

devotion to duty during severe operations. For 48 hours during stress of battle S./M. Barker was tireless in organising and carrying out work. He was regardless of danger. His service to the battalion was magnificent.

9731 Sjt. A. C. Barnes, R. W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion. After both officers of his section had been wounded, he advanced and worked four machine-guns under machine-gun, rifle, and shrapnel fire. When the majority of his section had been killed or wounded, he succeeded in retiring all his guns intact, although wounded himself in so doing.

112269 Sjt. J. Barnetson, Spec. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative throughout an attack. After taking a man, who had been incapacitated, from his emplacement, he discharged all the remaining cylinders himself, and dragged one, which could not be otherwise discharged, over the parapet, under heavy shell fire, and discharged it with a rifle bullet.

2244 Cpl. W. G. Barnwell, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. The enemy were seen massing for a counter-attack, but Corporal Barnwell, though wounded, moved his machine-gun out in front of the captured trench, and opened fire with such effect that he was largely responsible for the enemy's retreat.

16748 Pte. J. Batey, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. An officer observing that an enemy machine-gun was holding up a company during an attack, Pte. Batey crept out with the officer and another man, under heavy fire and over open ground, and put the gun and team out of action, thus saving the situation.

13573 Sjt. D. H. Beard, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations, notably during heavy bombing assaults and counter-attacks. Though twice wounded he continued to fight on, and did not report to the medical officer till ordered to do so. He set a fine example.

2207 Sjt. C. A. Berry, York & Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the enemy counter-attacked on their captured trenches, he handled a machine-gun under heavy fire in a most daring manner till wounded in the head. Two days previously, during a heavy bombardment, he dug up a buried gun and got it into action.

1849 Pte. (Actg. Cpl.) G. E. Bevan, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took part in an attack, and, after being wounded in the hand, performed most devoted service in continually bringing up bombs over difficult ground exposed to very heavy fire. During one of these journeys he was able to remove a wounded officer to safety.

16844 Pte. (Actg. Cpl.) H. F. Billingham, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. In an attack on the enemy's line he collected several men, drove back and killed all the enemy for some 60 yards in the trench, and finally remained with the wounded C.O. of another battalion till the latter could be removed on a stretcher.

23145 Sjt. H. Bird, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He repeatedly went out under intense shell fire and repaired breaks in the wire. On other occasions he has shown great bravery.

1726 Cpl. W. J. Bird, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When the enemy made a strong bombing attack on his barricade, he kept up a steady fire with rifles and grenades, and, though his party suffered severely, he held the barricade till reinforced.

9867 C./S./M. T. Black, K.O.S.B.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He led forward a party of snipers, and then, creeping forward with one man under machine-gun fire, attacked a machine-gun at eighty yards. Later, throughout eight hours' heavy bombardment, he showed great coolness and set a fine example.

9832 L./Sjt. A. E. Blacker, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in charge of the battalion stretcher-bearers during protracted operations. He exhibited the greatest courage in the performance of his duties, and a total disregard of danger.

6355 L./Sjt. G. Blackmore, Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack, in searching enemy mine shafts, in spite of gas. The success of his party was greatly owing to his courage and devotion to duty.

22/754 Bugler J. Blake, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry when employed as a stretcher-bearer. On entering a captured dug-out he discovered, without being observed himself, four of the enemy. Borrowing a wounded officer's revolver, he returned. On the enemy showing fight he shot one man and the remainder surrendered.

139347 Sjt. N. Blakemore, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Under very heavy shell and grenade fire he opened a shallow sap with the greatest determination for the passage of ammunition parties, &c.

5975 Coy. S./M. A. R. Blanchard, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability when in charge of two platoons, after his Company Commander and two other officers had become casualties. Twice he rallied the men of several different regiments and led them back to an assault on a trench, which he finally took and made good. His skill, courage and powers of leadership were most marked.