

bardment, displaying again on this occasion the greatest courage and energy.

3643 Sjt. B. Massey (Newcastle-on-Tyne), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in entering a dug-out and bringing out four comrades who had been gassed and wounded by the explosion of a shell. Two of them have since died, but he undoubtedly saved the lives of the other two by his promptness and gallantry under heavy shell fire and gas.

836764 Sjt. W. Moffat (Kirkliston), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working a mortar single-handed under heavy fire for several hours. When an enemy shell wrecked his emplacement, he rebuilt it without assistance in fifteen minutes and continued firing, though suffering from gas fumes and severely shaken. He displayed a magnificent example of pluck and determination.

352061 Sjt. F. A. Moon (Loughton, Essex), Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on a farm held by the enemy. He displayed the utmost calmness under heavy artillery fire, and, though wounded, he was the first to reach the objective, which he bombed with great vigour and determination. His fine example was of the greatest assistance in making the raid a success. He was seriously wounded again whilst returning to our lines through heavy enemy barrage.

50816 Gnr. (A./Bomdr.) T. W. Oswald, (Wheatley Hill), R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under an intense and accurate enemy bombardment. Noticing that the camouflage had been set on fire, he rushed across the open amidst bursting shells to assist in extinguishing the flames. On his way back he again passed over exposed ground under heavy shell fire to assist his battery serjt.-major in removing a wounded comrade. He set a magnificent example of pluck and fearless devotion to duty.

201697 L./Cpl. J. A. Parker (Hecklington, Lincs), Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He saw a comrade wounded in a shell hole, after he had withdrawn the safety pin from a grenade. Realising that the man would probably be killed by the explosion, he jumped into the shell hole in a gallant endeavour to throw the grenade away. He was, however, too late, and was severely wounded himself when the grenade exploded. His act of devotion was beyond all praise.

L./27996 Gnr. W. S. Perry (Elland), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in trying to enter a destroyed dug-out which was full of gas in order to save an officer and two gunners who were lying unconscious inside. He was eventually carried unconscious to hospital, having endeavoured with the utmost heroism to force his way into the dug-out, until completely overcome by

gas himself. He displayed utter disregard for his own safety, and performed this act of gallantry under a heavy enemy bombardment.

341033 A./L./Cpl. T. Pinkney (Vickers-town, Walney), R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when engaged in loading wounded on a motor ambulance. Coming under heavy shell fire, he continued to attend to the wounded with great gallantry and coolness, although twice men were killed beside him and the driver of the car was wounded. The car was also damaged, but he procured assistance in loading it up and then drove it himself under heavy fire to the Main Dressing Station, though his experience of driving cars was very slight. His conduct was magnificent throughout.

113077 Sjt. G. E. Poole (Buxton), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a sub-section and four mortars. His officer having been wounded, he successfully carried on, in spite of numerous casualties, under an intense bombardment, during which two of his mortars were knocked out, by his tenacity and unflinching devotion to duty setting a magnificent example to all.

548149 Sjt. J. T. Preston (Greenwich, London, S.E.), R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two occasions, when engaged in constructing concrete works under heavy shell fire. His exceptionally fine example enabled his work to be successfully completed, and so great was his keenness that he stayed on after his party had been relieved, continuing to work upon a dug-out until it was done, and during heavy shelling remaining outside the dug-out because there was not room for himself as well as his party inside. He was hit by a splinter, but did not leave until all was in order.

26962 Pte. H. W. Prior (Stansted, Essex), Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile bombing attack. To check this he piled up ration bags, and sitting behind them fired over 100 rounds at the enemy, forcing them to build a bomb-stop. He then built a bomb-stop, which he held all day, and his action saved the whole of his platoon and enabled them to get back to our lines. His gallantry and determination were beyond all praise.

2361 Pte. J. O. Pritchard (Carnarvon), W. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in guiding a platoon of a relieving battalion to the front line, through a very heavy barrage, although wounded in fifteen different places early during the operation. He covered in all a distance of over three miles, and it was entirely due to his pluck and determination that a large section of the front line was relieved. He refused to have his wounds attended to until he had carried out his duty, after which he was carried back to the dressing station on a stretcher.