

56610 Cpl. F. W. Brooks, R.E. (Longfield, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers had become casualties and the men were becoming disorganised, by his initiative and example he rallied those round him and reorganised the defence of the position. He continually kept headquarters informed of the state of affairs, and it was largely due to his resource and skill that a critical situation was saved.

3152 Sjt. A. J. Brown, E.A. Pnr. Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has rendered great assistance to the officer commanding the section in maintaining communication with advanced troops. He has done consistent good work with the advanced units, and has carried out several difficult bridging operations despite floods and dangerous currents. His conduct on all occasions has been most meritorious.

2465 Pte. H. E. Butcher, British West Indies Regt. (Barbadoes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a hostile aeroplane landed for the purpose of destroying a pipe line, he showed great initiative and determination, and was chiefly responsible for protecting the line.

96062 Cpl. A. C. Chambers, M.G. Co. (Long Wattenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While on a reconnaissance he showed excellent judgment in a difficult situation, and brought his gun into action on his own initiative to cover the withdrawal of a machine-gun on his left. He remained with his gun firing at the advancing enemy until the gun on his left was under cover. He showed great coolness and courage.

446402 Spr. J. Cheers, R.E. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under most difficult conditions. He has always set a splendid example under fire.

5152 C.S.M. (A./S.M.) J. W. Christie, Cam'n Highrs. (Burntisland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took over command of the company in action with conspicuous success, after all the officers had been killed or wounded. He has always displayed the utmost coolness and gallantry, and has set a magnificent example to the men of the company.

84075 B.S.M. T. A. Commetti, R.H.A. (Islington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great resource in organising the ammunition supply for the battery during a period of two months. He carried out his duties thoroughly and efficiently at all times.

73479 Spr. D. Cormack, R.E. (Caithness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept up communication all day while under fire from several different direc-

tions and in spite of casualties among the signalers. He did consistent good work during a long period.

25239 2nd Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. F. Couchman, R.E. (Cranbrook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, being attacked by the enemy in the course of wiring operations, he got his men back to our own side of the wire, and finding one man missing, he went through the wire again to the enemy's side, and helped the man, who was wounded, to safety. On all occasions this N.C.O. has done consistent good work, and has shown great gallantry and coolness under fire, thereby setting a fine example to his men.

21574 2nd Cpl. (A./C./S./M.) J. E. Crookes, R.E. (Woodhall, Linc.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative and resource in carrying out a reconnaissance survey under very difficult conditions. He rendered valuable service.

30010 C./S./M. M. H. Crutch, R. Berks. R. (Farncombe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a covering party. He remained in position with his party under very heavy shell fire until the battalion had withdrawn. Throughout his great courage and exceptional coolness have been worthy of the highest praise.

13975 Sjt. F. Dade, Devon. R. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. Though wounded at the commencement, he cut the enemy's wire in two places, and continued at duty until the operations were over. He has always done consistent good work, and set a splendid example of devotion to duty.

6975 C./S./M. W. Dick, A. & S. Highrs. (Carron).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of the assaulting and support companies had become casualties, he rallied and reorganised the men in his vicinity, and, though in charge of only a small party, without support on either flank, he held up the counter-attack until ordered to withdraw. He displayed exceptional resource and the utmost coolness.

290178 Sjt. H. W. Downs, R.G.A. (Bridlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He consistently set a splendid example to all ranks and encouraged and inspired his men by his splendid conduct.

50057 Sqdn. S./M. T. H. Duffield, Yeo. (E Yorks).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered able assistance to his squadron leader, and set a splendid example to his men.

492032 Sjt. J. Easton, R.A.M.C. (Margate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The ambulance was shelled, and he was wounded in several places, but he re-