

466627 Pte. W. H. Beggs, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was shot through the leg while carrying a message, but completed his journey under heavy fire, and delivered the message. He then went out with his company commander on a reconnaissance. They were caught by machine-gun fire from an enemy post, and became separated. After reporting to company headquarters he went out again to search the position for his officer. He showed splendid initiative and determination.

15086 Sjt. J. A. Bernas, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a squadron that galloped through the enemy's lines. When his horse was shot, he collected all other dismounted men and defended his position against attacks from all sides until after dark, when his squadron joined him and brought his party back.

91670 A./Bomdr. W. Berry, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his gun in action during an S.O.S. call, in spite of heavy shelling and the loss of two gunners. When the duty officer was seriously wounded he took charge and carried on until another officer came.

85255 B.S.M. S. C. Black, F. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery moved into a forward position he took charge of the teams, reversed them on a six-foot road, although heavily shelled, and conducted them to the rear with the lightest casualties by means of his good judgment and leadership. The road was blocked in places by derelict vehicles, and destroyed in others by shells. He has on two previous occasions shown conspicuous gallantry in awkward situations.

107121 Sjt. A. Blaikie, M.M., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of four machine guns, his officer and other N.C.O.'s being casualties. Under very heavy shelling in the open he repaired slightly damaged guns and kept them in action, and helped and dressed wounded.

6894 Sjt. M. Le M. Blondel, M.M., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he displayed the greatest courage and coolness whilst leading his two machine-gun detachments to a most advanced position under very heavy shell fire, assuming the command of the section after the officer was badly wounded.

5184 C.S.M. J. H. Bradley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer was in command of a platoon which, in the assembly area, was very heavily shelled. He displayed great initiative in advancing the platoon to a position affording better cover, without losing

touch with the other assaulting troops. He gave the greatest assistance to the company commander in deploying the company and successfully led the platoon to the final objective, his work there during the period of consolidation being of the highest order.

217119 Sjt. D. M. Brain, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a platoon proceeding to the assembly position when it was heavily shelled, and became somewhat disorganised. With fine coolness and disregard for his own safety he collected the men together and led them forward, thereby getting them into position ready for the attack. Later, during the assault, when an enemy machine gun had temporarily delayed the advance, he, with two other men, succeeded in rushing the post, capturing the gun and dispersing the crew. He displayed splendid courage, and was a fine example to his men.

18475 Sjt. S. Bruce, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the officer of his platoon becoming a casualty, whilst leading the platoon up through an intense barrage to support, he at once took charge, and led his men on through the barrage in such a cool and capable manner that he immediately gained their confidence. He did not allow the severe wound which he had received to be dressed until he had established his platoon in the required position and refused to be evacuated until the termination of the action. He has at all times given proof of wonderful courage and endurance.

754070 Cpl. J. J. Bussineau, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack and in assisting to repel a strong counter-attack. At night, when in charge of an outpost, he noticed three enemy scouts in front of his position, and with a serjeant and private worked out towards them, killing one and capturing the other two. Then, noticing a strong hostile patrol approaching, he again advanced, outflanked them, and captured one officer and ten other ranks, with a machine gun, which was afterwards effectively used by us. This enemy patrol was specially equipped with revolvers and daggers.

57119 C.S.M. D. Calder, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in influencing the men of his company to stand fast under most trying conditions and severe shelling, which rendered the position almost untenable. He organised defence and working parties from a company that had suffered 50 per cent. of casualties, and by skilful fire drove off a counter-attack and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He has on several occasions done notably good work in action.

460539 Sjt. A. Carmichael, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out with an officer to reconnoitre during an attack. The officer was killed almost immediately, but he carried out