

carrying a message back over exposed ground. He had to go a distance of 500 yards under heavy machine gun and rifle fire.

6692 C./S./M. F. Birtwistle, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried an important message through heavy barrage fire. Later, he took command of the company and led his men with great skill and courage.

S/16877 Pte. A. Black, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went to the assistance of a wounded officer and in spite of the most intense hostile fire succeeded in carrying him to a place of safety.

24107 Flt. Sjt. G. G. L. Blake, R.F.C.

For conspicuous courage and determination while observing from a balloon, which was brought down by hostile aircraft. Though injured, he immediately ascended again, and was once more shot down. This N.C.O. has rendered valuable services at all times.

13038 Pte. F. Boast, D. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried messages all day under heavy fire, and later, although wounded, continued his work. His courage was a fine example to the men.

8460 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) E. Brady, R. Ir. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a successful raid on hostile trenches. Although severely wounded, he remained with his men and led them to the final objective.

33067 Sjt. F. S. Brooks, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At great personal risk he three times assisted in extinguishing fires which broke out, thereby undoubtedly saving a large quantity of ammunition from explosion. He has at all times set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

240790 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) H. A. Brown, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon and led his men with great dash. He personally bombed the enemy gunner and captured the machine gun. He set a splendid example throughout.

80075 Sjt. J. Brown, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained in an advanced shell-hole observing for some hours, and during two periods of intense bombardment sent his men under cover, remaining alone to watch. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

18119 Sjt. (A./B./S./M.) F. Burgin, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He entered a gun-pit close to a haystack, both of which were on fire, and removed the ammunition, which was in imminent danger of blowing up.

21280 Pte. A. Carver, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a machine gun and team, and commanded them with great determination. Although he and his gun were buried by shell fire, he extricated himself and gun and continued in action, although severely wounded in the leg.

9350 L./Sjt. T. W. Clayton, N. Lanc. R.

Has rendered efficient and valuable service as serjeant of the Brigade Signal Section. Neither sickness nor fatigue have ever deterred him from the full performance of his duties. His example has imbued both British and Indian ranks of his section with the same sense of devotion to duty.

159293 Gnr. W. E. Cleasby, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the utmost gallantry in maintaining and repairing wires under heavy shell fire. Although once buried, he continued his work until nightfall.

202053 (frmlly. 4532) Sjt. R. J. Combella, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, single-handed, brought back a pontoon under very heavy fire. He was wounded.

Clyde Z/5666 Able Sea. W. Condie, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, single-handed, attacked an enemy machine gun, which he captured. He carried the gun and belt of ammunition to a position in advance of our own line amidst heavy shelling and sniping, and opened fire on the enemy.

202992 (frmlly. 6380) Pte. W. Craven, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made seven trips across the river under heavy fire, and on each occasion brought his pontoon back to the starting point. Later, he brought back several loads of wounded and helped to carry them to safety.

5428 L./Sjt. A. J. Cross, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led out a patrol and established two posts about seventy yards from an enemy strong point. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

200474 Cpl. R. E. Crossman, Glou. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took out a patrol under very heavy fire of all kinds, and succeeded in bringing back most valuable information. He showed a splendid example of courage and determination throughout.

240069 L./Sjt. F. Davis, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in the most gallant manner, and personally tried to cut a gap in the enemy's wire. He was severely wounded.

307122 Pte. S. J. Delight, Notts. and Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although himself wounded, he dis-