

8940 Serjeant J. A. Bate, 2nd Battalion, Shropshire Light Infantry.

For conspicuous good work in command of machine guns, notably when helping to repel the enemy's attack.

7361 Lance-Corporal C. Bates, 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry when he went out in front of our line and brought in a wounded officer under heavy fire. The officer was wounded in the throat and was being suffocated, but Corporal Bates forced a straw down his throat, thus enabling him to breathe and suck water from a bottle.

18873 Private A. Batten, 2nd Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers.

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness and courage in a captured trench with an officer. Finally all the party had been killed or wounded except the officer and three men.

23812 Sapper H. Bayliss, 4th Signal Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry. He was continually repairing cable lines and maintaining communication under heavy fire.

17243 Serjeant G. W. Bazeley, 2nd Battalion, West Riding Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry when he formed one of a party which attacked and captured an enemy listening post. The enemy recaptured the post, but Serjeant Bazeley went out again with bombers and helped to retake it and destroy it. He showed great coolness under fire.

6229 Serjeant-Major G. Beck, 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work throughout the campaign. His fine conduct, example and devotion to duty have frequently been brought to notice.

70793 Gunner R. Beckham, Headquarters, 28th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on several occasions. During one engagement Gunner Beckham kept continuously going along and repairing wires from the front trenches to Artillery and Infantry Brigade Headquarters, and it was mainly owing to his bravery and resource that communication was maintained.

15074 Private W. Beer, 5th Battalion, Grenadier Guards (formerly 2nd Battalion).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he was wounded in the sap-head, but refused to leave his post for aid and continued to throw his bombs most efficiently.

6652 Company Serjeant-Major G. Beesley, late 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack, when he led his men with great dash after all his officers had been killed or wounded, and afterwards reorganised his company under very trying circumstances. Later he assisted in the removal of the wounded under heavy rifle and shell fire.

1890 Private (Acting Corporal) D. S. Bell, 2nd Battalion, Royal Highlanders.

For conspicuous gallantry. When shell fire had buried five guns Lance-Corporal Blyth and Privates Bell and McLeod dug them out and continued to serve the one gun remaining uninjured. Later they dug out the guns of another unit and served them till they were destroyed by shell fire. Private McLeod was wounded.

2217 Private F. F. Bell, 10th (Scottish) Battalion, Liverpool Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on many occasions. He tended and dressed the wounds of men of three battalions, and was noted twice by officers of other regiments for his bravery and good work.

S/4291 Lance-Corporal W. Bell, Depot, Royal Highlanders (formerly 9th Battalion).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attended the wounded indefatigably till late in the evening, and then, although himself wounded and suffering great pain, brought another wounded man back to the dressing station.

2036 Drummer W. Bell, 1/9th (The Dumbartonshire) Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion on many occasions and particularly on the following:—While under heavy shell and rifle fire he attended to a wounded officer, and, after two other men had been struck while walking by the side of the officer's stretcher, he took their places in order to protect the officer from the fire of the enemy.