

G/24088 Serjt. E. Blay, R.W. Surr. R. (Egham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his section was surrounded by the enemy he fought his way through with the greatest courage and determination, and then helped to cover the retirement of other troops. His unfailing cheerfulness and resource in subsequent operations was of the greatest value.

Tyne Z/3434 C./P./O. W. Blogg, R.N.V.R. (Durham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on a hostile position. His company was in the centre and obtained its objective after silencing machine-gun posts by bombing as they advanced. One machine gun, however, maintained its fire, whereupon he, with another N.C.O., attempted to reach it, under heavy fire, and ultimately succeeded in silencing the gun, and killing the whole team of seven men. His splendid courage and initiative undoubtedly saved severe casualties to his company from an enfilading fire.

756227 Farr./Sjt. R. Bosomworth, R.F.A. (Thornaby-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a rapid advance of the enemy, when the line of withdrawal of the battery ran up a very steep hill, it was necessary to double bank the horses to get vehicles away. He went up and down the hill many times, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, taking up horses to supplement trains and bringing down horses to get away guns. By his devotion to duty he was largely responsible for the guns being got away.

22956 Pte. F. R. Bough, Worc. R. (Colwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. From a besieged building he caused many casualties to the enemy with a Lewis gun. By his amazing coolness and courage he contributed largely to the clearing of the enemy. Even when trench mortar fire caused the roof to fall through he refused to leave his gun, and still maintained his covering fire for the party which was getting clear of the house.

9328 C.S.M. J. T. Bowden, Devon. R. (Ashburton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising remnants of units into disciplined parties and placing them in defensive positions to delay the hostile advance. His work in the line was of the utmost value, and, although wounded, he continued for three more days, until sent back by order of an officer. He showed great ability and fine powers of command.

13960 A./Sjt. C. Bowler, Notts. & Derby. R. (Derby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when on patrol with an officer. An enemy advance post was found which they decided to rush. Sjt. Bowler himself shooting two of the enemy. The patrol then followed the enemy, but, owing to reinforcements coming up, were obliged to withdraw. Throughout

his courage and determination were admirable.

426099 Sjt. H. Bradbury, M.M., R.E. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his section officer was wounded he led his men forward to a position swept by machine-gun and rifle fire and held it for two days. He afterwards assisted in organising a counter-attack, and succeeded in regaining a position temporarily lost.

9657 Sjt. A. Bradley, R.A.M.C. (Curragh Camp).

For conspicuous good work and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. led his stretcher parties and safely brought in all wounded under very heavy fire in action.

M2/152638 Sjt. G. H. Bragg, A.S.C. (East Kildonan).

For consistent devotion to duty and most conspicuous ability shown in keeping intact the heavy motor transport of the battery over practically impossible roads. His personal energy has contributed largely to getting the battery through 600 miles.

13181 Sjt. C. E. Brazier, R. Fus. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of two machine guns, and during the whole action behaved with conspicuous coolness and courage, handling his guns with accuracy and skill. He helped considerably to beat off the enemy attack.

35137 Sjt. E. Broadway, Welsh R. (Ogmore Vale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in operations when he led his platoon, after his officer had been wounded, with the greatest courage and skill. Although severely wounded by a shell he continued in command until the line was re-established. He set a splendid example to all ranks with him.

29211 (late 26586) Sjt. C. Brooks, Shrops. L.I. (Ludlow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack, when his platoon officer had become a casualty, this N.C.O. took command of the platoon, and, leading them with conspicuous gallantry and skill, he recaptured and re-established the portion of the line that was his objective. He then went out in broad daylight with a fighting patrol and drove the enemy out of a strong point and captured a machine gun. Later he brought in two wounded men under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire.

10234 Sjt. G. A. Brookes, M.G. Corps (Cudworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded in the shoulder this N.C.O. kept his guns in action for twenty-four hours, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, and materially assisting the infantry to retain their position. On several occasions, during two days' hard fighting, he rallied disorganised and retiring infantry, and his gallant behaviour and fine example