

13788 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) A. Bayley, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The whole occupants of his trench being casualties he got a machine gun into action and beat off parties of the enemy who managed to penetrate our barrage.

11324 C.S.M. W. T. Bazeley, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance throughout, and was largely responsible for repelling a hostile raiding party.

20502 Pte. A. G. Beale, Som. L. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile raid a bomb was thrown into the trench, and he at once seized the bomb to hurl it back. By his prompt action, instead of taking cover, he undoubtedly prevented the men round him from being killed instead of slightly wounded. The bomb exploded in his hand, which was shattered.

6876 A./Cpl. W. Beckett, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion. When returning with a reconnoitring patrol he went back, under heavy fire, and rescued a Co. Sergeant Major and another man, and brought them to safety.

242001 Cpl. R. F. Billington, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rallied his men under heavy fire, and throughout the day set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

202226 Cpl. S. P. Blake, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and determination when leading a bombing attack. He was wounded early in the advance, but carried on for an hour after.

9665 Cpl. T. Blake, Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by another N.C.O. he attacked and captured an enemy strong point.

16998 Sjt. T. Blockley, York & Lanc. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of a working party he showed great coolness and courage under heavy shell fire, during which he was wounded in several places and buried twice; notwithstanding this he carried on with his work and then skilfully withdrew his party.

65633 Sjt. G. Bodfish, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during an enemy attack. When Nos. 1 and 2 guns were knocked out he carried a gun forward, mounted it in the open, and used it with deadly effect, and later, after all officers had become casualties, he held command for twenty-four hours until relieved.

43751 L./Cpl. E. A. Bottom, Middx. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man, with two others, was in an isolated group, and practically surrounded by the enemy. They showed the utmost courage and determination in holding their position and compelling the enemy to retire.

C/1223 Pte. E. B. Bower, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages between battalion headquarters and the front line, under heavy fire of all sorts, over a distance of 800 yards in the open. He was finally severely wounded, but delivered his message, and was wounded again on the way back. His courage and devotion to duty were beyond all praise.

61152 Pte. (L./Cpl.) F. C. Bracey, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected bombs and recaptured a Lewis gun from the enemy, turning it on them, with very good results. His work throughout the day was excellent.

L/12582 Sjt. W. Brereton, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his machine guns with great gallantry under heavy hostile fire. He set a splendid example to his men.

2370 B.Q.M.S. W. Bridle, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in handling his sub-section. He inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy, and was largely responsible for the success of the operations.

17750 Sjt. M. Brough, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance to his platoon officer, and throughout set a fine example to those around him.

202441 Pte. S. Butterworth, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made several most gallant attempts to rescue a wounded officer, although wounded himself.

5083 Sjt. J. Carney, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was largely responsible for silencing the enemy's snipers, and throughout set a magnificent example to those around him.

1256 A./Coy. S./M. G. Cavanagh, Mdx. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a moment when units were in confusion and a retirement was ordered by some unknown person, he cancelled the order, rallied the men, and continued to lead the advance until severely wounded in the thigh. He undoubtedly saved the situation at a critical moment by his promptness and fine initiative.