

took command of his company, rallied the men and advancing captured the enemy position. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

27057 Cpl. (Actg. Sjt.) F. Beard, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He established a barricade and remained there in charge for 30 hours repelling several enemy bombing attacks. He has previously done fine work.

2589 Pte. J. Benson, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He with two other men carried his machine gun into a shell hole in "No Man's Land," where he fired continuously and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He himself shot 7 of the enemy with a rifle.

6120 L./Cpl. C. Beresford, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led forward his section and drove the enemy back, personally accounting for four of them. He displayed great courage and initiative throughout.

6/17361 C./S./M. H. Brooke, S. Wales Bords.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed marked courage and determination during the construction of a forward fire trench under heavy fire. He has previously done fine work.

148558 Cpl. W. Brough, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. On four occasions when the entrances to mine galleries were destroyed, he took charge of the work of opening the galleries and freeing the entombed men. Later, he rescued two men under heavy fire.

13115 Cpl. A. Brown, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He brought up a machine gun by himself, enfiladed the enemy and accounted for a great many of them. Later, although wounded, he continued to carry on. He has previously done fine work.

65164 Sjt. F. Brown, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He commanded a section of his company with great courage and skill, rendering valuable service in constructing communication trenches. Later, after being stunned and buried by a shell, he remained at his post for five hours.

1312 Sjt. H. Butterworth, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He went to the assistance of a bombing party with his machine gun, holding the position and accounting for a large number of the enemy. Later, although wounded, he continued to fire his gun until reinforcements arrived.

2675 Sjt. G. H. Cartwright, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He

made four attempts to rescue a wounded N.C.O. who was lying near the enemy wire and finally succeeded in bringing him in.

320 C.S./M. H. C. Clarke, Camb. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon with great courage and determination. Later, he assumed command of the advanced line and connected up all the strong points.

S/4131 Pte. C. Clarkson, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led a party under heavy fire into the enemy trench, himself killing three of the enemy. Later, he remained out in front alone for two hours under intense fire to keep a lookout. He was severely wounded.

B/203535 Pte. C. Clayton, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. On two separate occasions he went forward to reconnoitre. On one occasion he killed two of the enemy and destroyed a machine gun. Later, he killed four of the enemy and used a hostile machine gun with good effect.

139154 L./Cpl. (Actg. Cpl.) H. Colley, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He worked at rescue operations under heavy fire in full view of the enemy, thereby saving the lives of three men who were buried.

14927 Sjt. A. Dockray, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. With three men he rushed an enemy machine gun, shooting the team and capturing the gun, thereby ensuring the success of the Infantry attack.

4523 Pte. J. Donnelly, Lancs. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He was buried with his machine gun; after being dug out he worked unceasingly under heavy fire to rescue his gun. Later, he rescued five men who had been buried.

17706 Sjt. W. H. Douglas, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He and a bomber went out in front of the captured trench and succeeded in silencing an enemy sniper. He displayed great courage and initiative throughout and kept his men well in hand.

43456 Pte. F. T. Elliston, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. Although buried for a considerable time in a dug-out which was blown in, when finally released he immediately reported for duty and did excellent work for 24 hours, notably, when seeing a dispatch runner struck down by a shell, he rushed into the hostile barrage, placed the wounded man in a dug-out, and went on himself with the message, getting it safely to its destination.

On the return journey he met another runner who had been buried by a shell and