

19484 Pte. H. Bamford, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although very severely wounded, he, single-handed, kept his machine gun in action for two hours at a very critical stage of the battle.

12053 Pte. R. Bateman, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried a message from his Company Commander to Battalion Headquarters, and then returned through an intense hostile barrage to inform his Company Commander that the message had been safely delivered. He set a magnificent example throughout the action, and repeatedly carried messages under the most intense fire.

33948 Pte. J. Black, Mach. Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. During the withdrawal of the line his gun emplacement was blown in by a high explosive shell, and he was wounded in the face. In spite of this, he at once got his gun into position on the parapet and continued to fire it until the withdrawal was complete.

10330 C./S./M. W. Brant, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He greatly assisted in reorganising his company and consolidating the captured trench under very heavy hostile fire.

10017 Sjt. E. Breakspear, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He handled a bombing party with great skill, and was largely responsible for the success of the raid.

S.24513 Staff Serjt. (actg. S.Q.M.S.) E. W. Castle, A.S.C.

For valuable services and devotion to duty under very difficult circumstances. His efficiency and zeal have been most noticeable. (The award of the Meritorious Service Medal, published in the Gazette of 1st February, 1917, is hereby cancelled.)

13791 Pte. B. Caunt, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed a traverse which was held by the enemy, and, single-handed, succeeded in capturing seven prisoners. He set a fine example to all ranks.

8796 Pte. (L./Corpl.) H. R. Chapman, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected six men and charged an enemy bombing party, killing nine of them. He showed great courage and initiative throughout.

8985 C./S./M. J. Clarke, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally organised the bringing up of fresh supplies of bombs and ammunition, thereby materially assisting in the successful consolidation of the position.

3595 S./M. H. Cox, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry, resource, and initiative in bringing up ammunition at a critical time, and subsequently removing it

when retirement was ordered. Throughout the operation he rendered great assistance to the Brigade staff, which had suffered heavy casualties.

4716 C./S./M. S. Dommett, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance in organising parties to drive back the enemy, and in going back alone and personally leading up stretcher parties to bring in the wounded.

8213 C./S./M. W. J. Field, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance by bringing up reinforcements during an enemy attack. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

1384 Pte. W. E. Finch, K. Edward's Horse.

For gallantry and devotion to duty under difficult and trying conditions while working with officers engaged in the destruction of supplies likely to fall into the hands of the enemy. Private Finch played no mean part in doing everything possible to help in the work.

16416 Pte. (actg. L./Corpl.) C. Fisher, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great skill in consolidating and maintaining his position under heavy fire. He has on many previous occasions done fine work.

25/955 Actg. C./S./M. R. E. Forster, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward and heard an enemy raiding party assembling, and gave warning, which enabled artillery fire to be brought to bear on the place of assembly. He has previously done fine work.

12793 Sjt. T. Guest, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable service throughout the operations, and assisted in capturing an enemy machine gun. He set a fine example to his men.

16370 Pte. (actg. L./Cpl.) F. H. S. Harley, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He opened fire with his machine gun at a critical time and defeated all enemy attempts to counter attack. Later, he carried two machine guns out of action through a heavy hostile barrage.

6136 L./Sjt. T. Hole, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of heavy hostile fire, he moved about on top of the parapet and kept his men at work consolidating the captured trench.

10204 Sjt. G. Jacob, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He dashed forward with another N.C.O. and killed all the men of an enemy