

became casualties. Taking command, he succeeded in silencing the machine guns, and led the section to its objective. During the action he was wounded severely in the hand, but continued to lead his comrades with his old dash. His conduct throughout the operations was of the highest order.

12856 Sjt. C. E. Jarvis, M.M., 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F. (Canterbury).

Near Rumilly, on 30th September, 1918, when held up by an enemy machine-gun nest, he led a bombing party and crossed the barrier in spite of intense machine-gun fire. Owing to the trench ending, he was unable to advance further, but maintained his position until most of his party became casualties. He then skilfully withdrew them, covering their withdrawal with his rifle and killing several enemy. His great courage and coolness were a wonderful inspiration to his men.

50189 Pte. S. R. Jary, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (King's Lynn).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On the morning of 18th September, 1918, during the attack on Ronsoy, he showed great courage and dash when his platoon was held up by a machine gun. He picked up a Lewis gun from a wounded man, and rushing to a favourable position on the flank opened fire with deadly accuracy. After killing most of the team he rushed single-handed the three remaining men, whom he took prisoners. By his splendid conduct he undoubtedly saved many casualties, and allowed the advance to continue.

74785 Cpl. S. Jenkins, 74th Bn., M.G. Corps (Abergwynfi).

On 21st September, 1918, east of Ronsoy. When his section was lying in the open under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he observed a party of the enemy with fixed bayonets crawling round the flank covered by dead ground. Withdrawing to the guns he informed his officer, and standing up fired at the enemy, inflicting casualties and forcing them to take cover. He then went forward alone, and took the 15 survivors prisoners, enabling the guns to be brought forward to good positions. His courage and initiative were most marked.

22191 Pte. E. Jermamy, 9th Bn., Norf. R. (North Burlingham).

For marked courage and initiative. Near Brancourt, on the 8th October, 1918, when the attack was being held up about 300 yds. short of the final objective, he went forward by himself and located a party of six of the enemy, who at once opened fire on him. He returned the fire and killed two, whereupon the other four surrendered. This act, when the attack was being held up by enfilade fire, put new heart into the platoon, who went forward and took their objective.

20155 Sjt. W. T. John, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Llanelly).

On 20th October, 1918, his platoon commander was killed whilst swimming the Selle. He at once took command, and on emerging from the river re-organised his platoon under heavy machine-gun fire, and

led them forward, capturing a machine gun and crew, and turning the gun on the enemy. He then pushed forward again and captured two small enemy trench howitzers. He showed gallant leadership and did excellent work.

29017 Pte. J. Johnson, M.M., 9th Bn., F. Surr. R. (Facit).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on Haussy village on 16th October, 1918, in company with a corporal and one man he successfully attacked a machine-gun nest, capturing the crews and bringing back 10 prisoners. Later, during withdrawal, nearly all officers and non-commissioned officers having become casualties, he rallied a platoon and, under the orders of the company commander, formed a defensive flank covering the withdrawal of the rest of the company across the river. Throughout he showed marked courage and initiative.

27338 Sjt. H. Jones, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Birkenhead).

In the attack, near Montbrechain, on 8th October, 1918, when his company was in danger of being held up by machine-gun fire, he handled his platoon in a particularly able manner, and by skilful fire action and movement put out of action two enemy machine guns. His quickness of decision and action materially assisted the company to reach its objective. Later in the day he volunteered to go out on patrol, and working his way almost into the enemy's line brought back information of the greatest value. Throughout the operations he showed marked gallantry and ability.

54621 Pte. J. L. Jones, 17th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Llanddensant).

On 4th November, 1918, during the attack on Mormal Forest, the platoon to which he belonged was held up by the fire of three enemy machine guns. He stood up under heavy fire, and started to bomb one of the posts. As he rose his rifle was shattered in his hand by a bullet, and his ammunition pouch was also struck and became ignited. He threw off the blazing equipment and continued to throw bombs. He was successful in silencing the gun, but was badly wounded in so doing. His most gallant action enabled the platoon to advance and deal with the two remaining guns.

15842 Sjt. M. Jones, 15th Bn., R. War. R. (Swansea).

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on 27th September, 1918, on a strong enemy position north of Gouzeaucourt he organised a bombing party, and led them up a communication trench, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy until his bombs were exhausted. He then came back, organised a second party with himself as first bayonet man, and penetrated the enemy's position, scattering a bombing party, who fled. It was chiefly owing to his fine courage and initiative that his company were able to consolidate their newly captured position.