

8680 Dvr. W. J. Polaine, R.F.A.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He was lead driver when the limber teams stampeded through shell fire. The other two drivers were thrown off, but he stuck to his horses under heavy fire, and brought the limber back.

1919 Sjt. A. Pratt, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and distinguished service. One of the bravest and most intelligent bomb serjeants in the regiment. On three occasions he has proved his high capacity for leadership in the attack. He has been twice wounded. His power of training grenadiers and his influence over his men are quite exceptional.

8586 Pte. A. H. Price, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Being the only man left of a gun team except the No. 1, he kept the gun supplied with ammunition all day. He was the last to leave the enemy's trench, bringing back the gun and tripod.

8014 C./S./M. W. Pyne, Leic. R. (now No. 40224 Hamps. R.).

For gallantry and distinguished service in action. In the attack he has always inspired courage and confidence in the men of his company by continually moving about under heavy fire, encouraging them by a total disregard of his own personal safety. He has repeatedly done excellent work, and is an example of courage and determination.

63139 2nd Cpl. E. A. Quarterman, R.E.

For gallantry and ability. He has shown exceptional courage and devotion to duty throughout the operations.

2043 Pte. A. V. Rankin, Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. During the attack this man remained at his telephone when a counter-attack was within 100 yards of his instrument. Although men were retiring past him all the time, he repaired his wire under a heavy fire, and enabled communication to be maintained at a time when it was greatly needed.

30304 Pte. C. Ravenscroft, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered and repeatedly went out under heavy fire to attend to the wounded when all the stretcher-bearers had become casualties.

11092 Pte. F. Rhodes, E. Lanc. R.

For marked gallantry during the operations. As company stretcher-bearer he has worked under heavy fire without any regard of personal danger, setting a fine example.

46326 A/Cpl. R. Richards, R.E.

For gallantry and distinguished service. He has done consistent good work and displayed exceptional energy when in charge of the R.A. cable section. Much of his work has been carried out under fire.

49888 Sjt. J. Richmond, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry. He has laid out telephone wires under heavy fire, and kept up F.O.O.'s communication. His work has always been most gallant and excellent.

203107 Sjt. W. Ridler, Devon R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took sole charge of a company whose officers had all become casualties, and by his untiring energy and example maintained the offensive spirit of that portion of the line.

11109 Pte. T. H. Rivers, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry. He showed great coolness and ability in ferrying men over the river under heavy fire. He has on many other occasions shown great personal courage and devotion to duty.

4/5549 Pte. J. Roach, Conn. Rang.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When all the bombs of his bombing party were expended and the bomb-carrier killed, he volunteered to go back for more bombs. He brought these up across the open under heavy fire. On finding that the enemy had re-occupied part of the trench, he reorganised fresh bombing parties on his own initiative, and proceeded to attack it. He only retired when ordered by his superior officer.

6166 Pte. J. L. Roberts, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This man volunteered to go out and bring in some wounded. This he did twice, carrying them a considerable distance, though under machine-gun fire the whole way.

11466 Cpl. J. R. Roberts, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry on many occasions under fire, especially on one occasion, when he handled his Lewis gun with great ability and courage, and materially helped the bombers to advance. He was wounded while doing so.

8350 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) F. Robinson, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. When all his officers had been wounded he took command, and organised and maintained his portion of the line. On another occasion he displayed great courage in organising the defence of a captured trench. He has throughout set a fine example of coolness and initiative.

12690 C./S./M. J. Robinson, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry at all times. He has shown a devotion to duty and an example of courage which has inspired all men under him.

7946 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) F. Sabatella, Glouc. R.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the head, he returned to duty after having his head dressed, setting a fine example of pluck and endurance.

35873 Sjt. S. Seager, R.A.M.C.

For gallantry and coolness under fire. When the stretcher-bearers were caught under a heavy fire he ably assisted them in taking cover, and eventually brought them back with only a few casualties.

61460 Pte. T. Sharpe, M.G. Corps.

For marked gallantry. He kept his gun working within bombing distance of the enemy, and, by his cheerfulness and disre-