

and sound judgment in action are beyond all praise.

49354 Sjt. J. W. Bennett, R.F.A. (Edmonton, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As No. 1 of a detachment he has continually displayed the most conspicuous courage, coolness and devotion to duty under shell fire, and his fine example has been of the greatest value to all ranks with him.

330866 Sjt. W. J. Bennett, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the whole period under review the devotion to duty displayed by this N.C.O. has been a fine example to all those around him. On one occasion a machine-gun bullet penetrated his steel helmet, but, though he was considerably shaken, he insisted on remaining at his post. When an officer and the serjeant of another platoon became casualties, he took command of this platoon as well as his own, and under very heavy machine-gun fire, continually visited all his posts.

L/19286 Sjt. W. Berry, R.F.A. (City Road, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period under review he has distinguished himself by his courage under fire and his cheerfulness in difficult and dangerous circumstances. His fine example of soldierly conduct has been of great value to the men of the battery.

536001 Q.M.S. (T./S.M.) H. E. Bevans, R.A.M.C. (St. John's, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as R.S.M. for a period of six months. He showed great initiative and resource in organising a regular supply of medical stores for the forward area and in controlling the transport for the evacuation of the wounded. On more than one occasion he organised stragglers under heavy shell fire for the purpose of clearing the wounded.

12799 Sjt. E. Bibby, R. Lan. R. (Windermere).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as transport serjeant. While in charge of a ration convoy he displayed great courage and coolness when the convoy was heavily shelled and several men and animals hit, finally restoring order and delivering his rations intact. This is only one of his many acts of gallantry.

70890 Sjt. C. V. Biddlecombe, R.E. (Catford, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst attached to a mounted division during an action he displayed the greatest courage and skill in maintaining wireless communication under heavy fire, and in repairing the aerial and masts when these were shot down.

16519 Cpl. E. A. W. Bignell, R.E. ([E] Bulford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a signal section. His unfailing reliability and coolness when in action and under shell fire have on many occasions

proved an example of the greatest value to the section. On one occasion he was in charge of a party detailed to follow the last wave of an attack and lay cable routes. This he carried out in spite of heavy shelling, which marked the whole line of his advance and caused heavy casualties to his party. Finding that the barrage was cutting his lines, he went out and laid a fresh cable by another route, and thus maintained communication forward.

4409 Cpl. A. Birch, R. Fus. (Longsight, Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as sniping and observation corporal. He has shown himself to be a keen and intelligent soldier. During all weathers and on his own initiative he has spent many hours in exposed positions waiting to shoot, and has many enemy dead to his credit. His conduct instilled keenness into all ranks.

D/19711 R.Q.M.S. J. Bird, Dn. Gds. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O.'s capacity for organisation and the energy with which he has performed his duties have been of great service to his unit. His determination and initiative has been noteworthy at all times.

15822 Sjt. J. S. Birkett, York. R. (Aylesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has always been in charge of wiring parties, and has done most valuable work. He has carried out several daring patrols and brought back most useful information. He has at all times set a fine example of courage and cheerfulness.

12569 Pte. C. G. Bishop, R. Fus. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner. He has never failed to deliver his messages, and displayed on all occasions a complete contempt of danger. He has served through lengthy operations and in numerous engagements.

15330 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) C. Blackmore, R.E. (Brixton, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. has been wireless serjeant with the company for two years, and has been indefatigable in his devotion to duty, visiting and assisting all the stations in the corps area. On many occasions he has been to stations in forward positions, quite regardless of personal safety, and by his courage and example has kept wireless telegraphy at work, when severe hostile shelling has made any other means of communication impossible.

935001 B.S.M. A. E. Bliss, R.F.A. (U. Clapton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His coolness and example under heavy shell fire has been of the greatest value in maintaining confidence and discipline under adverse conditions.

7466 B.S.M. C. A. Bliss, R.F.A. (Southfields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Has always proved himself to be