

33267 Pte. E. Beech, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great fearlessness in going forward to an outpost line six times with messages, on each occasion having to go through heavy hostile barrage.

240522 Pte. J. Bell, R. Scots. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment during a hostile counter-attack he showed great coolness and resource in personally bringing his Lewis gun into action when the team had become disorganised. Throughout the whole day his conduct was magnificent.

200627 L./Cpl. H. Benson, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. When his officer was wounded, and men began to withdraw, he rallied the platoon, established a forward position, and, in spite of heavy fire, maintained it until ordered to retire.

10803 Pte. L. J. Bill, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by another man, he went forward over the open, under very heavy fire, and succeeded in rescuing many wounded men.

240574 Cpl. A. Brain, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of our front line he displayed the greatest coolness and courage in patrolling his trench and holding the men together in readiness to meet an enemy raid. Assisted by his platoon commander, he also dug out and saved the lives of three men who had been buried by the bombardment. He set a splendid example to all ranks during a very trying time.

200665 Sgt. J. Brandwood, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a raiding party, after the officer had been wounded, and led it with complete success, displaying great courage and energy in organising the defence of the captured position against an enemy counter-attack. His conduct throughout was splendid.

200004 Sgt. T. C. Briody, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in two places, he continued to lead his platoon with great gallantry until wounded for a third time in the head.

7840 A./R.S.M. A. Brough, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when acting as a volunteer leader of stretcher bearers. His fearlessness and fine work were most marked.

5487 Sgt. D. H. Brown, Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A shell having dropped near him in a trench, with great courage and promptitude he picked it up and threw it over the parapet, where it exploded. He was badly burned in doing so, and his gallantry and presence of mind undoubtedly saved several lives.

12893 Pte. F. Brown, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanying an N.C.O., he followed a Tank to its attack upon a hostile battery, keeping close behind. The Tank having fired a broadside, the two men charged the position and captured a gun and its team. They then proceeded to attack another gunpit, where the N.C.O. was knocked senseless by a bomb. Pte. Brown then carried on by himself, and captured the gun team, six in all, single-handed. He then attempted to mount a wounded horse, and do further good work, but was unable to manage it, so returned to his company, whither the N.C.O. shortly followed him. The dash and determination of these two men was nothing short of marvellous.

20651 Sgt. G. T. Brown, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he advanced his gun from our barrage and engaged sixty of the enemy at close range, inflicting heavy casualties. By his bold and skilful handling of his gun he greatly assisted our attacking infantry in capturing their objective.

S/1430 C.S.M. J. Brown, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack, although wounded himself, he took command of his company and carried on until he fell exhausted. Throughout he set a splendid example.

352483 L./Sgt. C. C. Bowes, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon to their objective with great coolness and courage, rallying men of other companies who were badly shaken by machine gun fire, and materially assisted the capture of the position. He afterwards dug and garrisoned a trench, which he held for four days in spite of constant heavy artillery fire, setting a splendid example to the men under most trying conditions.

23950 Pte. W. Bruce, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His N.C.O. having become a casualty, he showed great initiative and resource in taking charge of a Lewis gun team with which he cleared a trench, capturing prisoners and dispersing hostile snipers. He set a very fine example throughout.

200353 Cpl. P. Bryant, Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his platoon commander had been killed, he took command of the platoon and led them to the assault with great skill and courage.

200671 Cpl. F. H. Burgess, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid upon enemy trenches, he showed the utmost coolness and gallantry in carrying a wounded officer for some distance under heavy rifle and machine gun fire, afterwards remaining behind to cover the withdrawal of the party to our trenches. He had previously sent back invaluable information with regard to the ground over which the raid took place.