

14053 Sjt. D. J. Beattie, A.C.C., attd. 17th Corps, Cyc. Bn. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th October, 1918, near Reux. When in command of a half-platoon protecting the left flank he worked his Lewis guns with great effect under hostile shelling and machine-gun fire. The next day he fought his way 1,500 yards in front of the infantry, silencing a machine gun by killing the crew. Although wounded, he held on for four hours until the infantry came up.

14659 Pte. T. E. Beattie, 16th Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For fine courage and good work when a bridge was being thrown across the Sambro-Oise Canal at Ors on 4th November, 1918. Several casualties were caused by an enemy post on the opposite bank. With Pte. Leslie he volunteered and swam across the canal lower down, attacked the post from the flank, and killed or captured the six men holding it. His daring and initiative materially contributed to the success of the operations.

940215 B./S./M. F. C. Bedloe, 135th Bty., 32nd Bde., R.F.A. (Blackheath).

For marked initiative on the 22nd October, 1918, near Haspres, when the wagon lines were heavily shelled. The first shell obtained a direct hit on a house in which was a party of men. Together with two others he went to rescue these men. One of his comrades was killed and the other wounded. This warrant officer brought the wounded man out and placed him in a comparatively safe position. This was done under continuous shelling.

201099 Sjt. C. Bees, 1/4th Bn., Glouc. R., T.F. (Bristol). (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a platoon during a raid at Ave on night 23rd to 24th October, 1918. He rushed a party of the enemy outside a dug-out, bayoneting several and causing the rest to surrender. He then proceeded to his final objective, capturing a machine gun and crew and clearing all the dug-outs in the vicinity.

11529 Cpl. P. Beggs, 2nd Bn., Lan. Fus. (Rusholme).

For conspicuous gallantry under very heavy shell fire during operations near Sailly-en-Ostrevant, 3rd to 6th October, 1918. On the afternoon of the 3rd Cpl. Beggs and one man were sent across in daylight to reconnoitre the enemy side of the river Trinquis. This they did, and from their information posts were pushed over and established. For three days they formed part of these posts, which, in spite of very heavy shell fire and seven enemy attempts to dislodge them, held out with magnificent tenacity and endurance.

12/1071 Sjt. A. V. Bell, 7th Bn., E. York. R. (Hull).

During the fighting in the Fôret de Mormal, 4th and 5th November, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and ability throughout. After his officer was killed he carried out his duties during the day until relieved by an officer. He made a reconnaissance under very heavy fire, and suc-

ceeded in getting in touch with the division on the left, and guided them to form a liaison post between the corps.

7748 C./S./M. G. Bell, M.M., 32nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Ayr).

For very gallant behaviour on 1st November, 1918, near Ors. His company was in position to fire a barrage to cover the advance of the infantry when it came under heavy shell fire. A limber was blown up and twenty casualties were caused almost immediately. Though himself wounded, he rendered first aid to the wounded, and got the ammunition removed from the limbers and distributed to the guns.

7/15403 Pte. F. Berry, 7th (S.) Bn., S.W. Bord. (Newport, Mon.). (SALONIKA)

On the morning of the 18th September, 1918, this man, when the attack was checked by about thirty of the enemy on The Tongue, rushed forward alone and, by his bomb-throwing, put the enemy to flight, thus enabling the advance to continue. During this operation his right hand was blown off at the wrist, but he continued most gallantly to throw bombs with his left until the enemy withdrew. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

15441 Sjt. F. Bevington, 2nd Bn., North'd Fus. (E) Cannock).

For great gallantry and initiative on 6th November, 1918. Near Noyelle, when the company was reorganising in a sunken road, they were enfiladed from the right. He, with five men, went down the road in the direction of the firing, posted a covering Lewis gun, and went forward alone to reconnoitre. Discovering a house occupied by the enemy, he rushed the house, capturing two of the enemy and dispersing the remainder.

32554 Sjt. J. A. Bibby, 9th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near the Bois de Biey on 30th September, 1918. Finding a company on his left harassed by fire from a pill-box, he promptly made an attack on it, and killed two of the enemy and captured eight. Later, though twice wounded, he remained at his post for twelve hours, and his platoon repelled an attempted raid. His personal courage and conduct were of a very high order.

265336 Gnr. J. Biglands. (B/95th Bde., R.F.A., attd. Gds. Div. Art. (Chester-le-Street).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Dernicourt on 27th September, 1918. Whilst the battery was in action, it came under heavy shell fire. He visited each gun in turn, carrying out minor repairs, and keeping them all in action. After two complete gun detachments became casualties, he repaired both guns under heavy fire. By his capacity and energy he kept all the guns firing, notwithstanding the severe casualties.

200010 C.S.M. L. W. Birkett, M.M., 3rd Bn., Worc. R. (Kidderminster).

Throughout the operations south of Neuve Chapelle, on the 25th September, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and coolness.