

line, his example on both occasions being highly praiseworthy.

7491 C.S.M. R. Brealey, M.G.C. (Harreton, I. of W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This Warrant Officer twice took charge of limbers carrying ammunition up to each gun position, a distance of over 4 miles, through fire of every description. Later in the evening he guided up pack mules, and personally saw that each of the 16 gun teams were provided with rations and ammunition. He set a fine example at a critical time.

26588 B.S.M. W. Brice, R.G.A. (Yeovil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. For four hours he assisted materially in getting a section of guns into position. During the heavy bombardment which immediately followed, he supervised the service of ammunition with exemplary coolness, and when the battery position had to be vacated he rendered valuable assistance in organising the battery riflemen to assist the infantry.

27645 Pte. (A./Cpl.) E. G. Bridges, Essex R. (S. Chingford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two trench mortars during an enemy attack. He fired until the enemy entered the trench and when most of the team had become casualties, he blew up the trench mortars and the ammunition. He then collected some stragglers and bombed his way through the enemy and took charge of another trench mortar in a reserve position.

8963 Sjt. J. F. Bridges, M.M., Wilts. R. (Swindon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling serjeant, when, through lengthy operations, he showed great efficiency in maintaining communications to all departments. In a counter-attack he advanced ahead with his C.S.M. with a Lewis gun, causing heavy casualties to the enemy, and thereby materially assisted in the success of the operation.

85185 Bomdr. W. Bridson, R.F.A. (Douglas, Isle of Man).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having had one of his trench mortars put out of action by a heavy enemy bombardment, he completed its destruction, and then made his way, in spite of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, to another mortar, which he fired on the advancing enemy till all his ammunition was expended. He then destroyed it, thus preventing it falling into the hands of the enemy in anything like a serviceable condition. Under very heavy fire he displayed a courage and resource of a high order.

G/7733 Sjt. W. Brisby, M.M., R. Fus. (S. Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was with his company in the front line, heavily engaged with the enemy, and the battalions on either flank were forced to retire, which made the position of his own untenable from the heavy machine-gun fire

the enemy were able to bring to bear. This N.C.O. encouraged the men round him in every way during these trying circumstances, his own example of entire disregard of danger being most inspiring. The steady accuracy of his own rifle fire drove off a hostile machine-gun team. Eventually it became necessary to choose between the alternative of rushing back over ground swept by machine-gun fire or submitting to capture. He collected the men who were willing to attempt the former, and led them back. On reaching battalion headquarters he asked to be permitted to rejoin the remainder of the battalion instead of going to brigade headquarters to report the position. The battalion were making a fine resistance under heavy fire to the advance of the enemy, and Serjeant Brisby was wounded while with them, but evaded being taken prisoner.

10837 Sjt. W. Broadfoot, S. Lanc. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when at a critical moment he crawled to a flank and did much execution amongst the enemy. When his company was obliged to withdraw, he was mainly responsible for reorganising the men, and he set a grand example throughout.

20122 Sjt. A. Brodie, M.M., M.G.C. (Blairgowrie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping his machine gun in action, although isolated with his team, and in covering infantry retirements on two separate occasions, when he inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. He displayed the greatest coolness and resource, and inspired the men under him by his fine example.

11933 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) H. Brogden, D.C.L.I. (Hackney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command and rallied his men. In so doing he checked the enemy's advance for some hours. On numerous occasions he displayed great gallantry and coolness under heavy fire.

L/9567 C.S.M. L. J. Brooker, M.M., R.W. Surr. R. (Redhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all officers had become casualties, he assumed command of the company, and by his fine leadership and courageous conduct he led the company and a number of men of other units through a variety of difficult situations with complete success.

202767 Pte. G. E. Brookes, Lanc. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section commander was killed, this man took command of the Lewis gun team, and pushed his gun up to within ten yards of the enemy, maintaining a steady fire at point-blank range. This held up the enemy in front until a party worked round the rear and captured them. This man's initiative thus cleared that part of the line.