

Unit	No.	Rank and Name	Particulars
8th Battery	...	Major BESSEL-BROWNE, A.J., D.S.O.	<p>Major Bessel-Browne superintended the operations described below and, under continual rifle and shell fire, kept the section of his battery in action and supervised the construction of saps and emplacements for them, the work occupying three days and three nights, during which time he, his officers, and the majority of his men had practically neither sleep nor rest. In addition Major Bessel-Browne's services from the time his guns got into action on 5th May until the present time have been of the utmost value, and his conduct throughout has been gallant and courageous in the extreme. ^{The G.O.C.} attributes the valuable work done by his battery, which is placed in one of the most important positions of the defence, to be due to the example he has set his men, and his untiring energy, courage and ability.</p>
8th Battery	1773	Serjt BRAIDWOOD, J.R.	<p>These serjeants are brought to notice as representing two gun detachments of the 8th Battery who, after very great difficulty, succeeded in bring a section of the battery, under the Officer Commanding - Major Bessel-Browne - on to the summit of the 400 Plateau. The guns were dug in in rear of the crest of the hill but it was found that, owing to the shortness of the range and flat trajectory of the guns, it was not possible to engage some works which the enemy had constructed within 350 yards of our infantry trenches and was improving, and which were becoming a source of very great danger. In accordance with the orders of the G.O.C. that these works were to be shelled, on the afternoon of 5th May the guns were run out into the open with drag ropes a distance of 60 to 70 yards, and, under terrific cross fire from the enemy's batteries, engaged the works mentioned. After firing 15 to 20 rounds the guns were withdrawn from the open into the emplacements without loss of life or injury to materiel.</p> <p>On the following morning - 6th May - the G.O.C. desired that this target be again engaged in order to break down the work which the enemy had constructed during the night. The</p>
8th Battery	1898	Serjt WALLIS, W.D.	