

16112 Ftr. S.Sjt. W. M. Bare, R.G.A. (Swanscombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During over three years' service in the field, this N.C.O. has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty. He has frequently volunteered for and performed duties of a dangerous description in a gallant and fearless manner.

16170 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. E. Barker, R.E. (Abingdon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as senior N.C.O. with a cable section. He successfully maintained communication with the cavalry screen throughout an advance. Later, under heavy shell fire, he showed fine courage and determination in laying and repairing cable. Throughout he maintained by his personal example a high standard in his section.

240017 R.Q.M.S. W. Barker, Notts. and Derby. R. (Bakewell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty both as C.S.M. and R.Q.M.S. As the former he showed powers of leadership in action, and as the latter he has worked hard for the comfort and efficiency of the men. He has been out over three years.

95180 Gnr. C. E. Barnes, R.F.A. (S. Lambeth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the cook-house got a direct hit by a gas shell, he continued his preparations and assisted in carrying wounded under heavy fire to the dressing station. He was suffering severely from the effects of gas poisoning, but remained at duty until ordered away.

304084 C.S.M. A. H. Barrell, Lond. R. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. has done most efficient work for many months, and is the most reliable C.S.M., his example in action being of great assistance to his company commander.

106517 C.S.M. J.P. Batey, R.E. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered on no less than eleven occasions in one month to conduct parties carrying rations and supplies over a very much exposed area that was being heavily shelled by the enemy, to give emplacements in the front line. The fine example of courage and devotion to duty of this warrant officer had an excellent effect on the N.C.O.'s and men of his company.

43258 B.S.M. H. Bealey, R.F.A. (Weston-super-Mare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations he displayed great courage and energy in organising and leading the pack supply of ammunitions to the guns. He frequently reorganised the traffic under shell fire, and never failed to get the ammunition up.

200039 L./Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) J. Beard, Shrops. L.I. (Oakengates).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his courage and perseverance he greatly encouraged the men of his company, and on one occasion, the platoon commander having been killed, he directed the flank covering fire when a counter-attack was made. When eventually he had to be taken to the advanced dressing station through loss of blood, he refused to be attended to until men more seriously wounded had been dressed.

225260 Sjt. J. Beattie, M.M., Mon. R. (Newport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. has performed duties of every description with enthusiasm and vigour for two years. On many occasions under heavy fire he has steadied and controlled his platoon. For two months with parties working on a reserve line, although frequently heavily shelled, he always got the task satisfactorily completed.

L./25548 Sjt. F. Beaumont, R.F.A. (Halifax).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a long period of service at the front this N.C.O. has rendered valuable service, bringing ammunition and rations to the front line without fail, though in many instances he has had to bring his men and horses through heavy enemy shell fire. His untiring energy and unfailing cheerfulness, in spite of adverse circumstances, have been an example which has brought his sub-section to a high standard of efficiency.

420018 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) D. Beith, R.E. (Paisley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out an extensive wiring programme most efficiently. For a month he supervised the work night after night, and by his example and perseverance was a great encouragement to others, thereby ensuring the completion of the work, in spite of the bombardment from gas shells and trench mortars.

42766 Sjt. S. G. Bellamy, R.F.A. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a battery position was being heavily shelled, he alone succeeded in delivering ammunition, the rest of his party following later. Twice he was successful. On many occasions he showed very great initiative and courage when exposed to heavy shell fire, and his fine example greatly contributed to the steadiness of all ranks with him.

11755 C.S.M. A. Bennett, G. Gds. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon with the greatest efficiency and courage after his platoon commander had become a casualty. He was wounded in a bayonet charge, but refused to leave the battalion while it remained in the line. Later as C.S.M. he has always maintained a very high standard of efficiency and discipline. His quick decision