

pany when the enemy counter-attacked. In spite of fierce machine-gun fire he went from post to post and rallied and encouraged the men, and his fine example undoubtedly helped largely to break up the enemy attack. Throughout the whole operation he was a great support to his company commander and inspired the utmost confidence in the men.

14174 Cpl. J. Clark, 5th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Durham).

During the operations on 8th October, 1918, the advance was checked by fire from enemy machine and field guns in position just north of Hamage Farm, west of Serain. He immediately led forward first one and then a second section under heavy machine-gun fire, and brought them into action at close range on the enemy's flank. He caused the enemy numerous casualties and silenced the field guns, thus enabling tanks and infantry to come round the other side of the farm and clear up the machine-gun nests, which yielded 34 prisoners with their machine and field guns. His cool and fearless leading greatly contributed to the rapid capture of our first objective.

41137 L./C. R. Clark, 18th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Lochgelly).

During the operations near Tiegham on 1st November, 1918, he was No. 1 on a Lewis gun. When a hostile machine gun was temporarily holding up the attack he rushed forward and endeavoured to bring fire to bear upon it from his Lewis gun. The latter, however, jammed almost immediately. He then promptly snatched a rifle and bayonet from one of his comrades and alone rushed the position, capturing the gun and its team. His most gallant action was a splendid example to his comrades, and contributed much to the further advance of his company.

290805 Cpl. D. Clarke, 23rd Bn. (now Depôt), Midd'x R. (Hammersmith).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty 9th/11th October, 1918, near Rieux. He was gassed on the night of the 9th, but worked continuously until the afternoon of the 11th. Single-handed he brought in sixteen wounded men from No Man's Land on the morning of the 11th under very heavy machine-gun fire and enemy bombardment. When his company withdrew he remained behind until he had tended every wounded man that he could find. His indomitable pluck and energy saved many lives.

9163 C./S./M. G. E. Clarke, 1st Bn., Shrop. L.I. (Hereford).

In the attack near Montbrehain on the 8th October, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and determination. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he led his company in its attack and successfully reached the objective. Here he reorganised the company and showed considerable skill in disposing his platoons in a tactically sound position.

13880 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) S. J. Clarke, 7th Bn., Wilts. Regt. (Bletchley).

He was acting C.S.M. of the left leading company during the attack on the Forêt de

Mormal on the 4th November, 1918. When all the officers of his company became casualties he took command of the company and led them most gallantly to the final objective, where he superintended the consolidation and continued in command until an officer was sent forward from the reserve company to assume command. His initiative and resource at the critical moment ensured the success of the operation.

8930 C./S./M. W. Clarke, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Newport Pagnel).

Throughout the operations on 4th November, 1918, at Preux-au-Bois, he displayed fine courage and dash. During the first attack when the leading battalion was temporarily held up, he pushed through the enemy line in the mist and attacked and killed a machine gun post of six men, accounting for them all with a revolver he had snatched from a captured enemy. This enabled the company to get into position for the attack to the south on Preux village, during which he, with a Lewis gun, engaged another enemy machine-gun team, killing one, wounding one, and putting the rest to flight. He did splendid work.

305193 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) C. Claxton, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Carlton, Notts.).

In the attack on Ramicourt and Montbrehain on 3rd October, 1918, he carried out exceptionally good work. After his platoon had suffered heavy casualties he reorganised it with stragglers from other companies, continued the advance, and eventually reached his objective. On several occasions he rushed enemy positions with only two or three men, taking many prisoners and inflicting severe losses on the enemy. He also succeeded in mopping up half the village of Ramicourt with only a handful of men to assist him. His courage and devotion to duty were a splendid example to his men.

26859 Sjt. F. Clegg, 8th Bn., Bord. R. (Kendal).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 22nd October, 1918, near Klaadestraat. When a platoon had lost its commander and several officers from heavy machine-gun fire, he took over command of the remainder and led them forward most gallantly. Later, he collected the remainder of another platoon under machine-gun fire, and led them forward with his own men. Later, again, when the enemy attempted to counter-attack, he inflicted heavy casualties on them by Lewis-gun and rifle fire, compelling them to withdraw. Throughout the day he showed marked ability and leadership under the heaviest machine-gun fire.

34327 Pte. R. Cleghorn, 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Gateshead).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack on Rumilly. He was taking prisoners back when he saw another party of the enemy with several machine guns in a trench. He fired four rounds, whereupon seventeen surrendered to him. A little further on he captured eighteen more, including five officers. He marched the whole lot, numbering six officers and thirty-one men, nearly back to Marcoing, having captured five officers and