

71982 Bdr. (A./Cpl.) P. G. Arthur, R.G.A. (Builth Wells).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A working party were preparing a battery position, when they came under heavy shell fire, the officers being fatally wounded. This N.C.O. was the senior with the party and set a splendid example of courage and determination, organising stretcher parties to take the wounded to the rear, and rallying the remainder to carry on the work. This N.C.O. has repeatedly shown confidence and coolness under heavy shell fire.

250619 Pte. E. Ashley, Manch. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man has shown great keenness and ability as a runner when taking messages under fire. His cheerfulness and disregard of danger has set a high standard for the other runners of the battalion.

M2/07607 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Atkinson, A.S.C. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did consistent good work. His constant cheerfulness and example were successful in keeping up the spirit of the men under trying conditions. He frequently volunteered for work in the forward area.

50121 Sjt. J. W. Attridge, R.F.A. (Battersea, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Sjt. Attridge has often proved his worth as a reliable non-commissioned officer under fire; he has always performed his duties with a single-minded devotion, worthy of the highest praise, and his example has been of the greatest value.

13601 C.S.M. H. Aungiers, Durh. L.I. (Grangetown).

For conspicuous gallantry and excellent service at all times, and in particular during a relief under heavy shell fire. His company being left with one officer only, and the guide having lost his way, he, by his determination and skill, enabled the company to complete the relief. His cheery disposition under most trying conditions did much to keep up the fighting spirit of his company.

700008 R.S.M. P. H. Avey, Lond. R. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out, under very heavy shell, gas and machine-gun fire the task of organising carrying parties and forwarding S.A.A., bombs and material to threatened points, in addition to getting all rations up under very trying circumstances. His coolness, energy and admirable supervision were invaluable.

18794 B.S.M. T. Ayers, R.G.A. ([E] London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during fourteen months of active service. He invariably showed unwavering courage and loyalty under trying conditions. Apart from the performance of his routine duties with the utmost efficiency, he has at all times been foremost with courage and example in moments of danger and crisis,

regardless of his personal safety, and always with a view to the welfare of the battery. His zeal, unselfishness and untiring energy have won the highest admiration of both officers and men.

10377 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Aylott, R.E. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During lengthy operations he displayed the greatest courage and ability in overcoming difficulties of transport under most unfavourable conditions, and without his strenuous exertions it is doubtful whether the transports could have been got through a pass.

19413 A./Cpl. E. Baillie, R. Scots (Bonnyrigg).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a Stokes gun. In reply to the S.O.S. signal he fired his gun, under intense shell fire, until his ammunition was exhausted, and then manned the parapet with his detachment and opened rifle fire. He displayed great courage throughout and materially assisted in breaking up the enemy's attack.

L/8681 R.S.M. E. E. W. Baker, E. Surr. (Stockwell, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in the front line he has proved himself a cool and courageous leader, and has shown a consistent devotion to duty of a high order. On one occasion when the Battalion H.Q. was heavily shelled, on his own initiative, and with a total disregard of personal danger, he saw every man of the H.Q.'s to positions of safety before seeking cover himself.

546363 Sgt. (A./C.S.M.) C. J. W. Balderston, R.E. (Leyton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O., when his company were in very poor billets, daily subjected to bombardment of gas and H.E. shells, suffering many casualties, cheered up and steadied the men, and assisted in dressing the wounded and conveying them to the dressing station. One evening, when the main road was blocked with wounded and transport, he took charge and relieved the congestion, saving further casualties.

14341 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) G. E. Balfe, R.E. (Forest Hill, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a trigonometrical surveyor, the quality of his work has been of a high standard, in spite of its being carried out under circumstances often of great personal danger under heavy fire.

90767 T/R.S.M. J. Banner, R.F.A. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting forward rations under enemy shell fire. He has never failed on any occasion though often encountering great difficulty. He was once wounded owing to his perseverance under most adverse conditions.