

ability in commanding his company when all officers were wounded. He set a fine example of keenness and courage, and was most energetic in directing the consolidation of the captured position.

S/5240 Sjt. W. H. Allen, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. An enemy machine gun opened fire from the flank. He, with only one man, worked round the flank and, locating the gun, rushed it, killing or capturing the crew of five men. During the withdrawal he carried a wounded man 1,500 yards to the rear.

R. 17957 Sjt. H. E. Antcliffe, Notts. & Derby.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did splendid work in reorganising his platoon after his officer had become a casualty, remaining on duty continually without a break for three days.

720598 Sjt. V. Avramachis, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a platoon he displayed the greatest courage and resource in supporting the troops advancing on his flank with Lewis gun and rifle fire. He captured a number of prisoners, although two-thirds of his own men became casualties.

8/14398 Pte. F. J. Backhouse, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a Lewis gun post covering the left flank of our attack he displayed great skill and gallantry in repulsing a hostile counter-attack, although practically unsupported, and with three of his team casualties.

350495 Sjt. C. W. C. Bacon, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of the greatest assistance to his Company Commander in rallying and reorganising the men for the second and third and final attacks on an enemy position. He was the only serjeant left in the company, and his coolness and ability were most marked.

R.G.A. 5392 B.S.M. W. J. Bailey, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he displayed great coolness when under shell fire in his observation post, although buried by a high explosive shell. His behaviour was an excellent example to others throughout.

23898 Sjt. W. Baker, E. Lancs. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company during the attack and successfully consolidated his position. Throughout he showed great initiative and personal courage, setting a fine example.

S.R./8276 Pte. H. Bampton, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment during our advance he took his Lewis gun team to an exposed position, from which he opened fire with deadly effect upon an enemy strong-

point, which threatened to hold up the advance. He thereby enabled a flank attack to be accomplished, and was mainly responsible for the success of the entire attack. His initiative and daring set a splendid example to his comrades.

41297 Pte. F. Barker, North'd Fus., attn. L.T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in picking up a shell that was fusing, and throwing it over the parapet, when it immediately exploded. By his prompt and gallant action he saved the lives of many officers and men who were in the trench.

14563 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) A. Barnes, S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in organising and personally delivering large supplies of ammunition to each company under heavy shell fire. He set a splendid example to the whole battalion.

49939 Pte. A. Barnes, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, he led his men with great determination. He, with a very small party, attacked a strong point, capturing it after considerable resistance, taking twelve prisoners and killing the remainder. He set a splendid example to all who were with him.

5622 C.Q.M.S. (A./C.S.M.) G. Barnes, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, and afterwards, he showed very fine qualities of coolness and initiative. He personally carried out water, in daylight, to two of our posts, which were under direct observation of the enemy, and 120 yards in front of our line. He set a splendid example of gallantry to his company.

18266 Pte. G. W. Barnes, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He captured an enemy machine gun and team, single-handed, at the point of the bayonet, displaying throughout the action admirable qualities of initiative and leadership.

5730 L./Cpl. A. Bashford, M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During our advance he handled his gun with the greatest skill and dash, placing it in a forward position, whence he was able to bring a deadly flanking fire on the retreating enemy. He remained at his post all day under very heavy shell fire, during which he was wounded in the head. His example went very far towards encouraging his men.

12572 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) C. Beattie, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon when an enemy counter-attack was imminent. He went forward and boldly reconnoitred the position, and then took forward a Lewis gun and placed his men in an excellent position to meet the attack. Throughout he set a splendid example to the men.