

continuously cut, but he repeatedly went out and repaired it, often under a heavy barrage. It was entirely owing to his courage and resource that valuable information was sent back at a critical period.

60092 Sjt. W. J. Bird, R.E. (Baldock, Herts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. All the platoon commanders became casualties in the attack, and it was largely owing to his determination and courage that the company went forward successfully to the attack under heavy machine gun fire. He also did valuable work in consolidating the position.

R/2445 C.S.M. A. J. Blackwell, K.R. Rif. C. (Worcester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. On his own initiative he established a post close to an enemy strong point under heavy machine gun and rifle fire. He held his position all day, with only two men, harassing the enemy with rifle fire, and made a courageous attempt under heavy fire to get in touch with other posts. His action in establishing this position was of the greatest value.

40252 Pte. T. Blake, R. Ir. Rif. (Lisburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer in bringing in wounded under heavy fire on many occasions. He recovered all the wounded from the front of the line after an attack, though the bearers were being continually sniped at.

8131 Sjt. C. Blinco, Suff. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. When all his officers were wounded and the company disorganised by a hostile barrage he took command, reorganised his men, and led them successfully to the objective. Later, he made several journeys, bringing back the wounded under heavy fire. He showed the greatest initiative and courage throughout.

282051 Pte. W. H. Bolton, Lond. R. (Borough, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He entered an enemy machine-gun emplacement and found eight of the enemy, who refused to surrender. He attacked them single-handed and killed them all, capturing a machine gun. He also captured an enemy officer and one other prisoner. He showed courage and initiative of a high order.

300437 C.S.M. (T./R.S.M.) C. Bottomley, Lond. R. (Richmond, Surrey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was indefatigable throughout the operations in organising and directing ammunition supplies, carrying parties, and stretcher parties, under almost continual shell fire. He set a fine example to all about him.

28605 Sjt. S. Bowen, R.G.A. (Islington, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst the battery position was being heavily shelled with gas shell, in digging for an hour and a half to extract two N.C.O.'s from a dug-out that was blown in. He saved

both their lives but was badly gassed in doing so.

240744 L./Cpl. T. Boyle, W. York. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a post during a heavy bombardment and an attempted raid by the enemy's storm troops. His post was on the flank of the enemy's attack, and with great energy and resource he organised a bombing party and drove the enemy off. He then went to another post which was being heavily attacked, brought them up bombs when they had exhausted their supply, and encouraged the men by his splendid example to repel the attack. He finally collected a small party and pursued the retreating enemy. He set a magnificent example of courage and resolution.

200632 Pte. J. Brady, York. L.I. (Wakefield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner. On several occasions during the operations he carried important messages through heavy barrages to the front line. He rendered valuable service in leading a relieving company to its position under a very heavy barrage when the guides had become casualties. He showed great courage and contempt of danger, and set a magnificent example to all.

13244 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. W. Briggs, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. He took his Lewis gun forward as soon as the enemy barrage began, and, though the line was outflanked, he remained in an isolated forward position until his gun was put out of action. He then went back, obtained another gun, and kept it in action until the attack was beaten off. He showed the greatest courage and determination in a very difficult position.

300708 Sjt. F. H. Brock, Lond. R. (Higham's Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers and senior N.C.O.'s of his company became casualties in an attack he showed great initiative in reorganising the remnants of his company and leading them to their objective. He consolidated the position and beat off two counter-attacks, remaining in command of the company until relieved. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

16296 Pte. A. Brown, Norf. R. (Caistor-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded early in an attack he remained at duty, and when his platoon officer and serjeant had become casualties, went forward under very heavy fire at close range and successfully rallied the remaining men who were holding the right flank against a determined hostile attack. This gallant action saved a most critical situation, and kept the right flank secure at a moment when it showed signs of giving way. Although wounded a second time, he still remained at duty, and refused