

3431 Private A. Belton, 28th Divisional Cyclist Company, Army Cyclist Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability in delivering despatches and keeping up communication with the firing line under heavy rifle and artillery fire.

34498 Bombardier G. Bennett, 130th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry when he repaired the telephone cables between his battery and the observing station, which were repeatedly cut by heavy shell fire. Owing to Bombardier Bennett's coolness and bravery the battery was not more than five minutes throughout the day out of communication with its observing station.

1502 Private F. Bennison, Royal Army Medical Corps.

For gallant conduct and devotion in volunteering for isolation with cerebro-spinal fever patients and nursing them devotedly for many weeks.

824 Lance-Corporal R. Benson, 1st Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry when he established and maintained signalling communication with the front line under very heavy fire and after there had been many casualties in his section. He has previously been noted during the campaign for marked devotion to duty.

2334 Lance-Corporal C. Berry, 1st/7th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. He has continually volunteered for patrol duty, and brought in valuable information. His courage and example have proved of the highest value.

450 Corporal W. Berry, Depôt, Highland Light Infantry (formerly 11th Battalion).

For conspicuous gallantry. Although suffering severely himself, he, with great coolness and bravery, carried his platoon Serjeant, under heavy fire, back into safety, thereby saving his life. He was obliged to crawl, and at the same time to stop the "arterial" bleeding. Against the wishes of the medical officer, he returned to the firing line, and did excellent work until he had to be carried off to hospital.

34488 Corporal A. Best, Headquarters, 4th Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry in laying down and repairing telephonic communication, frequently under heavy fire. He displayed on all occasions great bravery and ability in the performance of his duties.

8004 Corporal A. P. Best, 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack, when he led his platoon with great dash after all the senior N.C.O.'s were killed or wounded. He has done fine work on patrol and in charge of snipers.

2244 Lance-Corporal G. T. Bevan, 1st Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry. When the parapet close to a machine gun had been blown down, he exhibited great courage and presence of mind in dismantling the gun and removing it; the whole emplacement being blown up by a high explosive shell a few seconds later.

70499 Driver A. Biddulph, Base Details, Royal Horse Artillery (formerly "T" Battery).

For conspicuous gallantry. When galloping forward his gun in close support of infantry the lead horses were wounded and had to be taken out. He himself was also wounded, but drove his gun into action and took away the limber.

8915 Acting Corporal A. Bigg, 10th Battalion, Scottish Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work, when in charge of the Regimental Machine Guns.

11277 Serjeant J. Birch, 2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry. He rendered great assistance to C.Q.M.S. Sumner after all the company officers had become casualties, and ably aided in the work of disposing the company on the line reached.

15836 Acting Bombardier J. Birch, 10th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry. As a linesman, he has invariably shown great courage under fire in repairing wires, and in assisting to maintain communications intact.

11620 Private C. H. Birchall, 7th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry. A non-commissioned officer was wounded between our and the enemy's lines. Private Birchall went out, rendered first aid, and assisted to bring him into safety under a continuous fire.