

bombing attack on the enemy's strong posts, he volunteered and fetched reinforcements after three successive messengers had been killed. He then returned to his bombing work.

20066 Private V. P. Allsopp, 5th Battalion, Shropshire Light Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. When their N.C.O. had been taken away wounded and their gun twice buried, Privates Allsopp, Nicholls and Prior stuck to their post. Next day, when the enemy attacked, they repulsed the attacks with a fresh gun. Later this gun was also buried, and they then held 100 yards of trench with their rifles, driving back two parties of enemy bombers. Finally, when ordered, they retired, bringing their damaged gun and its spare parts.

27084 Sapper J. B. Anderson, Royal Engineers (Cavalry Corps, Signals Squadron).

For conspicuous gallantry in repairing cables during a severe bombardment by trench mortars and bombs. He has frequently done such work under heavy fire.

1072 Corporal A. Armstrong, 2nd Battalion, Royal Highlanders (attached Bareilly Brigade Machine-gun Company).

For conspicuous gallantry with machine-guns in covering a retirement under heavy fire and bomb attacks. When only one man of his team was left he brought a gun back a long distance, and at once got into action again under heavy shell fire.

2755 Private G. Arnold, 1/8th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry. When his bay of the trench had been blown in and was still under fire, he worked hard at rescuing the buried men, and then carried on with his machine-gun as usual.

22309 Serjeant W. Askew, 2nd Battery, 13th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous good work as No. 1 of his gun in demolishing enemy trenches. On another occasion he brought in a wounded cavalry serjeant under heavy fire.

14562 Serjeant C. Avery, 8th Battalion, Royal Lancaster Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during operations. When all his officers were wounded he took command of his company, and showed great determination and skill in organising the defence and carrying out the relief.

S.9844 Private (Acting Corporal) C. A. Backshall, 3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

For conspicuous gallantry. After an intense bombardment by the enemy, Corporal Butler and Private Backshall opened fire with their machine-gun and drove back the enemy, who had come out to attack. They then swept the enemy parapet with their fire.

4448 Private J. Bailey, 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He was prominent in the assault and tended the wounded under heavy shell fire. He set a fine example to his comrades.

1927 Lance-Corporal C. H. Batley, 1st Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on several occasions on patrol. When one of a bombing party he threw all his bombs after being slightly wounded, and, after being medically treated, at once rejoined his platoon.

44115 Sapper A. E. Batty, 17th Signal Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill. When the headquarters of a battalion had its dug-outs and telephone lines destroyed by shell fire, with two others he extemporised an office, deviated lines, and in half an hour restored communications under very heavy shell fire.

3520 Lance-Corporal A. Beckwith, 1/8th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. When many N.C.O.'s had become casualties, and he was the only one left, he handled the men with great coolness and assisted in extricating the wounded under heavy shell and machine-gun fire from the enemy, whose trenches were only 70 yards distant. On other occasions he has shown great zeal and courage.

48835 Corporal W. Bee, 83rd Field Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack by the enemy. His personal example of cool courage enabled a damaged tramway to be repaired under heavy shell fire.

7/11472 Private C. Bellinger, 7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry. When the bombing serjeant and other bombers had become casualties in an attack he and another private pushed forward under heavy fire with an officer to the "stop" and held up the enemy by bombing till the bomb supply failed and the officer was wounded. He was himself wounded, but helped his officer back.