

causing much trouble, and put it out of action with bombs. By this action he saved a great many lives.

19103 Sjt. J. T. Bonham, R. Welsh Fus. (Macclesfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He was first over the wire and made straight for a house where the enemy could be seen. He stood on the top of the trench and bombed them, enabling the party to get over. He killed three himself. At the signal to withdraw he and another remained behind under fire until the whole party was through the wire. His gallantry and cheerfulness were largely responsible for the success attained.

202122 Pte. W. J. E. Bonnett, Camb. R. (Bury St. Edmunds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All through an operation marked by a prolonged period of adverse circumstances, his never-failing cheerfulness and endurance were a fine example to his comrades. On one occasion he rushed an enemy machine-gun position with the greatest courage, single-handed, putting the gun out of action and bringing back a prisoner. This gallant action was carried out with a dash that was the admiration of all who witnessed it.

4229 Sjt. W. Booth, Manch. R. (Stalybridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He killed a sentry and with his officer led the charge into the enemy trench. Later, he organised his men and detailed parties to carry in the wounded. He twice returned to the scene of action to look for an officer who was wounded and missing, and during the night volunteered to guide a party to again search for him. His courage and energy inspired and won the admiration of all.

202533 Sjt. E. Borrill, Linc. R. (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On an occasion, when two platoon officers were wounded, he took command of both platoons, and leading them in two waves, made good the second objective. He displayed great gallantry throughout the operation, and his initiative and coolness, at a critical moment, were an admirable example to all about him.

9306 Sjt. J. W. Bourn, W. Rid. R. (Shre-moor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All officers of the company being casualties, he took over command and re-organised his men and carried on the work of consolidation. He established communication with the units on his flanks. By his personal example he installed great confidence into the men.

G/4674 Sjt. H. R. Bowden, R. Fus. (Gerrards Cross).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a party of bombers and drove the enemy back and re-established a post into which the enemy had penetrated. Later, he rendered the greatest assistance to his officer in a counter-attack. Throughout the action

he displayed great coolness and an utter contempt of personal danger, and inspired his men with confidence.

15919 Sjt. F. Bowman, Bord. R. (Keswick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his company, having been ordered to counter-attack, he volunteered to go forward and ascertain the position of the enemy in company with an officer and another man, but this party was bombed back. Later, he went out with another officer and a corporal. This time they bombed the enemy out of the trench, enabling the company to occupy it without further fighting.

20803 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. Boyce, North'n R. (Great Yarmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by an enemy machine-gun he rushed forward ahead of the company and bombed the position, dispersing the team and capturing the gun. His gallant act enabled his company to advance and take their objective.

47955 Gnr. E. Boyes, R.F.A. (Malton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire. He took charge of the sub-section, and kept his gun in action for eight hours. When wounded he had his wounds bandaged, and returned to his gun, remaining with it until the battery retired to another position.

29591 Pte. B. Bradley, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to join a bombing party belonging to another company. With another man he captured an enemy machine-gun, and the party ejected the enemy. He behaved with great dash and gallantry.

1027 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Bradley, M.G. Gds. (Dripley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a machine-gun in an advanced post. The posts on each side were rushed, and an officer and two men of the enemy entered L./Cpl. Bradley's post. These he killed with his bayonet, enabling the remaining gun number to continue working the gun, which took an important part in the operation in progress.

25197 Sjt. H. A. Brandon, Ches. R. (Lower Bebington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was isolated on the flank of a position, he commanded it in a most gallant manner after his officer had been wounded, and successfully extricated it under heavy machine-gun fire.

19264 Sjt. W. L. Bray, G. Gds. (Isle of Sheppey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two forward posts of his company, which were heavily attacked. By his careful organisation and fire control he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. On another occasion this N.C.O. led his platoon up from the reserve under heavy fire, and established a strong point in the support