

57384 B./S./M. J. Bond, 400th By., 14th Bde., R.H.A., attd. Gds. Div. Arty. (Millom).

For exemplary coolness and courage under heavy fire. After three nights without sleep he volunteered to be second in command of a section sent up to support advancing infantry. Whilst taking the teams away under rifle and machine-gun fire, three 5.9's burst simultaneously, killing and wounding drivers and horses. Notwithstanding this, he collected his teams and brought them safely out of the barrage.

26323 Pte. T. Booth, 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Bradford).

He showed the greatest courage and resource when cut off by large parties of the enemy, who several times tried to force him to surrender, attacking him and two wounded men with him, with bombs and a constant hail of bullets. He managed to return, under heavy machine-gun fire, with the information gained while in the enemy's lines, thus enabling a counter-attack to be repulsed. Later, he guided stretcher-bearers through the hostile barrage and brought in the two wounded men.

10133 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) H. Bray, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack. When his platoon officer was early killed, he took command and led his platoon brilliantly through intense barrage and machine-gun fire. Throughout the day he continued to handle his men in a most able manner, and finally reorganised them and consolidated his position under heavy machine-gun fire. He showed splendid courage and coolness.

2918 Pte. M. Brown, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Scots (Edinburgh).

In company with a N.C.O. he volunteered to go forward and silence five hostile machine guns which were holding up the advance of the company. Although exposed to heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, they succeeded in capturing the five machine guns, together with 25 prisoners, besides killing several of the enemy. He afforded a splendid example of courage and determination.

201531 Pte. (L./Cpl.) R. Brown, 2nd Bn., Linc. R. (Horncastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O.'s section on the right flank of the attack was advancing through thick mist when it suddenly came on a strong point of about 20 men and a machine gun. Before the gun could come into action he charged forward, killing or capturing the garrison. His prompt action saved many casualties.

651258 Sjt. J. Buss, 1/21st Bn., Lond. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. Seeing that the company on the left had lost direction and left his own left flank in the air, he quickly organised a defensive flank with Lewis guns, and when the flank was safe got the other company to their right position. Afterwards, when the enemy counter-attacked under heavy bombardment and enfilade minenwerfer fire, he worked his Lewis guns forward coolly and

skilfully and helped to save a critical situation. Throughout he set a fine example of courage and leadership.

38462 Sjt. J. Button, 12th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Southwold).

Whilst the battery position was being heavily shelled he showed most conspicuous gallantry and devotion in assisting to unload ammunition at the guns. His fine example to the men enabled his guns to be kept in action, thereby assisting the infantry to repel an hostile counter-attack.

200866 Sjt. J. Byram, 2/4th Bn., York. L.I., T.F. (Middlestown).

Acting as C.S.M. during operations, he carried out his duties with conspicuous courage and ability. During an attack he charged a machine gun with his company commander, who was killed almost immediately, but he captured the position single-handed, bayonetting the team. Throughout he never ceased to cheer his men, and his example of courage and devotion to duty was of a very high order.

6945 Pte. M. Byrne, M.M., 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Burnley).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. Whilst under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire, he noticed a direct hit on a dug-out in which he knew there were many men. He dashed out of his shelter, across 100 yards of open ground, to their assistance. With the assistance of two other bearers he extricated the wounded from the ruin, and made five journeys to and fro over the shell-swept zone to the company headquarters, where he dressed all the wounded; subsequently assisting to carry the cases to the regimental aid-post in rear, through intense fire. He had been wounded the previous night, but refused to go sick whilst the men of his company needed his assistance. His behaviour was admirable.

2233 Sjt. D. Campbell, 120th By., 27th Bde., R.F.A. (Frimley).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When heavy enemy bombardment caused several casualties to his battery and ignited an ammunition dump, he called to the detachments to keep on firing, and ran and beat out the fire unaided; after which he extricated two severely wounded men from a gun-pit and carried them to a place of safety. It was due to his cool courage and promptitude that the guns were kept in action throughout the shelling.

120017 Sjt. M. Capstick, M.M., 36th Bn., M.G. Corps (Sedburgh).

When ordered to take his section to an advanced position during an attack, he pushed rapidly forward, carrying the gun himself, established it, and inflicted heavy casualties on a large body of the enemy, who were trying to outflank the line. When his officer was killed, he assumed command, controlling the fire of the guns, and by his courage and fine example, cheering his men under most difficult circumstances.