

1759 Sjt. G. H. Barkham, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. The officers of his company having become casualties, he took command. By his gallant example he kept his men at work consolidating the captured trench.

L.17072 Coy. S.M. A. Battersby, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assisted his company officer in capturing three field guns. Later, although wounded, he remained at his post.

6305 Pte. R. Bee, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. While attending wounded in the open Private Bee's leg was broken. He managed to put the limb into improvised splints and crawled back, being again wounded in the head and shoulders. He dressed his own injuries, and continued to attend to his duties.

2444 L./Sjt. R. H. Beer, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed exceptional courage and skill in defeating the enemy's counter-attack and leading the bombers. He has consistently carried out fine work.

9714 Sjt. H. Beeston, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations, when he organised and led the men of his company after all the officers had been killed or wounded. He displayed the greatest bravery, moving about freely, exposed to hostile fire of all kinds, in order to keep his men together in the advance.

22917 Smith S./S. H. Behague, R.A.

For conspicuous gallantry. When the battery positions and vicinity was under intense bombardment of H.E. and gas shells, he attended to, and carried to a dressing station, a wounded man, although suffering himself severely from gas poison.

14678 Sjt. L. F. Belcham, R. War. R.

For marked gallantry and coolness in rescuing a wounded officer under very heavy shell fire. He has shown great courage and determination throughout.

17391 Cpl. M. W. Bellinger, Essex R.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion in action in charge of stretcher-bearers. For several days he worked, without rest and under heavy fire, tending and bringing in wounded, and his energy, fearlessness, and efficiency undoubtedly saved many of the wounded, who otherwise could not have been brought in. On previous occasions he had been recommended for reward.

1944 L./Sjt. F. K. Bennett, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led a party round the enemy's flank with great courage and initiative, and greatly assisted in the capture of the position. He was severely wounded.

12928 Sjt. G. A. Benny, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack which reached the enemy's second line. At this point a hostile machine gun was firing down the trench, and he was wounded. Nevertheless, he succeeded in locating it, and, collecting some bombers, he attacked and silenced it.

19961 Pte. B. T. Berry, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness. During a bombing attack, when both grenadier serjeants had become casualties, he immediately took control, and by his determination and courage checked any tendency to waver in the attack.

21168 L./Cpl. L. B. Betts, M. Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded, he continued to carry a tripod until ordered to hand it over. He then acted as runner, making three journeys through heavy shell fire.

16258 Sjt. R. Betts, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack, when he charged an enemy machine gun with the bayonet, putting it out of action. He was severely wounded in performing this brave act.

5820 Sjt. W. Biddle, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He commenced to lay a telephone line, but finding part of the enemy's trench still occupied, he collected four men and led an assault, capturing eight prisoners. He showed great courage and initiative throughout.

63297 L./Cpl. H. Binnington, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in the construction of an observation post under heavy shell fire. During the work a shell set alight a pile of boxes of bombs in a trench 20 yards away. Lee-Cpl. Binnington at once proceeded to extinguish the flames, though once knocked down by an explosion while doing so. Two days later he was wounded while engaged in the same work.

1247 Sjt. S. G. Bishop, Bucks. Bn., Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack, when he led a bombing section with bravery and skill, in spite of being knocked down and partially buried by a shell, until his objective was gained. Later, he led his platoon to an attack, in face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire, and although wounded he was one of the few to enter the enemy trench.

73786 Gnr. T. E. Blockley, R.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He repaired wires under very heavy fire with great skill and gallantry, thereby securing communication at a critical time.

25/770 Sjt. J. Blyth, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When himself and his machine gun had been