

casualties. He refilled his magazines with ammunition collected from the dead and wounded. Finally he returned to our lines bringing back his gun.

10544 Pte. R. Ashby, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. With his officer and another man he went down the captured trench firing at and bayonetting the enemy, and ordering them to surrender. In this way they traversed 150 yards of trench and captured some thirty prisoners. Finally it was discovered that he had been wounded in four places.

2602 L./Cpl. T. Baker, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. During a bombing attack which gained us some fifty yards of trench he took a machine-gun out into "No Man's Land," and for five hours kept up fire at the enemy's parapet, frustrating their endeavours to come out and counter-attack. He was frequently attacked by bombs, but stuck to his post.

19676 Pte. J. H. Baillache, Hamp. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during protracted operations. On one occasion before an attack he went out in front of the assaulting troops to snipe the enemy's machine guns. On another occasion he voluntarily went out with the assaulting troops, killed six of the enemy and took others prisoners. Throughout a whole week he did fine work and set a splendid example.

20154 Sjt. T. Bartlett, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. During the advance he observed an enemy machine-gunner mounting his gun on the parapet. He charged and captured the gun single-handed, the team running away. Later, he did fine work consolidating the position under heavy shell-fire.

70540 Drvr. V. Beattie, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He twice voluntarily went out and, though blown up by a shell and much shaken, continued to repair wires under heavy fire.

8/6336 Pte. D. F. Bell, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry. During a raid on the enemy he picked up a bomb thrown by a hostile bomber, and threw it back among the enemy, thus saving many casualties.

72516 Sjt. M. Bell, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He displayed an utter disregard of danger on several occasions, notably when organising the defences of a position. He brought heavy mortars, with their equipment, by hand across the open under heavy machine gun and shell fire, and did other fine work.

2712 Sjt. W. H. Blincoe, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. After a previous reconnaissance he was one of a party that rushed the gap blown in the enemy's wire. Later, he volunteered to organise a second party which he led through the same gap, and successfully bombed the enemy's crater.

24993 Sjt. H. J. Brading, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He brought up four mortars into advanced positions under heavy fire. A few days later, when a gun emplacement containing ammunition was blown in, he organised the rebuilding of the emplacement and the recovery of the bombs under heavy shell fire. The gun was in action again within two hours.

5473 L./Cpl. H. E. Bradley, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. He carried his wounded officer from the enemy's trenches through the wire, bound up his wounds, remained by him all night in a ditch, and finally guided a party up to his rescue. Though his hands were badly torn by wire he then led a search party for another wounded man.

1036 By. S./M. W. H. Brown, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. During an intense and prolonged bombardment of his battery, during which his emplacement was hit and some of his detachment killed and wounded, his fine courage and example so inspired his men with confidence that they kept their gun in action throughout.

20267 Coy. S./M. H. A. Breslain, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. During the capture of a trench he, with his officer, got two machine-guns into action in the trench immediately after the assault, and greatly assisted in the holding of the position. When his officer was wounded he carried on under heavy fire.

6000 By. S./M. C. W. S. Broomfield, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry. During a heavy bombardment when telephone communication was destroyed, he passed backwards and forwards under heavy shell-fire in order to maintain communications.

10272 Sjt. W. G. Bryant, Som. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon in the charge, and was the first man in the second wave to reach the enemy's lines. Later, when a large part of his left hand had been shot away, he carried in another badly wounded man.

10235 L./Cpl. A. Butterworth, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry as C.O.'s orderly in action. He repeatedly took messages under heavy fire, and also carried out a reconnaissance, crossing the open under machine gun fire. He had previously done fine work.

17245 L./Cpl. H. A. Cage, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He held a block in the communication trench, and beat off the enemy by throwing bombs from outside the trench, although fired at. Later, after covering the withdrawal, he posted himself with a box of bombs at a block in the communication trench, and held his own there until relieved, though shot through the shoulder.