

with the greatest coolness and determination. Sjt. McKeating was acting Battery Serjeant-Major during three weeks' strenuous operations, and on all occasions his personal courage under fire and devotion to duty were fine examples to all ranks under him.

355094 Sjt. D. McRae, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty he took command, and, leading his men with great skill, he entered an enemy defensive post and attacked from the rear a machine gun that was holding up our frontal attacking party, which was then able to advance without further losses. His very gallant behaviour undoubtedly greatly helped in the capture of this important post, which he then garrisoned with his platoon and held until relieved sixteen hours later.

27/492 S./Sjt. R. Madden, North'd Fus. (Washington, Co. Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of half the battery. The half battery was isolated and under heavy fire, and Staff Serjeant Madden, with great skill and courage, fought the half battery back, and very considerably assisted in delaying the enemy's advance.

203299 Sjt. J. Mann, W. Rid. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reinforced a company, leading his platoon forward in face of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Later, when the enemy had got his machine guns round the flank Sjt. Mann led two platoons forward and drove him back over 1,000 yards, killing several and assisting to capture a machine gun. He did splendid service.

6740 Sjt. J. Mannion, N. Staff. R. (Burslem, Staffs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack when his company was held up by an enemy machine gun he entirely alone rushed the gun and disposed of the team with his rifle except two, who ran away, and captured the gun. This magnificent performance enabled the first wave of his company to advance.

69107 Gnr. H. Marlow, M.M.G. Corps (Alton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and great steadiness and pluck in action, especially during an attack on a cavalry camp.

326837 A./Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) W. J. Matthews, M.M., Suff. R. (["E"] Wimbledon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his platoon commander had been killed and his platoon were being pressed back he rallied and led forward two sections under heavy machine-gun fire, and maintained his position for thirty-six hours until ordered to withdraw. This prompt and gallant action enabled the whole company to hold its line.

15618 C.S.M. S. W. Mead, M.M., Suff. R. (Foxton, Cambs.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When one of his flanks was being heavily pressed by the enemy he moved up and down under intense fire rallying the men and successfully reforming their broken line. Throughout operations he showed a magnificent example of courage and determination to all.

14984 A./C.S.M. F. Meadows, Suff. R. (Tunstall, Suff.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a heavy enemy attack had broken the troops on his right and left he maintained a forward position with a few men, and in spite of close range fire from rifle, machine gun and forward field guns, he maintained his position until ordered to withdraw, thereby inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and enabling the line in rear to be completely re-established.

358013 B.S.M. W. F. Miles, R.G.A. (Upper Dicker).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being very heavily shelled, a dug-out received a direct hit, and a staff serjeant was pinned to the ground. On seeing the dug-out hit, Sjt.-Maj. Miles left his cover, ran across under a heavy fire, and endeavoured to extricate the staff serjeant. While doing so another direct hit killed the staff serjeant while he was helping him out. He then assisted to get out the B.Q.M.S., who was wounded. He has repeatedly rendered services of the most unselfish and gallant nature.

51237 Pte. A. R. Mills, Imperial Camel Corps (Fishtoft).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the enemy's position had been taken, he was one of a party who went forward to collect prisoners. Meanwhile it was necessary to retire our main body to the enemy's first line, which left him and the party isolated. The enemy attacked again, and a man accompanying him was severely wounded. He managed to dress the wound and then carried him back some 600 yards to safety.

238047 Cpl. (A./C.S.M.) E. Milner, M.M., Linc. R. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He handled his platoon throughout in a most skilful manner. When the enemy were about to capture a Lewis gun he drove them off by rifle fire and went forward and brought the gun in. At all times he set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to his men.

93882 Cpl. F. J. Mitchell, M.G. Corps (Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. After the firing line had retired and the machine-gun porter who was taking the gun out of action was wounded, this N.C.O. picked up the gun and carried it in under a heavy fire. He has at all times shown great coolness in action and devotion to duty.