachment were killed or wounded, he kept his gun continuously in

action, although finally reduced to four men. He set a splendid example to his men, working under great difficulties, and by his devotion to duty got his gun away.

200065 C.S.M. F. Howard, S. Lan. R. (Warrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the whole time his battalion was in action, frequently under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and particularly after all his company officers had become casualties. He showed great ability in command until relieved by an officer. He then took command of a platoon of engineers and pioneers, and led a successful counter-attack, and ably assisted in establishing a new line.

10675 C.S.M. J. W. Howard, York. R. (Eston, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness under heavy barrage, and rendered valuable assistance to his company commander when the trench was being blown in, rallying and reorganising the men. He also helped to keep the right flank intact after the company on the right had been surrounded.

290037 Cpl. F. Howlett, R.G.A. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and marked ability in gun-laying. On one occasion, although almost blinded by smoke and dust, he maintained a rate of fire three times faster than the laid-down standard.

93856 L./Cpl. S. J. Hunt, M.G. Corps (Clapham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work throughout as No. 1 on his gun. He has at all times set a fine example of coolness and steadiness under fire.

37378 Pte. A. A. Hurn, R. Fus. (North-repps).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He noticed that the enemy were getting into position behind a wall, and, realising that it was out of bombing range, he crept up to it and dropped bombs over the top, causing heavy enemy casualties. Later, when the order was given for each man to retire as best he could, he rescued a wounded man from a dug-out and, although surrounded by parties of the enemy, he carried him over three thousand yards, single handed, and placed him in an ambulance. In all operations he has invariably behaved with the greatest courage and been ready to undertake any dangerous duty.

200575 C.S.M. J. Ireland, N. Lan. R. (Long-ridge, near Preston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In thick mist he went out and brought back valuable information of the enemy's whereabouts, and was instrumental in organising a counter-attack which drove the enemy out of an important position. He worked untiringly through the day, keeping up the supply of ammunition and bombs, and his work during the reorganising of the