

the second objective. After the two platoons had captured seventy prisoners he himself single-handed took a further fifty prisoners. He displayed great courage and initiative throughout.

6901 C./S./M. A. White, 1st Bn., C. Gds. (Buckingham Gate, S.W.).

For conspicuous courage and fine leadership. In a thick fog, intensified by smoke barrage, he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander in helping to keep the company in the right direction. He was instrumental in capturing six machine guns before the enemy had time to get them into action and, in consolidating the position, by his contempt for danger set a fine example under most trying circumstances. He was eventually wounded, but refused to leave until exhausted by loss of blood.

240106 Pte. F. Whittaker, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Clayton-le-Moors).

He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun section, which proceeded in advance of the platoon. His section effectively silenced four enemy machine guns, taking the teams prisoners. On reaching the final objective, he, with another man, rushed a dug-out, killing the sentry and taking one officer and sixteen other ranks prisoners. He did splendid work.

6334 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Whittaker, 2nd Bn. (now Reserve Bn.), C. Gds. (Accrington).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When it was extremely difficult for the attacking waves to keep their alignment he reorganised the men, and by his efforts the advance was made in good order behind the artillery barrage. After the objective had been taken, he was wounded, but volunteered and crept across under withering machine-gun fire to bring up reinforcements. He showed splendid courage and devotion to duty.

352083 Sjt. A. Wignall, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Hyde).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative as Scout Serjeant. When information was received that the enemy was withdrawing, he led out a reconnoitring patrol about 2,500 yards in advance of our line and brought back most valuable information as to their movements. Later, he was very successful on several occasions in getting touch with troops on the flanks. His work entailed his moving about over difficult country not previously reconnoitred, and he was subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire throughout.

56945 Pte. T. R. Wild, 13th Bn., Welsh R. (Kidwelly).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. Seeing an enemy machine gun causing heavy casualties, this man, who was a company runner, collected a few men and rushed the gun, capturing it and killing the team. Later, he bayoneted two enemy snipers who were causing casualties to his company crossing a canal. He showed splendid courage and dash.

301496 Sjt. A. F. Wildman, 14th Bn., Tank Corps (Canterbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a Tank, assisting the infantry in the capture of a village. He worked his Tank round two guns which had been holding up the Tanks, and had already accounted for one, and by his fire put both guns out of action. He then entered the village, clearing away machine-gun nests, and when severely wounded brought his Tank out of action and reported to his section commander before going to the dressing station.

18/1153 Cpl. J. G. Wilkinson, 20th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Bishop Auckland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two Lewis gun teams were knocked out, and the enemy were bombing the position, this N.C.O. rushed forward alone and brought one of the guns into action again. He kept it in action until he was severely wounded, both legs being broken. By his timely initiative he saved a critical situation.

60985 Cpl. J. W. Williams, M.M., 23rd Bn., Lan. Fus. (Bedlington Station).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire, he succeeded in locating the enemy, and immediately opened fire with his Lewis gun, causing them to withdraw, and thus enabling his company to advance. Later, with his company commander, he rushed a machine-gun post, capturing three prisoners, including an officer.

366 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) G. Wilson, 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt. (Alfreton).

During an attack, when the operations were much hindered by fog and enemy artillery fire, he displayed great resource in organising his men and keeping in touch with the infantry with whom he was working. He led his guns to their appointed places, showing throughout the day the greatest personal disregard for danger and soldierly qualities of a very high order.

147054 Cpl. G. Witney, 52nd By., 15th Bde., R.F.A. (Field End, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he displayed great courage and initiative in taking up ammunition to the guns under conditions of great difficulty, and when the road was blocked by overturned wagons and dead horses. On another occasion his horse was blown into a shell hole and rolled over him, cutting and bruising him severely, but nevertheless he succeeded in carrying out his duty.

250343 Sjt. G. H. Wood, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led a fighting patrol to the first objective and maintained his position under extremely heavy machine-gun fire until forced to withdraw by enfilade fire. He carried out the withdrawal most skilfully without a casualty. He was frequently in