

shell and machine gun fire, and by his fearless and cheerful manner set a splendid example to his men.

355205 A./Cpl. W. H. Brook, R. Welsh Fus. (Presteign).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy railway line, whereby about ninety of the enemy were killed and seventy taken prisoners, and great destruction was wrought.

6115 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) T. P. Brownlow, Scots Gds. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located an enemy machine gun in a pill-box which was enfilading the company. He at once attacked it with two men, killed the gunner and captured the remainder of the garrison, twenty-three in number. His prompt and courageous action prevented many casualties.

R31929 Pte. G. S. Buckle, K.R.R.C. (Highgate, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded early in the attack, he went forward and led a bombing party to the attack on an enemy strong point, which resulted in the capture of twenty prisoners. Later, he led two further attacks on enemy strong points with great success. His courageous example had a great effect on the rest of his company.

16509 Sjt. H. Bull, M.G. Corps (Westbourne Park, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The whole of his team became casualties during an attack, and his gun was damaged, but he repaired it and got it into action again. When his officer was killed, he took command and performed a most difficult task, requiring qualities of resource and knowledge of a high order during three days of almost continuous bombardment. His coolness and courage under shell fire proved a magnificent example to his men.

16040 L./Cpl. H. L. Bull, R. War. R. (Nuneaton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the action he showed magnificent courage and coolness under heavy shelling. He set a splendid example and at all times succeeded in maintaining his lines however heavy the shelling.

305053 C.S.M. J. Bullen, Lan. Fus. (Broughton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of one of the most forward positions. When his party were reduced by casualties he went out, regardless of M.G. fire, and gathered up a few more men and held on to the post until relieved.

430 Sjt. D. Burridge, M.G. Gds. (East Harnham, Salisbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the infantry were held up by a strong point he established his machine gun well forward on the right flank, directing its fire with such effect that in the final assault heavy casualties were inflicted on the

enemy garrison. Later, he inflicted further heavy casualties during a counter-attack.

3635 C.Q.M.S. W. Burt, E. Kent R. (Clerkenwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when bringing rations to the battalion in the front line. He went forward and reconnoitred the route, and then got all his pack animals to the forward dump, though the shelling was heavy and several animals became stuck in the mud. He remained at the dump under shell fire until it was cleared by the carrying parties. His remarkable coolness and cheerfulness under difficult conditions had an excellent effect on his men.

202785 Sjt. A. J. Burton, R. Lanc. R. (Dover).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon commander became a casualty, in an attack, he took command, led his men to the objective, and consolidated the position. Finding that all the officers of his company had become casualties, he reorganised the company and consolidated the whole position. He displayed the most untiring vigilance and initiative in constantly visiting the most forward posts, and set a fine example throughout of coolness, determination and contempt of danger.

781506 Cpl. E. Burton, R.F.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining the fire of his gun under heavy shelling, the gun emplacement receiving a direct hit. He twice went out to help mend the wire to the O.P. when broken. Having been driven from one gun, he continued firing with another, until a portion of it got damaged. He then returned to the first gun, took from it the necessary part, and continued firing. He worked continuously for forty-eight hours, setting a splendid example.

R33832 Pte. S. E. Burton, K.R.R.C. (Peckham, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He got his Lewis gun into a forward position when all the rest of the team were casualties, and opened fire on parties of the enemy. He was wounded and his equipment was set on fire, but he remained at his post, using his gun with great effect until his ammunition was exhausted. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

63002 B.S.M. G. W. Butcher, R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in extricating a convoy of pack horses when caught in a heavy barrage and in danger of panic. When the battery was short of ammunition he organised parties and collected a large quantity over an area that was being continually shelled. He displayed the highest courage.

305146 Coy. S./M. (A./R.S.M.) W. T. Cain, L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the early stages of the attack a dump of S.A.A. was blown up. He at once organised and led a party which collected 25,000 rounds from the battlefield.