

Infantry unloading party and three of his crew became casualties from the severe barrage. He endeavoured to collect a second party, but the infantry began to withdraw owing to the intense fire. He was unable to start his engine owing to half-unloaded supplies, but remained with his Tank to the last until the enemy were within fifty yards of him, when he withdrew. He made several attempts later with volunteers to reach the Tank, but the very severe machine-gun fire made it impossible. His conspicuous gallantry and resourceful energy in circumstances of great difficulty were admirable.

T.Z./7755 A.B. J. J. Bellamy, Hood Bn., R.N.V.R. (Blaydon).

He was acting as "runner" to the company commander during an attack N.W. of Achiet-le-Petit, on 21st August, 1918, and working with great gallantry and complete disregard of danger in country swept by shell and machine-gun fire he rendered services of great value. In company with another man he located and captured an enemy machine-gun, disposing of the crew. By his courage and initiative he saved many wounded men by getting them to places of safety in spite of heavy fire.

65177 Pte. A. E. Allen, M.M., 5th Bn., York. L.I. (Weston-super-Mare).

65193 Pte. G. H. Bevens, M.M., 5th Bn., York. L.I. (Bowes Park, London).

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on Havrincourt between the 12th and 14th September, 1918, as battalion "runners." They worked continuously under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire; and there is no doubt that had it not been for the courage of these two men, several very important orders would never have reached the front line.

1263 Pte. A. W. Bird, No. 11 Field Amb., R.A.M.C. (Bow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 30th August to 3rd September, 1918, east of Arras. He worked continuously under heavy shell fire evacuating wounded, being wounded, buried by a shell, and later on gassed, and although vomiting for two hours, carried on with his work. He set a fine example of endurance to the other bearers.

276539 Sjt. A. J. Blake, 156th Hy. Bty., R.G.A. (Fitzwarren).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Oostaverne on the afternoon of 4th October, 1918, when guns and wagons, moving down a forward slope, came under observed fire. A direct hit caused several casualties, one driver being hit, and falling from his horse, Sjt. Blake, although wounded in the hand, jumped into the driver's saddle while the team was going at a fast trot, and so enabled the gun to be got safely away. This is the fifth time he has been wounded, and he has frequently got his guns into action under shell fire and aeroplane bombing.

58110 Sjt. T. A. Blore, R.F.A., attd. Y/34th T.M.By. (Smethwick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near St. Julien on 23rd/24th September, 1918. After a night raid by the enemy, seven men of the battery were missing. At 10 a.m.

in the morning this N.C.O., with another, volunteered to go out and search for them, advancing beyond the most forward posts in full view of the enemy. They found the guns untouched, but not the men. In the evening they brought in the guns.

241765 L./Cpl. H. E. Booth, 2/4th Bn., York. L.I. (T.F.) (Rotherham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty east of Vaulx-Vraucourt on the 2nd September, 1918. During the attack all the officers and senior N.C.O.'s of his company became casualties before the objective was reached. He took charge of the company and led it to and consolidated the objective—a position of very great importance. His splendid example and leading under heavy fire was worthy of the highest praise.

241977 Sjt. P. J. Bowden, 1/5th Bn., S. Lanc. R. (T.F.) (Cheltenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 20th September, 1918, near La Bassée. In an assault he rushed from above ground some enemy bombers who were lining a trench, and when the objective was reached worked his way alone across 300 yards of open ground to gain touch with the platoon on his right. On the way he had a hand-to-hand struggle with two of the enemy, securing one. His dash and courage in action is always noticeable.

76007 Pte. D. Bowling, 9th Bn., R. Fus. (Ratcliffe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack near Morlancourt on 8th August, 1918, this N.C.O., with a wounded man, were in an advanced position surrounded by the enemy, who called on him to surrender. He refused. He was then wounded, but fought his way out and dispersed the enemy, and then went back and brought in the wounded man. His gallant act was a fine example of courage and determination.

19731 Sjt. T. W. Bowman, 2/4th Bn., Y. and L. Regt. (T.F.) (Pudsey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Vaulx-Vraucourt on the 20th September, 1918. In company with another man he raided a dug-out and took forty prisoners, of whom three were officers. His daring gallantry and disregard of his own safety entirely overcame the opposition of the enemy.

470041 C./S./M. H. Brandon, 12th Bn., Lond. R. (Muswell Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on Happy Valley, Bray-sur-Somme, 24th August, 1918, when a counter-attack was imminent, this warrant officer collected about a hundred men from various companies and established himself on the railway embankment in the face of heavy machine-gun fire. Later, when all officers in his company became casualties, he assumed command and for three days showed great courage and skill in leading forward patrols and using his men generally with the utmost efficiency.

200386 L./Cpl. H. Breese, 2nd Bn., Tank Corps (Eccleshall, Stafford).

On 8th September, 1918, near Marcel Cave, he drove his Tank with great determination and skill over most difficult ground through heavy