

11760 Sjt. W. Brookes, Manch. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when the enemy attempted to surround his flank, this N.C.O. collected a mixed party of men, and with a Lewis gun rushed to the threatened position, exposing himself fearlessly throughout the action, and inspiring the men with confidence. His prompt and gallant action undoubtedly saved the situation, and all the time he was under very heavy machine-gun fire.

294477 Gnr. F. Brooks, R.G.A. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as linesman he found it impossible to keep up communication on existing lines, so he volunteered to run out another line, which he successfully maintained for seventeen hours, despite repeated breaks, under heavy fire. On another occasion, whilst repairing lines in a village he was slightly wounded, but continued his duties until communication had been re-established.

41768 Pte. A. E. Brown, Linc. R. (Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When our counter-attack on the enemy was being temporarily held up by heavy frontal and enfilade fire, this man rushed forward with the Lewis gun into an advanced position, and put an enemy machine gun out of action. His courage and promptitude enabled his company to advance. When his Lewis gun was rendered useless by shell fire he took up a rifle and did great execution among the enemy, his gallant example encouraging all the men near him.

86986 Pte. C. Brown, M.G.C. (Waltham Abbey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion on all occasions. Once, although wounded, and in spite of very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire at close range, he kept his gun in action and caused heavy casualties to the enemy, who were endeavouring to cross a canal. Later, in a counter-attack, he kept his gun firing until it was put out of action and he himself wounded. His courage and devotion throughout was worthy of the highest praise.

290769 Sjt. D. Brown, M.M., R. Highrs. (Kirkcaldy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a Lewis gunner this N.C.O. was on all occasions among the last to leave his position, inflicting heavy casualties on the advancing enemy, and holding them up until another position had been established.

No. 61994 L./Cpl. (A./2nd Cpl.) G. Brown, R.E. (Wigan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered to blow up a pumping engine and borehole. Owing to a defect in the fuse the charges did not explode. He waited twenty minutes and then returned under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, put in a fresh fuse, and successfully completed the demolition when the enemy were close on the borehole.

12302 Sjt. G. W. Brown, Linc. R. (Messingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting serjeant-major of the company, he took charge of a platoon who were holding the second objective, and he maintained his position against all attacks, though heavily outnumbered by the enemy and out-bombed. When the enemy counter-attacked in force he withdrew, according to orders, with the greatest skill, fighting hard and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy as they advanced. He behaved with no less gallantry than conspicuous ability throughout the operation.

H/1983 Sqd. S./M. J. Brown, Hrs. (Hampstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He volunteered to go and find out the situation in "No Man's Land" at a farm believed to be held by the enemy. He discovered that it was held by our own troops, and at great risk to himself he managed to stop the firing, thereby saving many casualties. Later, he took out a patrol and brought back valuable information which was urgently required. Throughout the operations he showed great courage, and was eventually wounded.

G/1849 Sjt. S. T. Brown, R.W. Surr. R. (Oxted).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When there were no officers left he took charge of the company. Under very trying circumstances he handled them with great skill for 24 hours, and when he handed over command to another officer he continued to be of the greatest assistance. His courage and cheerfulness inspired the men with confidence.

11319 L./Cpl. J. Browning, M.M., Devon. R. (Teignmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack a heavy barrage had been put down in rear of a position, and the ground was swept by machine-gun fire. Finding a man badly wounded, he bandaged and carried him back through the barrage to the dressing station behind. He did this on two occasions. His courage and coolness under heavy machine-gun and shell fire was most marked.

575 R.Q.M.S. (A./R.S.M.) T. Brunton, R. Fus. (Maxwelltown).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a withdrawal. When the battalion had fallen back, there was a great shortage of Lewis guns and ammunition. Seeing a derelict tank on the flank, he organised a party, and under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, brought back two Lewis guns and a considerable supply of ammunition. Owing to his indefatigable work, performed practically without sleep for seven days and nights, the battalion was never once without rations and water.

240650 C.S.M. S. Bryan, Yorks. L.I. (Cudworth, Barnsley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, when in the attack on a strong point he personally killed several of the enemy, and, the subalterns having become casual-