

281477 Pte. F. Anthony, Lond. R. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was blown up and badly shaken by a shell during an attack, and on recovering consciousness found he was out of touch with his company. He went forward and attached himself to the forward observation officer who was short of signalers and rendered him valuable assistance, being directly responsible for sending back valuable information. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

G./57453 Pte. F. E. Austin, R. Fus. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. Under heavy fire he cut a gap in the wire in front of an enemy post, enabling his party to occupy the post and reach their objective. He showed complete disregard of danger on this and many other occasions.

282450 L./Cpl. L. Austin, Lond. R. (Nelson, Glam.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company runner during an attack. He was on duty for forty-eight hours without food or rest and continually volunteered for the most difficult and dangerous work. He was confident, cheerful, and untiring in his efforts throughout.

241810 Pte. M. Baggott, N. Staff. R. (Heaton Moor, nr. Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy raided one of our posts and took a wounded man prisoner. This soldier, who was in charge of another post, directed his men to fire, killing the enemy, and under cover of this fire rushed out, securing an unwounded prisoner. His prompt act obtained a most important identification.

43211 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Bailey, N. Staff. R. (Camberwell, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. Having dispersed a hostile wiring party, he and a comrade made their way towards the enemy lines, where they came upon a Lewis gun inside the wire and four of the enemy heading towards it. Under cover of Pte. Bailey's rifle, his comrade captured the gun, whilst he shot the leading enemy and scattered the remainder. He then removed the gun and turned it on to the spot where the enemy had last been seen.

350165 Sjt. A. Baker, Lond. R. (Spitalfields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of two serjeants who went over with an attacking party. Both the officers having become casualties, he, with another serjeant, took command of the party and captured the post, holding it during three counter-attacks.

9777 Sjt. J. H. Banks, Y. & L. R. (Pensnitt, nr. Dudley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the company on the left were carrying out a raid, and the enemy became

demoralised, he saw an opportunity of capturing an enemy advanced post. He led his men forward on his own initiative, and killed all the enemy in the post. Though heavily attacked from the rear, he fought his way back with great skill. He set a magnificent example of initiative and devotion to duty.

15630 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Barber, Worc. R. (E. Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon in the attack and led them forward, establishing two posts on his own initiative. He set a magnificent example to his men.

421053 Sjt. A. J. Barnes, Lond. R. (Homer-ton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile bombardment he voluntarily left his shell-hole and conducted to its position the platoon of another company. Though severely wounded while doing so he carried on until the platoon were in position, when he collapsed from the severity of his wounds.

1890 Sjt. G. Barr, R.F.A. (Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the ammunition in a gunpit was set on fire by enemy shelling, he rushed to the pit and extinguished the fire, though severely wounded. By his gallantry and coolness he prevented the explosion of 400 rounds of ammunition and prevented many casualties among his battery.

18163 Pte. G. Bastable, Hamps. R. (Winchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With an officer and four men under heavy fire he attacked a dug-out, and when all the party except himself became casualties he captured nine prisoners singlehanded. Later, he was one of a very small party which held on to the captured position for thirty-six hours under most difficult conditions. He showed great courage and contempt of danger throughout.

610037 C.S.M. G. J. Bayley, Lond. R. (Homerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In addition to his own duties, he carried out bold reconnaissances to ascertain the disposition of the enemy, showing an utter disregard of danger.

276041 Cpl. W. Binnie, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Falkirk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the troops on his right were held up in the advance by an enemy strong point, he at once organised his bombing section and captured the strong point, which was a regimental headquarters. This gallant action enabled the advance to continue. Later, by his splendid example under most severe fire he was largely instrumental in repulsing an enemy counter attack.

13704 A./C.S.M. G. Bird, Yorks. R. (Brandon Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained communication between the battery and an observation post throughout the operations. The line was