

near Marcoing, on 27th September, 1918. With his Lewis gun he gave covering fire during the attack, and on the objective being gained he pushed his gun forward and protected an exposed flank of his company. Afterwards, working along the trench alone, he entered a deep dug-out and with only a revolver cleared it and captured 56 prisoners, including several officers. He then returned to his post, and with his Lewis gun dispersed several parties of enemy who were endeavouring to approach the position. He did splendid work.

201876 Sjt. A. Deaville, 1/5th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Burslem).

On the 29th September, 1918, north of Bellenglise, during the storming of the St. Quentin Canal, he displayed most conspicuous gallantry. Being amongst the first to reach the canal he at once swam across with a few men, and in spite of opposition and confusion due to fog he got a great number of men of all units over. Having got a sufficient party across he at once overcame the enemy on the east bank of the canal, which secured a free passage for the remainder of our men. Later, he led his mixed parties to the "brown line," where he organised and consolidated. Throughout he showed fine courage and enthusiasm.

235134 Cpl. C. H. Dee, 2/6th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Pershore).

For most conspicuous gallantry in the attack on Vendegies-sur-Ecaillon on 24th October, 1918. When his section had been held up by enemy wire and machine-gun fire he went forward, single-handed, and cut the wire. Having done this he rallied his section and charged a machine-gun post. His gallant effort to reach this post failed, as he and all his section became casualties. He was slightly wounded.

21814 L./Cpl. S. Dee, 1st Bn., Ches. R. (Upton-on-Severn).

On 23rd October, 1918, during the attack on Beaurain, north of Le Cateau, he showed great initiative and gallantry. After three of the four C.Os. and two platoon serjeants had been wounded he rendered invaluable assistance in reorganising the line under heavy fire and in maintaining the advance. With four men he mopped up a large hollow defended by machine guns and went on alone to reconnoitre the quarry and outskirts of the village. His conduct throughout the operation was of outstanding merit.

29540 L./C. A. Deering, 1st Bn., Essex R. (Stratford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer at Belaise Farm on 8th October, 1918, and at Caudry on 9th October. When his company suffered casualties from heavy machine-gun fire he went out and attended to the wounded men in the farthest advanced line, and it was due to his untiring energy and disregard for personal safety that the wounded were carried into a place of safety from a very exposed position. Throughout he set a fine example to those with him.

28923 Sjt. J. M. Dennis, 6th Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (St. Albans).

During the attack south of Villers Outreaux, on the 8th October, 1918, whilst acting as C.S.M., he displayed most conspicuous gallantry and proved invaluable to his company commander. Early in the attack the four platoon commanders of his company became casualties, and he went from one platoon to another, under very heavy fire, directing the advance. Later in the attack he took command of two platoons, and led them with remarkable skill and dash, capturing many of the enemy, together with machine guns.

21318 Cpl. J. C. Dewar, 29th Bn., M.G. Corps (Dundee).

On 29th September, 1918, at Kruseecke, he was acting as liaison with a motor machine gun, which was held up by an enemy machine gun firing from the top of a pill-box. Directing the motor machine gunner to keep up fire, he alone made a detour and got behind the two enemy gunners. He then rushed forward, and the enemy gun surrendered to him. Seeing a party of about twenty enemy advancing, he shouted to some infantry to follow, and ran towards the enemy, who put their hands up. He was wounded, but handed the captured gun to the infantry. He showed great courage and initiative.

32284 Sjt. C. C. Diack, M.M., 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Vichte on 22nd October, 1918. While the battalion was advancing to its position of deployment along the railway, it came under very heavy machine-gun fire from some houses in Vichte. He was in command of a platoon which was accordingly sent to clear the houses. With great personal gallantry he led his platoon forward, and rushed the houses, capturing several of the enemy and two machine guns.

305392 Sjt. F. C. Dibben, 16th Bn., Tank C. (Southend).

As tank commander, on 29th September, 1918, near Quennemont Copse, he fought his tank with great skill and determination until it got ditched by falling through into a dug-out. Under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire he repeatedly tried to unditch his tank. He continued to do this until he was so pressed by the enemy that he had to desist. He remained and fought with the infantry all day and far into the night, and did not return to the tankdrome until the following morning. He showed most marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

13779 L./Sjt. J. Dickson, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

During the attack on the village of Heule, 15th October, 1918, he displayed the greatest gallantry and leadership. Time and again he rallied his platoon, and led them on against heavy machine-gun fire, enabling the whole company to get forward. With only five men left, he succeeded in reaching his objective, and establishing posts on the railway outside the village, and with a Lewis gun put an enemy machine gun out of action. He did fine work.