

turned through the barrage to report his action.

52067 L./C. W. H. Blake, Rifle Bde., posted Lond. R. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a daylight raid this N.C.O. evacuated the wounded under heavy fire with great coolness and judgment. After the action he went out into "No Man's Land" under artillery and machine-gun fire, almost as far as the enemy wire, and searched for wounded, eventually getting stretcher-bearers and bringing in seven men. He set a splendid example of disregard of danger and untiring devotion to duty.

240817 (A./Sjt.) J. W. Blythe, S. Staff. R. (Wolverhampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in seizing an enemy post by daylight with one N.C.O. and one private. Three prisoners were taken, but on the way back an enemy patrol of six were encountered, when the prisoners tried to escape and were immediately killed. Corporal Blythe then dispersed the patrol and brought back identification of the enemy regiment holding the line.

D/9440 Cpl. W. Bodman, Dn. Gds. (St. Luke's).

For conspicuous gallantry with a patrol. He penetrated behind the enemy line and entered a village, capturing many prisoners. Although under heavy machine-gun fire from the flanks practically the whole time, he pushed forward, using his sword, and obtained much valuable information. He did very fine work.

3/9475 Sjt. O. Bolland, York. R. (Northallerton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He rendered his platoon commander great assistance in re-organising the right party, which had become scattered by heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He then went on with his platoon commander and attacked and killed an enemy post of three men. He then joined the centre party, who were meeting with heavy resistance, and rendered great help. Throughout the raid he showed great courage and ability.

29539 L./Cpl. G. Bosomworth, E. York. R. (Skelton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He took charge of a platoon, and his courage and leadership were splendid. He entered a dug-out full of the enemy and killed three, and bombed and set on fire another dug-out containing many of the enemy, none of whom escaped. His example of gallantry and disregard of danger was of a high order.

457183 Sjt. E. A. Bramley, M.M., R.E. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in supervising the preparation for demolition of a group of five bridges. In addition to supervising the work of demolishing these five bridges, he succeeded in blowing up another bridge, delaying lighting the fuse until all our troops were over and the

enemy were within fifty yards. He then went back to the five bridges, four of which were successfully destroyed in the immediate presence of the enemy.

85393 Sjt. P. C. Branch, R.F.A. (York Road, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of an advanced section of his battery. Under heavy gas and high explosive shelling he kept his guns going till one was knocked out. He then increased the rate of fire with the remaining gun, and kept up rapid fire until practically surrounded by the enemy. He then put his gun out of action, and got his detachment away safely. He did fine service.

9063 Sjt. G. A. Bray, Wilts. R. (Devizes).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. When his company officers had become casualties he handled the company with great skill, held on to a position until practically surrounded, and then withdrew his men in a most capable manner. Later, he successfully brought ammunition from a dump in a village, part of which the enemy were occupying, through heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He set a fine example of courage and cheerfulness.

58069 Sjt. J. G. R. Brewer, M.M., R.E. (Weston-super-Mare).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty during heavy enemy barrage. When a shell fell in the signal office, carrying away all the lines, he went out and sat for over an hour putting through the lines one by one. Later, he remained on duty for forty-eight hours without sleep, alternately maintaining lines and superintending work in the signal office. He behaved splendidly.

92867 Sjt. J. V. Brewer, Tank Corps (Gram-pound).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Tank received a direct hit and was disabled, he extricated his crew and guns under very heavy machine-gun fire and engaged the enemy in the open, inflicting many casualties. Throughout the operations Sjt. Brewer handled his Tank with great initiative and determination, and displayed fine courage in many severe engagements.

S/8367 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Brodie, R. Highrs. (Stirling).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon splendidly to the final objective, and then found that enemy snipers from a ridge in front greatly hampered consolidation. He at once organised a party and attacked this high ground, from which he drove the enemy. By his determined gallantry and initiative he saved many casualties, and greatly facilitated consolidation.

41157 Pte. A. Broomhead, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was forced to retire from an attack, Private Broomhead, who was a signaller, stayed behind with five