

guided up a second party, and collapsed on his return. He gave a signal example of courage and endurance.

240227 A./Cpl. W. Swarbrick, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Padiham).

In company with another N.C.O. and four men he made a determined attack at night on an enemy party, consisting of an officer and forty-two other ranks, killing the officer, wounding two of the men, and taking the remainder prisoners. His courage and resource were most conspicuous.

4620 Pte. R. Tait, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Limavady, Co. Derry).

For conspicuous gallantry when one of a party was nearly cut off by the enemy. The officer and five men were wounded and the Lewis gun hit. Private Tait and a serjeant took it in turns to carry the officer and bomb off the enemy rushes. But for the great courage and devotion to duty of this man and the serjeant the wounded would have been captured. As it was, they were safely got back to our lines over open ground swept by machine-gun fire.

34506 Pte. H. Tandey, 5th Bn., W. Rid. R. (T.F.) (Leamington).

He was in charge of a reserve bombing party in action, and finding the advance temporarily held up, he called on two other men of his party, and working across the open in rear of the enemy, he rushed a post, returning with twenty prisoners, having killed several of the enemy. He was an example of daring courage throughout the whole of the operations.

300353 Pte. G. Tasker, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.), attd. 127th T.M. Bty. (Manchester).

Pte. Tasker was one of a Stokes mortar detachment. He remained throughout an action cool and determined in serving his gun under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and was largely instrumental in destroying several machine-gun nests and posts. When the ammunition was expended, and further use of the gun impossible, he went forward and did excellent work with his rifle and bayonet. His courage and energy were an inspiration to all.

43424 Pte. (A./Cpl.) J. Taylor, 2nd Bn., R. Scots (Manchester).

When the advance of his company was checked by the fire of a nest of five hostile machine guns he volunteered to go forward and silence them. With another man he succeeded in so doing, capturing the five guns with twenty-five prisoners, besides killing several of the enemy. He displayed a fine example of courage, initiative and utter contempt of danger.

693 Sjt. W. G. Taylor, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (East Chinnock).

Shortly after the infantry had advanced they were held up by very heavy machine-gun fire. He at once brought his guns into action, and it was due to his courage and initiative that the situation was improved. Later in the day he was severely wounded while helping stretcher-bearers to bring in

wounded men of his gun teams. His conduct throughout was admirable.

751409 Gnr. W. H. Thackeray, M.M., D/223rd (H.C.) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.) (Hebburn-on-Tyne).

With two other gunners he went forward with an F.O.O. during an attack, and throughout displayed a very high standard of courage and devotion to duty, never failing to deliver messages, although the work was very hazardous owing to hostile machine guns and snipers.

1529 Pte. (L./Cpl.) G. Thomas, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Cardiff).

During an attack while on his way to the dressing station after being severely wounded and hearing that it was absolutely essential for a message to go to the leading troops from the battalion headquarters he immediately volunteered to act as guide. He continued in this position, though suffering great pain, until he collapsed and had to be sent back, and on the way was again wounded. His gallantry and devotion to duty were an example to all ranks.

25019 Pte. G. J. Thomas, 13th Bn., Welsh R. (Merthyr Tydvil).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. Seeing two enemy machine guns trying to work round the flank of his company he rushed to that flank with his Lewis gun and engaged them so skilfully that he put both teams out of action. His prompt and fearless action saved his company from a difficult situation.

20485 L./C. M. Thomas, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Llanelly).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his entire section was wiped out by concentrated shrapnel and machine-gun fire he continued alone to fire his Lewis gun and covered the withdrawal of his company. Later, during an attack, he killed sixteen of the enemy, firing his Lewis gun from the hip, thereby capturing two machine guns. He showed splendid courage and determination.

25573 L./Cpl. D. Thompson, 17th Bn., Welsh R., attd. Hood Bn., R.N.V.R. (Aberavon).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on a village. He was in charge of two Lewis gun teams and led his section forward under severe machine-gun fire, and with his guns caused the enemy to evacuate their positions, himself controlling both guns and inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. When Nos. 1 and 2 of one of his guns became casualties he took the gun himself and carried it forward into action, enabling by his fire his platoon to advance. When the company arrived at its objective he formed a new gun's crew and again took the gun forward to an outpost position, where he remained and enfiladed the enemy when they counter-attacked. He remained in this isolated position until the enemy were ejected and the line was reformed. By his courage and devotion to duty he rendered most valuable service.