

again wounded and unable to throw bombs, he continued to lead his men.

His magnificent example and valour, coupled with the skilful handling of the situation, produced far-reaching results.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Henry Kelly, West Riding Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery in attack.

He twice rallied his Company under the heaviest fire, and finally led the only three available men into the enemy trench, and there remained bombing until two of them had become casualties and enemy reinforcements had arrived.

He then carried his Company Serjeant-Major, who had been wounded, back to our trenches, a distance of 70 yards, and subsequently three other soldiers.

He set a fine example of gallantry and endurance.

No. 11213 Serjeant Robert Downie, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in attack.

When most of the officers had become casualties, this Non-Commissioned Officer, utterly regardless of personal danger, moved about under heavy fire and reorganised the attack, which had been temporarily checked. At the critical moment he rushed forward alone, shouting, "Come on the Dubs."

This stirring appeal met with immediate response, and the line rushed forward at his call.

Serjeant Downie accounted for several of the enemy, and in addition captured a machine gun, killing the team. Though wounded early in the fight, he remained with his company, and gave valuable assistance whilst the position was being consolidated.

It was owing to Serjeant Downie's courage and initiative that this important position, which had resisted four or five previous attacks, was won.

No. 15888 Serjeant James Young Turnbull, late Highland Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, when, having with his party captured a post apparently of great importance to the enemy, he was subjected to severe counter-attacks, which were continuous throughout the whole day. Although his party was wiped out and replaced several times during the day, Serjeant Turnbull never wavered in his determination to hold the post, the loss of which would have been very serious. Almost single-handed, he maintained his position, and displayed the highest degree of valour and skill in the performance of his duties.

Later in the day this very gallant soldier was killed whilst bombing a counter-attack from the parapets of our trench.

No. 2442 Private Frederick Jeremiah Edwards, Middlesex Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and resource. His part of the line was held up by machine-gun fire, and all officers had become casualties. There was confusion and indication of retirement.

Private Edwards, grasping the situation,

on his own initiative dashed out alone towards the gun, which he knocked out with bombs.

This very gallant act, coupled with great presence of mind and a total disregard of personal danger, made further advance possible and cleared up a dangerous situation.

No. 3281 Private Robert Ryder, Middlesex Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and initiation during an attack.

His company was held up by heavy rifle fire, and all his officers had become casualties. For want of leadership the attack was flagging.

Private Ryder, realising the situation, without a moment's thought for his own safety dashed absolutely alone at the enemy trench, and, by skilful manipulation of his Lewis gun, succeeded in clearing the trench. This very gallant act not only made possible, but also greatly inspired the subsequent advance of his comrades, and turned possible failure into success.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the undermentioned awards for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

#### Distinguished Service Order.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) George Lewis Baxter, Cam'n Highrs.

For gallantry and ability when in command of part of the force which was attacked by far superior numbers. Major Baxter showed great ability in the handling of his force, and repulsed the enemy with considerable losses. He showed great coolness, and rendered valuable assistance in bringing in a wounded officer under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

#### Military Cross.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Edward Kerr Borthwick, King's African Rifles.

For gallantry and determination when in command of a machine gun engaged in thick bush fighting.

An enemy gun was brought 25 yards in rear of him, but he switched on his gun, killing four of the team and capturing the gun.

He later gave excellent supporting fire to our advance.

#### Royal Red Cross, 2nd Class.

Miss Margery Gertrude Burn, Nursing Staff, Universities' Mission.

#### Distinguished Conduct Medal.

No. 18 Rfn. H. Cairnduff, S. African Rif.

For gallantry in action. When his troop was ordered to retire from a position enfiladed by machine-gun fire, he returned and brought in two wounded men.

No. 3081 Cpl. M. C. Henry, S. African Mtd. Rif.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded he helped a com-