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War Office,  
3rd September, 1919.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards which appeared in the London Gazette of the 1st January, 1919, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made:—

## BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

12069 Sjt. J. S. Bastick, D.C.M., 7th Bn., Norf. R., att'd. 35th T.M. Bty. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. On many occasions during operations he has displayed marked courage and coolness under fire in reconnoitring ground for trench mortars for the best route for communication to go by, and in fixing the exact position of our front line (on two occasions) in face of sniping from enemy infantry, machine guns and 77 mm. pieces. His example has been a constant inspiration to those under him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

\*9429 A./Sjt. A./R./S./M. C. Clarke, D.C.M., Bord. R., att'd. 1st Bn., Wilts. R. (Carlisle).

During the period under review he has acted as R.S.M. to the battalion, and in that capacity he has shown the greatest devotion to duty in all his work. When in the line his conduct under heavy shelling has been splendid. On 27th May, 1918, near Beaufignereux, when the battalion had been practically surrounded by the enemy, he collected a party of stragglers and succeeded in holding up the enemy for some time, and inflicted heavy losses on them. When retirement became necessary he withdrew his party with great skill, displaying marked powers of leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd October, 1918.)

\*313002 B./S./M. S. Eardley, D.C.M., 1/1st (N. Mid.) Hy. By., R.G.A., T.F. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 28th May, 1918, at Vandeuil, he showed great courage in releasing the horses from wagons when it was impossible to take them back, owing to a complete

block in the traffic. Although under heavy shell fire, he remained at his post until all the horses had been released, eventually being wounded by a sniper whilst getting away. He has previously done good work. (D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

18820 C./S./M. F. A. Savage, D.C.M., 8th Bn., Glouc. R. (Thrupp).

During the past 12 months he has carried out his duties as C.S.M. in a most efficient manner; particularly near Kemmel during April, 1918, when in command of two platoons, he was left to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of his company. He displayed powers of leadership of a high order. His conduct on this occasion was marked by a complete disregard for his personal safety, and his example was most inspiring to all with whom he came in contact. He has at all times inspired confidence by his fearless bearing and devotion to duty.

(D.C.M. gazetted 12th March, 1919.)

240032 Sgt. A. Wilbur, D.C.M., 1/5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Hinckley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Since March, 1918, he has been in charge of the signal section while there has been no signal officer. Throughout this time communications have been maintained between company and battalion headquarters without a hitch, in spite of heavy bombardments and very difficult conditions. Regardless of personal safety he is always undeterred by enemy shelling, and if communications break down he is the first to lead his men to re-establish them.

(D.C.M. gazetted 12th March, 1919.)

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

3058 Sgt. S. Collett, D.C.M., 58th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked gallantry and good work during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. At Ville-sur-Ancre, on the night 3-4th July, when all Lewis guns were out of action owing to being clogged with mud, he placed captured enemy machine guns in position under heavy fire and instructed his men in the use of them. He did great execution himself with one of these guns during the enemy counter-attack. Again on the 9th August, east of Harbonnieres, he rendered great service to his company when they were held up by enemy machine-gun fire, by working Lewis gun sections round the enemy's flank and causing them to surrender.

(D.C.M. gazetted 5th December, 1918.)

864 C./S./M. J. McD. McCash, D.C.M., 59th (late 60th) Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 8th August, 1918, in the early part of the advance during the fog he was in charge of two platoons, ably assisting his company commander and materially helping towards the success of the operations. At

Harbonnieres, on 9th August, he organised the advance of the right half-company under heavy fire and enabled it to proceed. At Peronne, on 2nd September, 1918, by his coolness and good judgment under heavy fire, in assisting his company commander many casualties were avoided.

(D.C.M. gazetted 5th December, 1918.)

\* Indicates award of D.C.M. in London Gazette, dated 1st January, 1919, since amended to read "Bar to D.C.M.," *vide* London Gazette, dated 16th January, 1919.

#### DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

S/11362 Sgt. G. D. Adam, 4th Bn., attd. 2nd Bn., Argyl & Suth'd Highrs. (Glasgow).

He has been employed as sergeant in charge of battalion snipers and observers since October, 1917, and throughout that period has shown exceptional keenness, intelligence and devotion to duty. Whenever the battalion goes into the line he shows himself to be regardless of danger and capable and energetic in the selection and construction of observation posts. In particular, during operations early in May of this year, when the enemy attacked our positions in the vicinity of Ridge Wood, he established an excellent observation post in a most exposed position, from whence he throughout the day sent continual and valuable messages to battalion headquarters.

54506 Cpl. C. Adams, 230th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Crimpleston, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times, particularly on 28th March, 1918, when he kept his gun continuously in action during eight hours of very heavy and concentrated shell fire after his sergeant and most of the original detachment were killed or wounded. He distinguished himself further during the attack S. of Amiens in August, 1918, when on two occasions his marked courage under shell fire had the greatest influence on the men under him.

11233 C./S./M. R. Adams, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Barnscourt, Co. Tyrone).

For outstanding good work for the past three years during which time the battalion has been on active service. He has repeatedly shown great gallantry and disregard of danger when exposed to shell fire, and has done excellent work first as a platoon sergeant and later as a company sergeant-major. He has always exhibited the finest qualities of courage and determination, and is a warrant officer deserving of the highest praise.

4661 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) E. Addicott, 3rd Bn., R. Berks. R., attd. 1st B.W. Indies R. (Halland). (EGYPT)

For devotion to duty and constant good work. He is a regular soldier with twenty-three years' service, and has been acting as R.S.M. of the 1st British West Indies Regi-

ment for the last two and a half years. He has shown a fine example to all ranks, whether in action or at other times.

285854 Ftr. W. K. Aldborough, 121st Hy. By., R.G.A. (Norwich).

He has displayed rare devotion to duty throughout the recent operations before Amiens and Arras, and it is largely due to his courage and energy that guns were kept in action at a time when it was of the utmost importance that they should be so. He worked day and night without rest, and frequently under hostile shell fire and bombing without complaint, and, in the absence of a staff serjeant fitter, his skill and sound workmanship were of the utmost value.

9706 Pte. B. Aldridge, 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (Sheffield).

For devotion to duty during four years' front-line service. He has always shown great courage and self-sacrifice in volunteering for dangerous enterprises. During the operations in March, 1918, near Bapaume, he did excellent work, and on one occasion held up the enemy by Lewis-gun fire, although an untrained man.

58872 Sjt. G. Alexander, 41st By., R.F.A. (Abertillery).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served with this battery throughout all the battles of the present year, and has been conspicuous by his example on many trying occasions in bringing wounded to cover, building gun positions and working his gun under heavy shell fire. His continuous cheerfulness and courage have been a great source of inspiration to the men under him.

220016 C./S./M. C. E. Allen, 10th Bn., E. York. R., T.F. (Bridlington).

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has done excellent work throughout the last six months as C.S.M. He has always performed his duties in a cheerful and capable manner, and has shown a fine sense of leadership. His organisation both in and out of the line gave proof of energy and keenness. In particular on the 12th April, 1918, near Merris, he rallied his men under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and caused heavy fire to be brought on the advancing enemy. He showed complete disregard for his own personal safety.

202041 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. J. Allen, 5th Bn., North'd Fus., T.F. (Flitcham, King's Lynn).

During the operations undertaken by this battalion during the battles of the Somme, the Lys and Aisne he has consistently showed great gallantry and devotion to duty. As a lance-corporal he handled his section at all times with courage, skill and resource, including counter-attacks on two occasions; and organised and took charge of a platoon on more than one occasion. His good example and constant cheerfulness in difficult situations inspired the men under him to further effort.

54254 Mot./Cyc. Cpl. W. L. Anderson, 37th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Gateshead).

For consistent good work, courage and devotion to duty as motor despatch rider attached to divisional artillery headquarters. His work as despatch rider has taken him over bad roads and unknown country at all times of the day and night and in all weathers. Frequently through gas bombing and heavy shell fire, he never failed to deliver his despatches in the quickest possible time. His work has been admirable.

320262 L./Cpl. A. Andrews, 12th Bn., Norf. R., T.F. (Norwich).

During the attack on Vieux Berquin on 19th August, 1918, he was No. 1 on the Lewis gun attached to the right flank of a company, and as the company advanced into the strong point—their objective—his gun teams moved forward directly towards the centre of the enemy's position and contrived to reach a large shell hole only twenty yards in front of the enemy's position, which was strongly held by machine-gunners, snipers and bombers.

6576 Sjt. F. Archer, M.M., 1st Bn., D.C.L.I. (Ponders End).

He was in charge of Regtl. Signals during the operations in the Forest of Nieppe on 13th April, and again on 28th June, 1918, and in the absence of the battalion signalling officer did most extraordinary good work in establishing and maintaining communications, showing the utmost contempt of danger in going out under heavy fire at any time to supervise the work of his men and keep the lines in repair. On the 13th April he was wounded on this duty.

130212 Sjt. L. W. Ardley, No. 1 Spec. Coy., R.E. (Barking).

For conspicuous gallantry under fire and continuous good service. He has carried out his duties during the past twelve months in a most commendable manner. At Morlan-court, on 8th August, a mortar emplacement full of bombs received a direct hit, killing or wounding four men. In spite of the enemy fire and the gas which had escaped he carried away the wounded men and personally supervised the burying of all damaged bombs, thus preventing the gas from causing damage to our troops. He invariably displayed cool courage and devotion to duty under heavy fire.

97456 C./S.M. G. E. Argyle, 155th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Pembroke Dock).

From 1st March to 1st Sept., 1918. For consistent good work and devotion to duty. He has often done duty for an officer with considerable success, notably in the preparation of bridges for demolition in the face of the enemy, and has invariably shown cool courage and ability under fire.

602027 Sig. Cpl. H. Armour, 18th Bde., R.H.A. (Ayr). (EGYPT)

For continuous good work and devotion to duty during the operations to Es Salt and Amman in April, 1918, and especially during the Turkish attack on the Ghoraniyeh defences on 11th April, 1918, when, under

fire, he maintained his signal communication from Brigade Headquarters to batteries without a hitch.

290134 Sjt. S. Armstrong, 1/7th Bn., Ches. R., T.F. (Macclesfield).

He has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the whole of the period under review. He set a splendid example to all the men under him during the operations south of Soissons in July and August, 1918, and east of Kemmel in September. On a great many occasions during that period he performed very dangerous and arduous tasks under heavy shell fire, and it was in a large measure due to his fearlessness, grit and determination that the battalion never once failed to get its supplies.

67521 Spr. T. Arthur, 151st Fld. Coy., R.E. (Tylorstown, Glam.).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty in action at all times during the period from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has invariably delivered the messages entrusted to him, undeterred by shelling and regardless of his own safety.

14051 C./S./M. J. Ashworth, M.M., 24th (S.) Bn. (P.), Manch. R. (Oldham).

(ITALY)

He has performed exceptionally valuable services as C.S.M. for over twenty months. Always courageous and energetic, he sets an excellent example to the N.C.O.s and men under him. During the offensive operations at Beaumont Hamel, 16th December—17th January, at Bullecourt, May—17th July, and east of Ypres, September and 17th October, his coolness under the heaviest shell fire and his personal influence with his men were frequently and largely instrumental in the completion of urgent work. On several occasions during the period under consideration he was in charge of important wiring to No Man's Land, south of Asiago, when his energy and determination contributed largely to the quality of the results achieved.

94734 Sjt. C. T. Atkinson, 116th By., 26th A. Bde., R.F.A. (London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty since joining the battery in November, 1915, and in particular on 21st March, 1918, near Nœuil. He was with a forward section during the enemy attack and under very heavy shell fire. The officer present was wounded, and he took charge and kept the two guns in action till both were knocked out by direct hits. He then withdrew the survivors in good order, bringing with him the wounded and the gun sights. His work throughout has been of a very high standard.

13881 Sjt. H. Atkinson, VII. Corps Cyc. Bn., A.C.C. (Lancaster).

From 14th August, 1918, to 7th September, 1918, he was in charge of six signallers of his battalion at the 2nd Army Heliograph Transmitting Station on the Mont-des-Cats. On the 16th August, 1918, the enemy, having observed the signalling, shelled the station almost daily. The signallers remained

at their post and carried on. He was at the heliograph whenever messages were being sent, and it was due to his fine disregard of danger and to the devotion to duty of the signallers that the continuity of communication was maintained.

14597 Spr. (A./Cpl.) J. Atkinson, 2nd Fld. Sur. Bn., R.E. (Gillingham, Kent).

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty in his work as a surveyor in the field. He was employed on the fixing of positions for field artillery. After the withdrawal in the Lys sector in April, 1918, he worked daily in the heavily shelled area round the battery positions until he and his assistant were severely wounded on 22nd April. His work was of the greatest value at a critical period. He has consistently rendered good service since he joined his section in February, 1917.

240421 Sjt. J. Atterbury, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Ashbourne).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served continuously with his battalion in France since February, 1915, first as a scout and later as scout sergeant, and has shown a complete disregard of danger. As a platoon sergeant during the last year he has proved himself an able leader, and has invariably shown a keen fighting spirit and a cheerful disposition, and did particularly good work in connection with a successful raid near Hulluch in August, 1917.

9209 C.Q.M.S. W. Austin, 1st Bn., Bedf. R. (Redbourne).

He has served continuously with the battalion since the Somme operations in August, 1916, and in his capacity as C.Q.M.S. has on several occasions shown great presence of mind and courage under shelling, as well as performing his duties in a most zealous and capable manner. During the operations at Nieppe Forest in April and May, 1918, and the operations N.W. of Bapaume, in August and September, 1918, he conducted ration parties to the outpost lines through heavy gas shelling and machine-gun fire, and personally distributed rations.

113923 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. P. Baggott, 280th Sge. By., 16th Bde., R.G.A. (Pleck, Walsall).

For exemplary courage and devotion to duty under shell fire during battery action in front of Thelus. Several times when wounded and unfit for duty he persisted in remaining with his battery. His perseverance and coolness maintained the spirit of his men throughout many difficult actions from April to September, 1918.

187236 Sjt. J. W. Bailey, attd. "T" A.-A. By., R.G.A. (Stoke-on-Trent).

As senior sergeant of a section he has been largely responsible for maintaining a high standard of efficiency in the men during the past two years. He has always shown great coolness under fire, and has throughout set an excellent example.



93225 Cpl. T. L. Bailey, B/177th Bde., R.F.A. (Burslem).

He has been a very efficient battery clerk of this battery for two years. During the retirement in March, 1918, he proved to be a very gallant soldier, fought in the line with the infantry on the afternoon of the 21st, tended wounded officers and men, and on one occasion when the battery had to leave several dead behind he went out under fire to get their identity discs, etc. His services to the battery have been invaluable.

355584 C./S./M. H. Baker, 25th Bn., R.W. Fus., T.F. (Rhondda Valley).

For repeated acts of gallantry and initiative under fire, and devotion to duty. Also when called upon to act as R.S.M. he set a fine example by his coolness and ability in times of danger.

95318 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) M. Baker, 152nd Fld. Coy., R.E. (Manchester).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has done most excellent work under trying conditions. He has throughout shown great coolness and indifference to danger, and the good work done by his section on several occasions has been largely due to his courage and excellent example.

45137 Sjt. L. J. Baldwin, D/330th (E. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Rowhedge).

For continuous good work in the battery during the past six months, especially during the retirement on the Somme in March and April, 1918. By his knowledge of the gun and his quickness and accuracy at laying he has greatly contributed to the turning out of good detachments, thereby adding to the fighting value of the battery. He has at all times been conspicuous for his cool courage and devotion to duty under fire, and has largely assisted in raising the fighting value of the battery to its present standard.

11138 L./Cpl. H. J. Bamford, 6th Bn., Som. L.I. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served in the battalion in France for three and half years. During this period as N.C.O. on transport he has never failed to deliver munitions or rations to the battalion however heavy the hostile shelling and machine-gun fire. At Paschendaele, where the work was particularly perilous, he volunteered to take pack mules nightly to the line.

45283 Sjt. F. Bareham, 113th Sge. By., R.G.A. ([E] Clacton, Essex).

For exceptionally good work as No. 1. He has shown marked courage, resource and determination in keeping his gun in action during very trying conditions, instances of which there have been many. His skill in manipulating guns over shell-wrought ground was magnificent.

240961 C./S./M. R. Barker, 2/6th Bn., Liverpool R., T.F. (Wakefield).

He has been on active service continuously since February, 1917. During the whole

period he has shown exceptional ability and devotion to duty. He has frequently acted as R.S.M. In active operations he has invariably displayed the greatest gallantry and coolness under fire and setting a very fine example to all other ranks.

27140 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. J. Barnes, 85th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Dublin). (EGYPT)

By his devotion to duty and general excellent work at all times he is largely responsible for the high standard of efficiency of the company. His personal influence and tact have been of the greatest assistance to his C.O. both in action and at other times.

16516 Ctr. Sjt. (C./Q./M./S.) A. Barr, 9th Bn., Sco. Rif. (Creetown).

For consistent gallantry, good service and devotion to duty, especially during periods 21st March—5th April and 25th April—4th May, 1918, during battles of the Somme and Mont Kemmel, when as C.Q.M.S. he carried out his duties under circumstances of exceptional difficulty and danger.

588 Sjt. M. Barr, M.M., C/106th Bde., R.F.A. (Balloch).

Since July, 1917, as senior serjeant of his unit, he has always shown an entire disregard of danger and a high sense of duty in the performance of his work. In June, 1917, at Ypres, owing to casualties, he assumed the duties of battery serjeant-major and carried on efficiently throughout the action, although he had then been a serjeant for less than a month. During the fighting from Le Verguier to the Avre, from 21st March to 6th April, his work at the gun position was invaluable. Throughout he has set a fine example of cool courage.

53117 Sig. (Bdr.) H. C. Barrett, A/95th Bde., R.F.A. (Tooting).

He came out with his battery in September, 1915, as a signaller. He has always shown diligence and ability, and is now in charge of battery signallers. On many occasions he has performed excellent work mending telephone lines under very heavy shell fire, particularly so during the operations in March and May of this year, also during the present operations. He has never been away from duty, and always set a splendid example to his men by his courage and cheerfulness under most trying conditions.

624906 Sjt. M. E. Barrett, 1/B By., H.A.C., attd. 19th Bde., R.H.A. (U. Clapton, N.E.). (EGYPT)

For skill, initiative and devotion to duty at Jisr Ed Damieh on 1st May, 1918. He was in charge of a flank gun, acting under his control and independently of the rest of his battery. He fought his gun most ably and gallantly, and undoubtedly checked the right flank of the enemy. The enemy got to within 500 yards of his gun before being driven back, and he was under shell, rifle and machine-gun fire during a great part of the time. During the subsequent withdrawal of the battery he handled his subsection with great skill and an entire disregard of personal danger, and succeeded in bringing his gun and two wagons safely in.

360616 Pnr. J. Barron, 35th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Kinnillar, Aberdeen).

He has during the period March to September, 1918, been conspicuous on many occasions for exceptionally good work and devotion to duty under dangerous conditions. He has on many occasions been solely responsible for the maintenance of lines to battalions when these were under heavy shell fire, thus enabling his brigade to carry out important shoots. He has proved himself at all times a most reliable linesman.

4859 Pte. (L./C.) E. Barsdell, 8th Bn. (now Depot), E. Surr. R. (Bayswater).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 26th February to the 16th September, 1918. He was in charge of the runners of his company, and as such has set a splendid example of courage and endurance, always carrying the message himself rather than send one of his runners with it, whenever the risk appeared to be unusually great. He has been of the greatest assistance to his officers in bringing back clear and concise reports on the situation, and has frequently rallied and led forward small parties of men who had lost their leaders.

M2/117298 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. E. G. Bashford, R.A.S.C., att'd. 65th Sge. By. Amm. Col. R.G.A. (Boro' Green, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night 4th-5th September, 1918, when assisting with caterpillar tractors in mounting a 12 in. Howitzer at a position about 500 yards south-east of Fampoux, east of Arras. The position was subjected to very heavy shell and gas-shell fire the whole night, but this non-commissioned officer remained at his post, the gun being successfully mounted. He then took his caterpillars back to their park, and was later evacuated, suffering from gas poisoning. He has on previous occasions shown absolute coolness under shell fire and has always set a high example to his men.

56662 Sjt. H. Bastow, M.M., Sig. Sub-Sec., R.E., att'd. 81st Bde., R.G.A. (Bradford).

From 25th February to night of 16th-17th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and disregard of danger. On the night of 1st-2nd September, 1918, at Cherisy, all communications being cut by hostile fire, he immediately went out to repair the damage. Throughout the night he was continually under shell fire or bombs from enemy aircraft, but continued his task and repaired the lines. He has consistently done excellently.

7433 B./S./M. E. Bathe, 28th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Nr. Petworth, Sussex).

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has done exceptionally fine work, and has always shown the greatest devotion to duty. The battery has frequently been in very forward positions, and his behaviour under heavy shell fire and other trying circumstances has on all occasions been exemplary. His coolness and utter disregard of personal danger have been a splendid example to the men, and have had undoubtedly on several occasions a very

marked effect on the service of the guns and the general efficiency of the battery while in action

16313 Sjt. W. Bayfield, 11th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Sth. Shields).

He has served in France for two and a half years, and was posted to this battalion in February, 1918. On 24th March he handled his Lewis guns with most conspicuous skill and gallantry, ensuring the success of our counter-attack. He was wounded for the fourth time on this date, but soon returned to duty. A most reliable and capable N.C.O.

L/13977 Sjt. H. C. Beale, 18th Bn., Middx. R., att'd. 36th T.M. By. (Wood Green, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during forty months' service, and especially during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, as battery sergeant. He has commanded his section of guns in a most able manner in action, and has on many occasions on his own initiative brought his guns forward into action and given great assistance to the attacking infantry.

191448 Cpl. E. A. Beales, att'd. "C" A.-A. By., R.G.A. (Sutton).

For continuous and conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served in France since April, 1915, in anti-aircraft sections, and nearly the whole time in forward areas. He is a highly-skilled and expert range-taker, and has shown so much ability in the performance of this duty that he was given charge of one of the few two metre range-finders. He worked it and another, one after the other, until both were destroyed by shell fire. His ability and devotion to duty are of the highest order.

15962 Sjt. J. H. Beard, 7th Bn., Leic. R. (Coulville).

He has been with the battalion all through the fighting of the last six months. He has been in command of a platoon most of the time, and has always shown ability and great courage in action.

T/28315 Dvr. (A./Sjt.) P. R. Beart, 54th Div. Tn., R.A.S.C. (Willesden Green).

(EGYPT)

For gallantry and meritorious action on 5th August, 1918, when on supply convoy duty. The convoy being heavily shelled at the Mezeirah Railway crossing—and the two native drivers of one of the wagons abandoning their team, he promptly galloped up and mounted the near leader and brought the wagon safely through the refilling point, leading his own horse at the same time.

136610 Sjt. J. Beattie, 20th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Hartlepool).

For gallantry and consistent devotion to duty at all times, and particularly during the enemy attack on Givenchy Les La Basses on 9th April, 1918. On this occasion, under very heavy enemy fire, he maintained continuous serving of his gun. At the end of the day he assisted in with-

drawing the guns successfully under difficult and trying circumstances. Throughout the remainder of the month his cheerfulness and disregard of danger were most marked.

WR/26071 L./Cpl. J. C. Beauchamp, 341st Road Con. Coy., R.E. (Birmingham).

For his continued good work, extending over seven days under heavy shell fire, in maintaining the roads and cross-roads on the Tilloy-Wancourt-Guemappe Road fit for all traffic during the recent Canadian offensive. On three occasions he learnt that the above-named cross-roads had been hit several times. On each occasion he at once collected a few men and repaired the damage under heavy shell fire and enabled the urgent transport using the roads to proceed. He has done consistent good work, and his cool courage and example have encouraged his men to carry on under difficult circumstances.

16/506 Sjt. F. Beaver, 16th Bn., R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 29th March, 1918, to 2nd September, 1918. During the fighting N.W. and east of Bapaume from 21st August to 2nd September, 1918, he rendered most valuable services by manning advanced observation posts under heavy fire, and reporting the progress of operations most accurately. On the 2nd September, 1918, he maintained an observation post in an exposed place under considerable shell fire for over five hours until wounded, doing valuable service at a somewhat critical time. Throughout his work at all times has been excellent.

200779 Sjt. W. H. Beavington, 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R. (Kingsway, W.C.).

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the six months ending 16th September, 1918. He was employed as signalling serjeant of the battalion, has shown great keenness and devotion to duty. During the time the battalion was in action he always maintained a thoroughly efficient signal service. His work invariably took place under very heavy shell fire. He set an example to those under him, and on many occasions personally organised the laying and repairing of lines.

15911 Sjt. F. Beck, M.M., 9th Bn., Norf. R. (Walsingham).

Near Dickebusch, from 17th June to 21st August, 1918, he was performing the duties of Company Serjeant-Major, and rendered most valuable services by his power of command and marked gallantry under fire and personal example. On one occasion during an attack by the brigade on our left the enemy put down a heavy barrage on our trenches. He went forward on his own initiative and moved the garrison to a place of safety in close vicinity, thereby undoubtedly saving many lives.

241692 Pte. J. F. Beck, 17th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Cockermouth).

He has done continual good work whilst serving with a Lewis gun team. On 26th August, 1918, near High Wood, he became

separated from his company with his machine gun, and with fine courage and devotion to duty he refused to abandon his gun, and rejoined the company twenty-four hours later in an exhausted condition, with the Lewis gun intact.

676809 Sjt. A. Beddows, B/285th (W. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Tettenhall Wood).

He has at all times set a most gallant example of coolness and resource under fire, particularly on 9th April, 1918, when in charge of a forward gun at Rouge-de-Bout. Throughout an exceedingly heavy bombardment for six hours in an exposed position he successfully kept his gun in action when all but one man and himself became casualties. When finally forced by the advance of the enemy to leave his gun he succeeded in carrying a badly wounded non-commissioned officer to the dressing station under heavy fire.

250174 Sjt. Dmr. W. Bell, 3rd Bn., Lond. R. (Cricklewood).

For conspicuous good work and gallantry, on many occasions under heavy fire. The standard of efficiency of those under him has always been of the highest. During the fighting in March he displayed great gallantry when in charge of the drummers, who were used as a platoon to hold the Village of Noreuil. During recent battles, the drummers having been used as carrying parties for S.A.A. and rations, his courage and determination had a great effect on the men under his command.

550197 Sjt. T. Belliss, M.M., 520th (Lond.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Fulham, S.W.).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty between November, 1917, and September, 1918, especially at the beginning of December, 1917. He carried out a daring daylight reconnaissance under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire of some gun-pits on the western outskirts of Bourlon Wood, locating two 15 cm. long-range guns and a battery of 7.7 cm. high velocity guns, and thus enabled them to be destroyed that evening and rendered useless to the enemy. During the recent operations (22nd August to 6th September, 1918) his services were invaluable.

20127 L./Sjt. G. Bellyou, 15th Bn., Ches. R. (Bethnal Green).

During the period 23rd March, 1918, to 16th September, 1918, he has rendered exceptional service in the front line. Of a fearless nature, he has at the same time a most cheerful disposition, and is of the greatest value in inspiring the men under his command with confidence and getting the most out of them. Whenever patrol work has to be done he always volunteered, and has done most useful work in this respect. He is always at his best when danger is greatest.

142615 Bomdr. S. Bent, 331st Sge. By., R.G.A. (Nottingham).

For consistent good work and conspicuous devotion to duty. His initiative and cool courage under fire have on many occasions been a fine example to those around him.

Especially was this so on the 24th April, 1918, near Villers-Bretonneux, when his No. 1 was wounded and he himself gassed. Although suffering considerably, he kept his gun firing for several hours. His conduct has under all conditions been of the utmost value in keeping up the spirits of his comrades.

700025 Sjt. H. Bentley, M.M., 210th (E. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Accrington).

For consistent and conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Sjt.-Maj. from 20th Feb. to Sept., 1918. During March and April, 1918, the battery was frequently subjected to heavy shell fire, and on all occasions he set a fine example of coolness and courage to the men. His cheerfulness under the most trying conditions inspired confidence in all ranks.

97030 C./S./M. J. Betts, 11th (S.) Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Burton-on-Trent).

(ITALY)

During the period 26th February to the 14th September, 1918. Conspicuous gallantry and ability as C.S.M., notably during the operations of 15th June, when all his officers became casualties and he took command of his company and brought it out of action. His work throughout the period under review has been of a uniformly high order.

111348 Sjt. L. Beverley, 140th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Worthing).

On the 10th April, 1918, three guns of the battery were in action near La Creche when the enemy took Armentieres, Ploegstreert, and Messines. The guns eventually had to be pulled out, and his gun got so badly stuck that he had to abandon it after taking away the sight and breech-block. Next night he made one of a party who went over into No Man's Land, reached the gun, and after a lengthy struggle succeeded in shifting it; it was thus saved for his battery and used in action against the enemy at Neuve Eglise the following day. His determination and gallant conduct were admirable. Throughout the period 25th Feb. to 16th/17th Sept. his example has been excellent.

11290 Sjt. C. Billson, 7th Bn., Leic. R. (Leicester).

For continuous good work as Battn. Transport Sgt. He has brought up rations night after night over a long period, and has frequently shown great coolness and presence of mind in handling his transport under heavy shell fire.

82304 Cpl. W. Blackhurst, R.F.A. att'd. X/24th T.M. By. (Hayes, Staffs.).

During 2½ years' service in T.M.'s he has always shown great courage and devotion to duty. He is an excellent worker and a splendid example to the men.

614997 L./C. (Sjt.) E. Blacktin, Labour Corps (Sparbrook).

At Nieppe Forest, on the 28th June, 1918, he was in charge of a platoon detailed to act as a carrying party during an advance. He reached the objective simultaneously with the attacking troops,

and placed fresh ammunition at their immediate disposal. He then led his men back through the enemy barrage, and it was entirely due to his coolness and skilful leadership that casualties were very slight. Throughout his service in the field he has ever shown gallantry, and has gained wonderful hold on the men under his command.

186930 Sjt. S. Blake, "R" A.A. By., R.G.A. (Branksome, Dorset).

In the Ypres Salient during the past two years he, by his steadiness under shell fire and his devotion to duty, has set a fine example to all ranks, and has thereby largely contributed to the successful results achieved by his section.

T./20526 T./S./S./M. G. J. Bleach, 4th Cav. Div., Aux. M.T. Coy., R.A.S.C. (Backland, Kent).

On the retirement in March, 1918, when his company was marching on the main Amiens road and was attacked by enemy aeroplanes, he rendered great assistance in recovering stampeded teams, and assisted in preventing, by his coolness and disregard to personal danger a panic, which would otherwise have undoubtedly occurred.

11592 Cpl. J. F. Bliss, 9th Bn., N. Staff. R. (Edgbaston).

He has at all times displayed great gallantry, coolness and devotion to duty. Under heavy shelling he sets an example which always keeps his men at work and ensures his task being completed.

200118 Sjt. F. Bloomfield, 1/4th Bn., Norf. R., T.F. (Thetford). (EGYPT)

He has by his untiring energy and gallant conduct gained the admiration and respect of the whole battalion. He is a L.G. of exceptional ability and an instructor of unusual merit. He has distinguished himself in every action in which he has taken part.

94223 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) W. H. Bloxham, 35th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Maidstone).

As Signalling Superintendent this N.C.O. has performed his duties with coolness and determination under fire, and consistent thoroughness throughout the period. March to September, 1918. His keenness and forethought have at all times been invaluable to his Section Officer and the Brigade Staff. He has also performed at his own instigation arduous outdoor duties in order to give over-worked linemen a rest.

14456 C./S./M. F. Blunt, 61st Bn., M.G. Corps (Bradford).

He has served with this battalion for the last seven months. During this period he has proved himself a most capable and efficient Warrant Officer. He has at all times showed fearless initiative and devotion to duty, particularly during February and March of this year, when, owing to Section Officers becoming casualties, he had for many days to command different sections. His personal gallantry and untiring efforts are a fine example to all.

6776 A./C./S./M. G. E. Blunt, 1st Bn., Bord. R. (London, N.).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 17th September, 1918. He has taken part in all engagements with the battalion during this period. He has been for a large part of the time commanding a platoon, and on several occasions Acting C.S.M. He has at all times when under fire shown gallantry and coolness and set a very fine example to the men.

133283 Pnr. J. Blyth, 196th L.D. Coy., R.E. (Alford, Lincs.).

For exceptional zeal and devotion to duty and cheerfulness under all circumstances. His willingness to undertake front line work, and the wonderful example invariably set by him under difficult circumstances, and in many cases under heavy and frequent shell fire, have had the most inspiring effect upon his whole unit.

19903 L./C. W. J. Boal, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Belfast).

He has been a signaller with the battalion since 1915. He has done excellent work, and on several occasions has shown marked gallantry in maintaining his lines, often under heavy fire. He especially distinguished himself in the operations of March of this year in the vicinity of St. Quentin.

8536 R./Q./M./S. (A./R./S./M.) J. W. Boddie, 1st Bn., Dorset. R. (Southsea).

For continuous good work and gallantry in action. Until May, 1918, he was employed as R.Q.M.S., and as such carried out his duties in a highly satisfactory manner. Since he has been promoted his influence over the junior N.C.O.s has been a most noticeable feature in the battalion. Throughout the advance during Aug. and Sept. 1918 his conduct and cheerfulness under M.G. and shell fire was most inspiring to all ranks, and his services have been invaluable to the battalion.

161353 Bdr. A. Bode, 49th By., R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry, ability, and excellent work throughout the year's campaign, especially during the battles of the last month about Courcelles, Mory, Vaulx and Louverval. He has been entirely responsible for the communications of the battery. At all times, often under the heaviest fire, he has shown an untiring devotion to duty, and set a fine example of courage, tenacity, and cheerfulness to his men.

19881 Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) W. S. Bodimead, C/230th (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (East Finchley).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty. On 7th June, near Bethune, he showed great coolness in helping an officer to extinguish a blazing ammun. dump under severe shell fire. During the week 1st to 6th Sept. he was acting as Sjt.-Maj. at the guns during the advance from Bethune to Lacouture. The battery moved several times, each time digging in and making good positions. The keenness and energy

shown by the men was largely due to his example and initiative. He has invariably set a fine example to those under him.

44576 Pte. H. Bodsworth, 2nd Bn., Linc. R. (Sheffield).

He has been serving with the battalion since March 1918, and has always shown under fire those qualities which prove him to be a soldier of outstanding merit. His devotion to duty on many occasions during the period Feb.-Sept. 1918 was of the highest order. In the withdrawal on the Marne on 28th May, 1918, he was in charge of a L.G. section, and by his marked gallantry under fire on this occasion he was able to keep his gun in action the whole time.

50018 Sjt. A. E. Bolt, No. 8 Coy., I.C.C. (Weymouth). (EGYPT)

On 1st May, 1918, in the Jordan Valley, when leading the line of skirmishers, he showed great skill and gallantry. When the line encountered suddenly very heavy M.G. fire from close range, he kept his head, held his men together, and displayed remarkable coolness.

G/8036 Sjt. W. C. Bolter, 4th Bn., R. Fus. (Custom House, E.).

For unflinching gallantry, skill, and devotion to duty during the operations since March, 1918. He has always set a splendid example to all ranks.

14577 B./S./M. A. W. Bond, 232nd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Melton Constable).

For consistent and courageous devotion to duty during thirty months' active service in France. Throughout the period February to September, 1918, he set a fine example to the men by his coolness in action, which undoubtedly had a great influence with them under enemy fire. On the 4th April, 1918, at Merville, the battery was heavily shelled while in action for five hours. It was undoubtedly due to his cool courage and personal leadership that the guns were kept steadily firing throughout the period.

381 T./R./S./M. E. E. Bond, 1st K.E. Hse. (Liverpool).

For continued ability and devotion to duty during three years in France as Squadron and R.S.M. He has always shown a very fine example in the performance of his duties, which he has carried out most efficiently. He has also shown marked gallantry in action, particularly in the advance on St. Quentin in March, 1917, at Cambrai in November, 1917, and near Fosse in April, 1918.

4500 R./Q./M./S. J. Bond, 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Clonmellon).

For great devotion to duty and gallantry while acting as Regimental Quartermaster-Serjeant during the reirement from the Somme in March, 1918. He never failed to supply the battalion with rations, personally locating companies which, in many instances, had become detached and mixed with other troops, and bringing up their food to the front line under very heavy fire. He came

out with the battalion in 1914, and has acted as Quartermaster for a considerable period. He consistently set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

96965 Sjt. J. Booth, 175th Tun. Coy., R.E. (Milton).

He has served continuously in tunnelling work with his unit since June, 1915, and has always shown great gallantry and devotion to duty. He has several times volunteered for and carried out dangerous work with entire success. On one occasion he crawled out alone at night on a footbridge across the Ancre River and removed an enemy charge placed on the bridge in mid stream. The enemy at the time were holding the opposite bank in strength, and waiting to explode the charge electrically on the approach of our troops. The saving of this bridge was of the greatest value to us in the subsequent attack.

248086 C./S./M. J. S. Boothroyd, 29th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Lockwood).

Near Achiet-le-Petit, on 25th and 26th March, 1918, he was in charge of a platoon. During this time the enemy attacked his position several times, and this platoon was instrumental in holding up all the enemy's attempts to advance. He was later holding the point of a salient at Bucquoy on which many raids were made by the enemy. Thanks to his fearless example and leadership all these raids were repulsed, and in one instance half the raiding party was cut off and seven prisoners were secured. He has rendered invaluable service to his company commander.

14277 C./S./M. G. W. Boreham, 1st Bn., G. Gds. (Shotley, Ipswich).

He joined the battalion during the battle of the Somme, 1916, and was promoted Company Serjeant-Major in May, 1917. Since that date he has invariably performed the duties of his warrant rank in an exemplary manner in billets, and has always set a splendid example to his company of courage and fortitude during the battles in 1917 and 1918. Throughout the fighting in the latter part of August, 1918, he acted as Regimental Serjeant-Major in action, and when the enemy delivered a heavy counter-attack against the troops of the neighbouring division and this battalion, he, by skilful disposition of available men, materially assisted our successful reaction. Throughout his work has been of the highest order.

112187 Sjt. W. H. Bossom, "L" Spec. Coy., R.E. (Cannock).

For great initiative, conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night 15/16th May, 1918, in the Rue de Bois at the Bois D'Aval, he was in charge of a group of limbers conveying gas bombs up to the front line. He made a dump of bombs close to a crater, and while he waited for the carrying party to take the bombs forward intense enemy shelling opened. Realising the danger to all the troops in the vicinity if the dump were hit, he organised all the men within reach, and, though wounded, suc-

ceeded in getting the bombs past the crater out of the shelled zone. He has consistently displayed the greatest devotion to duty.

132451 Sjt. F. Bound, 276th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Woolston).

He has always shown great courage and initiative. During the recent operations his conduct has been a splendid example to all ranks. Has been wounded once and gassed once. Has been with the battery since Vimy.

17842 C./Q./M./S. P. G. Bowden, 2nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Bristol).

He has shown consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. He has never spared himself in looking after the welfare of the men of his company, continually visiting the different sections of his company in the line to superintend the distribution of rations. He has performed this duty on many occasions under great difficulties and heavy shell fire.

265062 C./S./M. W. J. Bowen, 1/2nd Bn., Mon. R., T.F. (Abercarn).

For gallantry in action and devotion to duty, particularly during the operations near Outtersteene in August, 1918. On all occasions he has displayed utter disregard of danger when working under heavy shell fire. He is most valuable and reliable as a C.S.M., and has always set a splendid example to the N.C.Os. and men in his company. He has served continuously in France since November, 1914.

191790 L./Bomdr. H. Box, "L" A.A. By., R.G.A. (Bristol).

As spotter to his section he has shown continuous devotion to duty and disregard of danger. Under heavy shell fire on many occasions he has remained at his post spotting all enemy aircraft. When a man of his section has been wounded he has carried him to safety under heavy fire, afterwards again returning to his post. His actions have always set a fine example to the men of his section.

200199 A./C./S./M. R. Boyd, 1/4th Bn., R. Sco. Fus., T.F. (Stevenson).

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty. He has on many occasions taken over the duties of his officers when they have become casualties in action. He can always be depended on, and is very cool in an emergency. A fine leader, with much drive and aggressive spirit, he has always set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to all ranks.

L/9483 Gnr. R. Bradley, 50th Bty., 34th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Blackburn).

For constant good work as battery linesman, especially during the hostile attack on the Third Army on 21st March, 1918, when he maintained single-handed his battery O.P. line for several hours under a heavy gas bombardment which necessitated all ranks wearing their gas masks during that period. Later, during our advance, he has performed his duties as linesman with conspicuous success, frequently at great personal risk under hostile fire.

348085 Sjt. C. E. Braithwaite, 49th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Glamorgan).

During the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th/17th September, 1918, for conspicuously good work. As No. 1 of a gun, he works extremely well, keeps good control of his detachment, shows an utter disregard for personal safety under shell-fire, and by his coolness and courage sets a splendid example to his comrades. Has never yet found a difficulty which cannot be overcome in some way or other to keep his gun in action.

355520 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) E. Branch, 25th Bn., R.W. Fus., T.F. (Taffs Well).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It is entirely owing to his untiring energy, disregard of danger and excellent arrangements that this battalion has been kept well supplied with ammunition. His organisation of battalion forward dumps under heavy fire and trying conditions has been most praiseworthy.

87153 B./S./M. R. Branch, 18th Army Bde. Amm. Col., R.F.A. (Woodham Ferris).

For most gallant and able service in B.A.C. Frequently under heavy shell fire. He has invariably done good work.

412041 C./S./M. J. C. Brash, 412th Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Glenboig).

He has invariably displayed zeal, energy, and disregard of danger in the execution of his duty. On the morning of the 23rd August, when the company was going into action near Henin sur Cojeul, he detailed the parties quickly and without confusion under a gas bombardment. On 3rd September he exhibited great coolness in disposing of the troops and transport at Queant under heavy bombardment from enemy aircraft, and, without doubt, his collected and energetic action prevented casualties, and gave confidence to the men.

16671 Pte. G. Brayley, 8th (S.) Bn., Devon. R. (S. Molton, Devon). (ITALY)

For extreme gallantry and devotion to duty during the period the battalion was in the front line on the Asiago Plateau and Montello. On many occasions when on patrol he went forward alone under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to locate suspected enemy posts and brought back valuable information. On one occasion he showed conspicuous courage when his platoon sergeant was badly wounded during a raid on the enemy's lines, as, when carrying him to a place of safety he was attacked by two of the enemy who endeavoured to capture him; but he killed both of them and got the sergeant away. He has at all times set a fine example to the men of his company.

201289 Sjt. L. Brazier, 2/4th Bn., R.W. Surr. R., T.F. (Lindfield, Sussex).

Both as platoon sergeant and as battalion bombing sergeant he has displayed great ability, coolness in action, and tact in handling men. He has been constantly with the battalion from February to the present time. During this period he has rendered very valuable service, especially in action near Percy Tigny, July and August, 1918.

200031 Sjt. H. Breckenridge, 1/5th Bn., Argyll & Suth'd Highrs., T.F. (Greenock).

During the period 25th February-17th September, 1918. He has performed continuous good service, and shown great devotion to duty. During operations at Beugneux, 29th July, 1918, to 1st August, 1918, when his C.O.'s. were all casualties, he took command of his company and acted with conspicuous gallantry, organising it under very heavy rifle fire. His contempt of danger and devotion to duty were a splendid example to his men.

H/270443 Sjt. W. Brewis, M.M. 1/1st North'd Hrs., T.F. (Birkley).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work. From the 15th August-7th September, 1918, he was continually employed as N.C.O. i/c of patrols sent out to locate the enemy's position, and always showed great courage and ability. On 25th August he was sent out to locate the enemy position in Caterpillar Valley, north-west of Montauban, and under heavy fire advanced through the enemy's forward posts and located his main line. He immediately got his information back, which proved of great value during the ensuing attack.

WR/269264 Sjt. J. Bridger, Rly. Oper. Div., R.E (Dulwich).

He was i/c of Vlamertinghe station from August, 1917, to April, 1918. Throughout this period, and particularly in April, 1918, when his station was regularly bombed and shelled, he showed a fine example of devotion to duty and courage. Since April he has been stationed at Berguette, where he has also displayed his fine qualities under trying conditions.

417081 Pte. H. Bridgman, 1st (N. Mid.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Derby).

For consistent good work and devotion to duty at Roisel on September, 1918, when he attended wounded under very heavy shell fire, two men being killed and five wounded. Next morning when three men were buried in a dug-out by shelling and one appeared dead, he persevered with artificial respiration for over an hour, showing cool courage under fire, and saved his life.

16496 B./S./M. H. A. Bridle, 291st Sge. By., R.G.A. (Coventry).

He has during the past fourteen months displayed great gallantry and performed most useful work on many occasions. His determination and skill have been invaluable with young soldiers in getting guns into action under fire. His example has been of the utmost value, especially during the advance from Villers-Bretonneux in August and September, 1918.

5189 T./R./S./M. J. E. Bright, 1/4th Bn., Ches. R., T.F. (Hapton, nr. Burnley).

On repeated occasions, and especially during the operations south of Soissons in July and August, he organised and brought up the supply of ammunition to the battalion. He has always set a splendid example to all ranks, especially under fire, and his cheerfulness and devotion to duty under very trying conditions have been of



invaluable assistance to his C.O. Both in and out of action he has performed excellent work.

3802 Sjt. R. Brine, 1st Bn., Hamps. R. (Acton Vale, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Fampoux on the morning of 28th March, 1918. He took charge of his company when the company commander and all other officers had been wounded. He exhibited great coolness and ability in handling his men, and brought the company out of action with great credit. He has served with this battalion since 1914, and has carried out his duties with distinction and gallantry.

71043 Sjt. E. L. Brissenden, 179th (now 289th) Sge. By., R.G.A. (Ashford).

From 25th February to night of 16th/17th September, 1918. For continuous gallantry and good work while in charge of battery signals. During the advance from Arras to the Canal du Nord he has always maintained the communications in an efficient state under the most trying conditions of hostile fire.

51888 2nd Cpl. E. Broadhead, 37th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Manchester).

For gallantry and exceptionally good work during the operations of the past six months whilst in charge of Brigade Headquarters Exchange. His enterprise in establishing forward stations, frequently under heavy shell fire, and his untiring energy during the trying conditions of battle, have played an important part in assuring the success of operations undertaken by this brigade.

339298 S./Sjt. W. Brookes, M.M., 63rd (W. Lancs.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the retreats in March, April and May and during the recent fighting on the Somme. As N.C.O. in charge of bearers he has in every action shown the most tireless devotion to duty and marked gallantry. He has constantly led his bearer squads through machine-gun and artillery fire, and his disregard of danger has been an example to all the unit.

631712 Sjt. W. C. Brookland, 1/20th Bn., Lond. R. (Eltham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period between 25th February and 17th September, 1918, whilst performing the duties of platoon serjeant and latterly A./C.S.M. During the retirement in March and the subsequent fighting at Aveluy Wood he showed the utmost gallantry under trying conditions and often under very heavy shell fire. Whilst acting as C.S.M. during the recent advance he again rendered valuable services, showing, after heavy casualties, very able leadership and great coolness under heavy fire.

S/1487 C./S./M. J. Brooks, 11th Bn., Rif. Bde. (Brightlingsea).

For gallantry and devotion to duty, especially during the period from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. Outside Nesle, when he was the only senior N.C.O.

left with his company, he continually rallied his men under heavy hostile artillery and machine-gun fire. Later (near Domart), when the battalion was driven back, he stayed to the last, and by his gallantry and resource was of invaluable assistance in keeping the remnants of the battalion together and in establishing them in a well-organised position in rear. His behaviour throughout was admirable.

428715 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. Browning, 124th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Beeston).

For consistently excellent work in action during the period from 25th February to 16th Sept. 1918, particularly during the attack by the division on 22nd, 23rd and 24th August on the Ancre front, when he and his section were attached to an infantry battalion. As each objective was reached he immediately organised his consolidation parties and carried out the work in spite of shelling and heavy machine-gun fire, often at close range. By his personal zeal and courage he ensured the success of the work.

280299 Sjt. F. E. Brumell, 19th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Belvedere). (ITALY).

Throughout the period 26th February to 14/15th September, 1918, he has always shown the greatest coolness under hostile shell fire and total disregard for his own safety. He was especially noticeable on 15th June during the hostile attack by the Austrians, and also on 15th July when the battery was being heavily shelled by 12 inch and smaller calibres he showed great coolness and presence of mind in saving valuable gun stores before taking cover himself.

82266 Spr. (L./Cpl.) G. Buckeridge, 37th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Nunhead, S.E.).

He has performed exceptionally valuable services whilst in charge of brigade forward signalling stations, especially during the operations at Bucquoy, Bihucourt, Favreuil and Trescault. To his initiative and judgment in devising alternative means of communication, and his courage in repairing breaks, the brigade has been indebted for the preservation of communications on several occasions of vital importance.

G/891 C./Q./M./S. W. H. Budgen, 7th Bn., R. Suss. R. (East Grinstead).

For devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He set a fine example to all ranks by his determination and utter disregard of danger. On many occasions, under heavy fire, he led his men in action with great gallantry, and as C.Q.M.S. never failed to get rations up to his company, in spite of heavy shelling.

238096 A./Cpl. G. Bullimore, 8th Bn., Sea. Highrs., attd. 44th T.M. By. (North Walsham).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty, especially at Buzancy on 28th July, 1918. When unable to get his Stokes' mortar into action owing to casualties, he advanced into the village with the infantry. Here he formed a party of moppers-up, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy who still held the



ruins. His conduct throughout the day and throughout the whole period in question was admirable.

M/287597 Pte. F. Bunce, R.A.S.C., att'd. O.A.A. By., R.G.A. (Fordingbridge).

As motor cycle despatch rider he has shown continuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions when carrying despatches along roads under heavy shell fire. On one occasion, when carrying an urgent request for ammunition, his cycle was hit and put temporarily out of action. In spite of continued shelling of the road, he succeeded in effecting repairs and delivering his message. His conduct throughout has been of a very high order.

71043 Sjt. J. H. J. Burgess, 9th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (Newark).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 19th August, together with two officers, he went on a daylight patrol which entered the enemy's line and stayed there for four hours, gaining much valuable information. On the 21st August he volunteered to take part in a similar patrol, and again succeeded, not only in entering the enemy's line, but in exploring a portion of his tunnelling system. His utter disregard of danger is a fine example to those under him.

660292 Dvr. M. Burke, 1/3rd (Low.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F., att'd. "B" By., 262nd Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Glasgow). (EGYPT)

For devotion to duty and gallantry on the night of 6th/7th June, 1918, during shelling of the battery wagon line. He was one of the first men hit. After getting his wound dressed, he returned and removed the animals of his sub-section to cover on his own initiative, successfully carrying this out single-handed, though the shelling in the dark was continuous.

435120 S./Sjt. F. G. Burling, 2/1st (S. Mid.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has at all times, and especially during the operations of the Fifth Army from St. Quentin to Amiens, shown a splendid example of energy, fearlessness, and devotion to duty. He has inspired great confidence in his men, and has displayed high qualities of endurance, initiative and resource when acting independently in charge of bearer parties owing to the temporary shortage of officers.

635773 Gnr. J. Burns, 256th (High.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Methil, Fife).

For conspicuous gallantry as runner with Brigade Headquarters from 25th February to 17th September, 1918. He never failed to deliver his messages, though often passing through heavily-shelled and gassed areas, and particularly in the Epernay sector in July, and, later, on the Scarpe. He has frequently volunteered to go forward with messages when telephonic communication broke down.

240224 Sjt. R. W. M. Burns, 2/5th Bn., R. Lanc. R., T.F. (Lancaster).

During the period 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918, he has shown

marked coolness and devotion to duty. During recent heavy bombing by hostile aeroplanes he led his transport through, and delivered the supplies to battalion headquarters safely. He has never yet failed in his duty as transport serjeant. His cheerfulness and prompt obedience to all orders at personal risk and under enemy shell fire has been a splendid example to those around him.

63903 Cpl. A. E. Burr, 103rd Fld. Coy., R.E. (Camberwell, S.E.).

For consistent good service and fearless devotion to duty on all kinds of R.E. work in the forward areas, including wiring under difficult conditions, and raids on enemy trenches. He has done three years' continuous service in France, and has always been noted as a reliable man for dangerous work.

48663 Sjt. H. J. Burr, D/52nd Army Bde., R.F.A. (Fleet, Hants).

He has on many occasions during the last seven months done good and courageous work, both at the gun line and wagon line. On the 28th March, 1918, when the battery was subjected to very intense hostile shelling for twelve hours, during the enemy's attack on the Vimy Ridge he dressed and cared for the wounded, and encouraged his sub-section to carry on. Again on the night of 11th August, 1918, though badly wounded by bombs from enemy aeroplanes, his example was a great help to all. His gallantry has been consistently marked.

49122 Sjt. F. L. Butler, N/5th Army Bde., R.H.A. (Bermondsey).

He has shown great gallantry in action during his four years' service in France. Especially during the operations on the Somme in August and September, 1918, where by his initiative, resource and courage he set a fine example to N.C.O.'s and men.

201676 Pte. H. Butler, 2/4th Bn., R. Berks. R., T.F. (Maidenhead).

At Arrewage on the 11th August, 1918, while in charge of a mortar detachment co-operating in attack by 2/5th Gloucesters, his emplacement was bombarded and hit by minenwerfer. The ammunition recess was wrecked and the gun dismounted. Though severely shaken, he rallied his men, remounted the gun, and rapidly collecting and overhauling the ammunition, got the gun again into action and opened rapid fire on his target, thus showing a fine example of coolness and determination and disregard of personal safety. He has done consistent good work with the battery for the past two years.

1772 Sjt. (A./Q./M./S.) M. A. Butler, M.M., 1st Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Reading).

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the period under review. He has proved himself an experienced and efficient leader of stretcher-bearers, with excellent control over his men. He has invariably carried out whatever duties he has been called upon to perform with zeal, disregard of danger, and initiative.

55849 Pte. J. A. Byrne, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Clacton-on-Sea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 23rd August to 21st September, 1918, whilst traffic serjeant. Frequently under heavy shell fire, particularly on the night of the 15th September on the Fins-Equancourt road, he showed a total disregard for his personal safety. By his courage and untiring energy he set an example to his men which ensured the complete success of the traffic control in the Divisional Area. His work was of an exceptionally high standard.

46041 Farr./S./Sjt. J. Cahill, 11th Hrs. (Kilcullen).

His work both in action and behind the line was at all times of the highest order. He has been in every action in which the regiment has taken part, and has invariably performed his duties with the greatest efficiency. Notably near Hamel during March, and east of Amiens in August, 1918, he showed great coolness, gallantry, and utter disregard of personal danger when attending to and evacuating wounded horses, and his extreme keenness and devotion to duty were most marked.

918 R./S./M. T. Cahill, 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Bandon, Co. Cork).

For repeated gallantry and devotion to duty in action, and particularly so during the fighting of August and September, 1918, round Hamelin-court and St. Leger. He was of the greatest possible assistance to his battalion commanders. He assisted in reorganising the battalion after the battles; and during the actions his personal courage and coolness was a fine example to all during a very difficult time.

514111 Pte. (A./Cpl.) W. G. Calder, 1/14th Bn., Lond. R., attd. 168th T.M. By. (Shawlands).

For conspicuous gallantry under fire during the period under review (25th February to 16th September, 1918). Cool and persistent in all difficult situations, showing a total disregard for personal safety, he has proved a strong leader at all times to the gun teams under his charge.

14132 C./S./M. A. Caldwell, 16th Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For gallant and distinguished service and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. For a very long period he showed resource and determination in battle. He has magnificent soldierly qualities, and was instrumental in obtaining perfect discipline in his company. He served continuously with the battalion since September, 1914, and has held present rank since July, 1916.

51181 Sqdn. S./M. A. Callaghan, 8th Sqdn. Cav., M.G. Corps (Ealing).

For conspicuous gallantry, energy and initiative; especially on 8th August, 1918, near Cayeux, when his C.O. had been killed, he showed great skill and resource in taking his place until the arrival of the next senior officer, thereby preventing any delay in the transmission of orders to the sections already

engaged, and those in support. His gallantry and coolness under fire in the operations subsequent to 21st March, 1918, were continuously an example to those under him.

40274 Sjt. J. B. Callaghan, 8th Bn., Tank Corps (Glossop).

He has done admirable work in many Tank actions, both before operations by his devotion to duty in keeping his tank fit, and during operations, by his extreme coolness and skilful driving under very heavy fire. His conduct on all occasions was of the highest order, and he set a fine example to all.

238116 Sjt. N. Cameron, 9th Bn., Gord. Highrs. (Perth).

Throughout the past six months he has proved himself to be a most capable and energetic platoon serjeant. Skilful and resourceful in leading his men and directing work, he has at all times set a very fine example of courage and devotion to duty. Notably during the fighting in the French zone, at the end of July, he on two occasions displayed great gallantry, controlling his platoon under a very heavy shell fire and personally seeing to the evacuation of the wounded.

418094 Spr. A. Campbell, 52nd (Low.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Glasgow).

For distinguished service and devotion to duty, especially during recent operations. On the night 26th-27th August a forward Brigade Line was laid from Spinney Alley to Hindenburg Line. This line was patrolled by him for five hours under heavy shell fire, and he repaired repeated breaks. Up to the time he was wounded on 21st he performed most valuable and gallant service.

71465 Ftr. S./Sjt. J. Capey, 139th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Hanley).

For continuous devotion to duty and conspicuous good work. During the whole of the retirement in March, and during the late advance on the Somme, the battery has never had more than one gun out of action. This is solely due to his untiring work, often under heavy fire. No work has been too hard or difficult for him, and no enemy shelling sufficiently heavy to keep him from attending to the guns. He has set an excellent example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

305750 C./Q./M./S. T. Carr, 8th Bn., L'pool R. (L'pool).

He has at all times shown marked devotion to duty and gallantry. He has invariably succeeded in getting his rations up to the front line, often under heavy shell fire and the most trying conditions. His personal example and untiring energy have always been of a very high order.

248963 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) G. H. Carter, R.E., attd. 113th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Charles Hill, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period under review—i.e., 25th of February to 16th September, 1918—as N.C.O. in charge of Bde. Signals,

he has many times been exposed to heavy shelling for long periods when out on the lines.

570027 Sjt. E. J. Case, 1/17th Bn., Lond. R. (Limehouse).

He has been Transport Serjeant of this unit since 10th March, 1916. It is largely due to his untiring energy and devotion to duty that the transport of the battalion has been maintained at a very high standard. During any operations in which this battalion was involved, he has shown marked gallantry in leading the transport to the forward zone.

67464 Sjt. D. Cattnach, 425th By., 44th Bde., R.F.A. (Frickheim).

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty as No. 1 of a sub-section in action when the battery was under fire on 19th July, 1918. He succeeded in extinguishing a fire which broke out in the gun emplacement from a direct hit. The same N.C.O. repeats the act of courage on the succeeding day under the same circumstances. On each occasion the blowing up of all the gun ammunition was threatened.

266309 Sjt. F. Cattell, 1/7th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Leamington Spa). (ITALY)

For good work and devotion to duty, especially during and after the enemy attack on 15/16th June, 1918, on Asiago Plateau. His Platoon Commander having been wounded, he dressed his wound under heavy M.G. and rifle fire, and then took over command of the platoon.

H/963 Pte. C. P. Cavanagh, 10th Hrs. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination near Corbie on 4th April, 1918, when he took a limber right up to the firing line under heavy fire, with some ammunition which was urgently required. He has always displayed marked gallantry in action, and this and his cheerfulness have had a great effect on the whole of the regimental transport.

62721 Cpl. J. W. Chadwick, att'd. V./1 H.T.M. By., R.G.A. (Shaw, near Oldham).

For marked gallantry and initiative during the enemy offensive in the neighbourhood of Bethune, in April, 1918. On the 9th April, when in charge of a heavy T.M. at Le Plantin, and out of communication with his officer, he kept his mortar in action until it was destroyed by shell fire. He then tried to establish communication with the officer in charge and, having failed, he fought with the infantry. Later he returned to his mortar position, and, although he was wounded and the situation was obscure, he remained at his post until ultimately relieved and admitted to hospital.

D/21024 R./Q./M./S. R. P. Chapman, 6th Dns. (Wakefield).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He has carried out his duties first as S./Q./M./S., and for two years as R./Q./M./S. in the most satisfactory manner, and by his example and energy

under fire has largely contributed to the welfare and efficiency of the regiment, especially during the operations commencing 21st March, 1918, and again in the operations East of Amiens, 8th to 11th August, when his work was especially good.

300184 Pte. (A./L./C.) P. D. Charles, 1/5th Bn., Lond. R. (Newport, Mon.).

He has shown consistent gallantry and devotion to duty during period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. During the enemy attack in March at Gavrelle he acted as guide to pack pony convoys, when ammunition was urgently required. In June, when a driver was badly wounded and one horse killed east of Arras, he helped the wounded man to the dressing station, and fetched fresh horses for the limber. During the recent offensive near Bullecourt he did good work in reconnoitering route, often under heavy machine-gun fire.

630108 T./R./S./M. H. Chesney, 1/20th Bn., Lond. R. (Charlton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period from 25th February to 17th September, 1918, as R./S./M. he has been continually on duty with the battalion, and on all occasions during active operations has shown marked courage and coolness under heavy shell or machine gun fire, especially when in charge of battalion ration parties. He has done invaluable service in getting ammunition and rations delivered to the front line, and has at all times set an inspiring example to the men.

37731 B./S./M. E. B. Child, A/16th Army Bde., R.H.A. (Gt. Yarmouth).

He has shown great gallantry during the operations since March, 1918. He has often personally supervised under shell fire the bringing up of ammunition to the battery. Whenever men or horses have been hit he has behaved with great coolness and decision. When he has taken sole charge of the wagon line he has shown great sense of responsibility and has carried out his duties with initiative and resource.

38523 Pte (A./L./Cpl.) H. S. Child, 15/17th Bn., W. Yorks. R. (York.).

From 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. For continuous devotion to duty and absolute disregard for his own personal safety during the past year, particularly during the period under review. He has proved himself to be absolutely reliable during operations and in the presence of the enemy. His cheerfulness at all times has been most marked and a great encouragement to the gun teams.

360075 Spr. H. M. Christopher, 38th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Liverpool).

During February and March, 1918, at Armenteres he was in charge of a section of cable communication, and the most important test point there. In spite of frequent shelling and gas he always kept a cool head and attended to his work in an exemplary manner. During the operations of August-September, 1918, between Albert and Bapaume he did most valuable work as a linesman.

485 Sqdn./S./M. E. J. Churchill, 20th Hrs. (Norwich).

He has served in France continuously since August, 1914. He has also shown the greatest devotion to duty and total disregard of danger, especially in November, 1917, in Bourlon Wood, when all the officers of his dismounted regiment had become casualties: he took command and held the line, showing very good leadership, initiative, and great ability, and thus enabling a difficult situation to be carried through.

280605 Sjt. R. Clammer, 1/4th Bn., Lond. R. (Pitfield St., N.).

During the enemy attack at Oppy on the 28th March, 1918, he was instrumental in forming and holding a block in Boyne Trench, beating off an enemy advance with bombs and rifle fire. Later he went out in front of the trench and obtained identifications from enemy dead. Throughout the attack he showed marked courage and coolness, cheering up the men around him, and directing their fire to the best advantage. The work of this N.C.O. has always been excellent, and he is always conspicuous in action for his daring and coolness.

330009 S./M. B. Clark, 8th Bn., Hamp. R. (Sandown). (EGYPT)

For continuous good work and devotion to duty. He has frequently shown coolness and ability in action.

241800 Sjt. R. Clark, 1/5 Bn., Suff. R., T.F. (Cavendish, Suff.). (EGYPT)

For consistent good work from 1st March, 1918, and for great gallantry and devotion to duty in action.

11460 C./S./M. A. Clarke, 2nd Bn., R. War. R. (Warwick). (ITALY)

For initiative and conspicuous gallantry on several occasions, notably when he accompanied an officer on a daylight raid into the enemy's trench near Ambrosini (Asiago Plateau) (May, 1918) and captured a sentry, bringing him back unwounded although subjected to heavy fire from the remainder of the post raided. He has taken part in several raids since.

8001 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) G. Clement, 1st Bn., N. Staff. R., attd. 2nd Bn., B.W. Indies R. (Nordon). (EGYPT)

He has been acting as R.S.M. for nearly two years, during which time he has carried out his duty in a most efficient manner, and has proved himself a very good disciplinarian and instructor and gallant in action.

92659 Sjt. A. E. Clements, 5th Bn., Tank Corps (Walworth, S.E.).

He has, during the period of February to September, 1918, been in every action his company has taken part in. On each occasion he has shown conspicuous courage and coolness, and on one occasion when his officer had become a casualty, it was due to his initiative and determination that his crew were enabled to carry on and achieve their object. The work of this N.C.O. in action has always been a very fine example to his comrades.

75013 Pte. F. H. G. Clements, 1st Bn., Tank Corps (Paignton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period March to September, 1918. In the actions of 8th, 9th and 10th August, each of Amiens, as first driver of his Tank he showed great skill, enabling the gunners to pick up many targets. It was largely owing to his pluck and endurance that this Tank was enabled to do very good work. He had been through every action with the battalion since September, 1916, and had always shown great courage and determination.

28090 Pte. O. Cliff, 2nd Bn., York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the past nine months as his C.O.'s orderly. He had never failed to deliver important communications, despite difficulties and dangers, and his personal keenness and determination had, on many occasions, particularly from 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918, proved invaluable in maintaining a spirit of cheerfulness with all he came in contact. His disregard to danger had constantly been of the greatest value.

49440 Sjt. F. T. Clifford, 94th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Stow-on-the-Wold).

For devotion to duty and conspicuously good leadership from 25th February to 17th September, 1918, and particularly during the enemy operations of March and April, throughout which he displayed great coolness under fire, resource and determination in carrying out important demolitions in the close presence of the enemy, and also when the company was holding the front line.

10388 Sjt. P. Cobley, 1st Bn., Wilts. R. (Wimbledon).

During the active operations since 21st March, 1918, he had carried out his duties in a very gallant and capable manner, often under heavy shell fire. On 24th March, when the battalion was forced to withdraw from Beaumont, he at once organised a party and was successful in holding up the enemy for some time. Later on the same day he went back under heavy machine-gun fire and succeeded in bringing in a wounded officer.

23892 Pte. W. R. Colclough, 4th Bn., York. R., T.F., attd. 150th T.M. By. (Thornaby).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 29th March, 1918, at Caix, on the Somme, he went to the assistance of a wounded officer who was lying badly wounded about 150 yards in front of our lines. He bandaged the officer up and dragged him into our lines under heavy machine-gun fire. He also rendered valuable assistance in the battles of the Lys and the Chemin de Dames, acting as a runner and carrying messages to and fro under heavy shell fire.

M2/046358 Sjt. W. J. P. Cole, R.A.S.C., attd. 260th Sge. By., Amn. Col., R.G.A. (Southampton).

During the period from 25th February to 16th September, 1918, on the Oise and

Somme fronts, he had shown conspicuous courage and devotion to duty in moving guns in and out of action, and maintaining the supply of ammunition constantly under shell fire. During the operations from 21st March onwards he succeeded in obtaining ammunition which was urgently required by ascertaining himself the location of an ammunition dump and bringing his convoy on two occasions through a machine-gun barrage of the enemy.

208846 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. T. Coles, R.E. (T.F.), att'd. 20th Ind. Infy. Sig. Section Bde. (Ampthill). (EGYPT)

For devotion to duty in the field. He had rendered most excellent service, not only in training the signal section to a high standard of efficiency, but by his own example in the front line, and during the operations towards Shunet Nimrim in May, 1918, was responsible for the delivery of important communications. He carried out his duties with entire success.

29566 Sjt. G. R. Collings, 24th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Swindon).

For continuous good service, gallantry and devotion to duty. He had been in charge of the wireless section of this company for over a year. He had on many occasions volunteered to take and taken accumulators, etc., to forward stations at night in face of considerable harassing shell fire. His exceptional coolness and very high sense of duty have provided a fine example to the personnel of his section.

72848 Sjt. J. Colman, M.M., 55th Bn., M.G. Corps (Wroxham).

During the operations near Givenchy in April, 1918, his gallantry and determination were most conspicuous. On the 9th April, although surrounded, he kept the enemy at bay by machine gun and bomb. When our counter-attack restored the situation, he collected at great risk five enemy machine guns and got them into action, manned by infantry. During the action he went from gun to gun, rectifying stoppages, thus allowing the infantry to keep up the volume of fire. Later, on the 15th, when his section was in battery position at Pont Fixe, he showed great gallantry in digging out, under heavy shell fire, two teams that had been buried.

13501 C./S./M. J. Conn, 9th Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Caledon, Co. Tyrone).

For conspicuous good work during the past three years during which time he had been in France. He had repeatedly shown great courage and resourcefulness in controlling his men under fire. He has in action showed the most conspicuous ability, and has taken part in every action in which the battalion has been engaged. He has at all times carried out in the most thorough manner the many tasks entrusted to him.

432065 2nd Cpl. J. Connor, 55th (W. Lancs.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (St. Helens).

During the operations on 24th, 25th and 26th August, 1918, he was in charge of the forward brigade signalling exchange. He controlled his station with excellent results,

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and repeatedly went out during heavy shelling to repair the lines, which were being continually broken. Again on 12th September, near Cantleleux, he was again in charge during a similar operation, with equally good results. By his determination and coolness in maintaining communication, he contributed largely to the success achieved. His work has always been marked by gallantry and coolness.

241662 Pte. E. Conroy, 1/5th Bn., Linc. R., T.F. (Cleethorpes).

He is a stretcher-bearer, and had on many occasions shown great gallantry in the discharge of his duties, notably during an enemy attack on Route "A" Keep, north-west of Festubert, on 30th May, 1918. During the bombardment and during the attack he walked along the parapets of the trench encouraging the men, and continued to do this when not actually employed attending to wounded men. He set a fine example of cheerfulness and courage to his comrades.

L/5069 Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) H. C. Cook, A./173rd Bde., R.F.A. (Tring).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty over the period 25th February, 1918, to 17th September, 1918, which includes the operations at St. Quentin in March, and the subsequent retreat. He acted continually as battery serjeant-major at the guns, and on numerous occasions set a splendid example of coolness and courage under fire.

93545 Smith/Q./M./S. J. Cook, 87th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Portsmouth).

This very gallant warrant officer kept the guns in action without a single breakdown from November, 1917, to June, 1918. He was always to the fore, no matter how heavy the shell fire may be, and by his courage and extraordinary efficiency he was the most looked up to man in the battery.

240284 L./C. J. Cooper, 1/5th Bn., Notts. & Derby R., T.F. (New Mills).

For conspicuous devotion to duty and consistent good work since September, 1916, to date. He had on several occasions as section commander showed very great gallantry in action and excellent leadership.

G/S/828 A./Sjt. A. V. Coppard, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R. (Hurst Green, Sussex).

He served with the battalion for over three years, and for the greater part of that time was employed on the regimental scouts. At all times he did invaluable work. He carried out several patrols and brought back useful information, and his work and reports as an observer were of great assistance to his C.O. Both in and out of the line the work of this N.C.O. was exemplary, and he set a fine example of gallantry and devotion to duty.

48719 Sjt. P. G. Cork, A./74th Bde., R.F.A. (Dover).

He served continuously in this battery since August, 1915. He always carried out his duties in a very efficient manner. When under shell fire he always showed great

courage and resource, and set an excellent example to his men. His untiring devotion to duty has been a splendid example to all.

8183 Sjt. H. Cornes, 1st Bn., Shrops. L.I., att'd. 16th T.M. By. (Stoke-on-Trent).

Has had two and a-half years' experience in the field with light trench mortars. At all times he has done excellent work, especially during the last six months as senior N.C.O. of the battery. He has shown marked courage in action and devotion to duty.

43427 Sjt. J. J. Cosnett, 105th By., 22nd Bde., R.F.A. (Solihull, Birmingham).

(ITALY)

On the 15th June, 1918, during a hostile attack the battery was subjected to a heavy bombardment. His gun was run into the open, from where it fired during the remainder of the day. He set a very fine example to the whole of the battery by his coolness under fire and the tirelessness he displayed throughout the day. Throughout the whole period his services as a No. 1 and as Senior N.C.O. at the gun line have been exceptionally valuable.

KP/481 P./O. T. Cotcher, Drake Bn., R.N.V.R. (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and continuous good service and devotion to duty whilst under fire. During the operations in March, 1918, his example had a very steadying effect on all those around him. As L.G. instructor on battalion headquarters he has done invaluable work. He has been on continuous active service for over three and a-half years, and showed consistent courage in action.

6196 Sjt. E. Cottam, 351st Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 of a gun since 25th February, 1918, and especially on two separate occasions in June, 1918, at his battery position at De Drie Goen Farm, near Busseboom, when ammunition was being unloaded from lorries under heavy shell fire and casualties caused thereby. On his own initiative he organised and led parties to remove the wounded, clear the lorries, thus saving valuable lives, ammunition, and mechanical transport.

173376 Sjt. L. Couch, 21st Hy. By., R.G.A. (Ilfracombe).

During the retreat after 9th April, 1918, he did exceptionally good work. At one time his gun was the only one in action. On 11th April his gun was in action from dawn till about noon, during which time he fired about 415 rounds. The next day he fired again as many rounds in about the same time. Later, when his gun was destroyed by a premature and he was badly shaken and burnt himself, he persisted in attending to the rest of the detachment before his own wounds were dressed. He set a splendid example to his men at all times.

761377 Cpl. A. Coviello, 28th Bn., posted 16th Lond. R. (Brondesbury).

During operations from March to date he exhibited conspicuous gallantry and devotion

to duty. At Ypres, when it was found that the enemy had worked round in rear of our position, he volunteered to establish communication by crawling through the enemy line. This he succeeded in doing in spite of being challenged several times and subject to heavy machine gun fire. He has on several occasions obtained very valuable information by carrying out dangerous reconnaissances with utter disregard for his personal safety.

6479 Pte. (L./C.) T. Cowan, 14th Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

From 1st March to 30th April, 1918. During this period he was ration corporal, and it was his duty to guide ration parties to his company headquarters. During the actions from 21st to 27th March and 5th to 14th April and also during a trench tour from 1st to 6th April, 1918, he performed his duties under heavy shell fire. By his complete indifference to danger and magnificent example of devotion to duty the company rations were invariably delivered.

17989 Pte. J. H. Cox, 9th Bn. (P.) S. Staff. R. (Walsall).

(ITALY)

During the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, he has shown great devotion to duty. On 17th June, whilst at San Sisto, the camp came under heavy shell fire, and the men had to take shelter in deep dug-outs. Two men were badly wounded, and were unable to get to the saps. He showed great gallantry in dressing the wounded men and staying with them. After he had dressed them he got another man to bring a stretcher, and took the wounded men to the dressing station. The whole time the camp was being heavily shelled.

88981 Sjt. G. Craddock, B/47th Bde., R.F.A. (Ely).

In command of his sub-section he set a fine example under shell fire on many occasions, especially on March 21st, 1918, at Benay, when the enemy attacked there. His example of coolness and courage on that and subsequent days of the retreat greatly encouraged all ranks. Throughout he handled his sub-section excellently.

191095 Sjt. J. Crankshaw, 114th A.A. Sec., R.G.A. (Morton).

For gallantry in action at Arras on 28th March, 1918, and subsequently on several occasions during heavy shell fire, when he showed great courage, coolness and disregard of personal safety in keeping his gun in action.

W.R/290318 Cpl. T. S. Crawford, 96th Lt. Rly. Coy., R.E. (Walpole, Norfolk).

(EGYPT)

For devotion to duty at advance railhead and being very frequently under shell fire and working excessively long hours.

6147 R./S./M. J. Cresswell, 2nd Bn., Durh. L.I. (Bishop Auckland).

He had served for two years in the field as a C.S.M., and during the period under review as a R.S.M. At Dickebusch, on 1st July, 1918, he showed marked gallantry and succeeded in bringing up ammunition to the

battalion throughout the fight under very difficult conditions and under heavy shell fire. His work had at all times been excellent.

M2/115134 Pte. W. C. Crosby, 37th Div. Supp. Col., R.A.S.C. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as driver from February, 1918, to September, 1918. Throughout this period he had performed a great amount of work in forward areas by night and day and frequently under shell fire. On several occasions he has taken up urgently needed stores to advanced signal stations when roads were being shelled, and had invariably shown the greatest coolness, determination and disregard of danger.

107051 Gnr. G. Crossland, D/83rd Bde., R.F.A. (Crofton).

One of the keenest of soldiers, has a total disregard for shell fire, and a true fighting spirit. His behaviour on 21st March at La Fontaine was admirable. In spite of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, and while his gun position was practically surrounded by the enemy, he continued laying his gun with accuracy and effect for many hours until ammunition was expended. He was largely instrumental in inflicting heavy casualties on the advancing enemy infantry and holding up the attack. He had continued to show great courage in front of the enemy.

64290 Sgt. E. Crowston. M.M., 108th Sge. By, R.G.A. (Radford).

From midnight, 20th, and throughout the bombardment of 21st March, 1918, the battery was shelled intensely with gas and high explosive. He set a fine example to the men of his detachment, together with an officer keeping a gun going for half an hour, and inspiring all by his coolness and courage. In the last Arras battle from 26th August to 7th September, 1918, he was again noticeable for his fine work, and, although his detachment has twice been knocked out, the new ones are inspired by his energy and example, and pick up the qualities of the old ones quickly.

17829 Pte. (A./Cpl.) H. Croxall, 8th Bn., M.G. Corps (Annesley).

For good work and devotion to duty on many occasions during the battles on the Somme, Villers Bretonneux, and on the Aisne; particularly on the 27th May, 1918, at Pontayert. After receiving orders to withdraw from the reserve positions and to cross the Aisne, he took a machine gun to the east bank of the Aisne and held the bridge until the Infantry and artillery had withdrawn. He remained there for two hours, killing many of the enemy, and by his gallantry enabling our troops to withdraw. He showed great gallantry on the four subsequent days, inflicting on many occasions heavy casualties on the enemy.

26198 Sgt. R. J. Cullen, B/152 Bde., R.F.A. (Margate).

He had performed the duties of battery S.M. at the gun position for nearly a year to the entire satisfaction of his battery commander. During the two actions commencing

on 21st March and 9th April, he showed the highest qualities of coolness under fire, and was a fine example to the men. He also did most excellent work during the operations with the French south of Soissons in July and August, 1918.

10159 Sgt. T. Cullen, 1st Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Dublin).

During the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. As transport serjeant of the battalion had on all occasions displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty. His coolness and judgment under fire have on many occasions saved heavy casualties among the personnel and animals of his transport. He had worked steadily for nearly four years, and great credit is due to him that a uniform standard of high work has always been maintained.

52103 Sgt. A. R. Cunningham, "Y" By., 7th Bde., R.H.A. (Pres-De-Samer, France).

He has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 in charge of a gun during the last few months. He has more than once succeeded in keeping his gun going when under very heavy shell fire, and with a detachment depleted by casualties. His remarkable resolution and leadership in face of danger have materially helped on these occasions in engaging a fleeting target with a detached section when the section commander had been away from his gun at an observing station. Previously to obtaining his present rank, he constantly did excellent work in action when in charge of brigade headquarters signallers.

G/16014 L./C. A. J. Curd, 13th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Lancing, Sussex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the second battle of the Somme. At St. Emilie, on the 22nd March, when his runners had been killed in attempting to get in touch with battalion headquarters, he volunteered and reached battalion headquarters, afterwards returning with orders which enabled the company to withdraw to our lines with few casualties. From the 22nd till 27th March, 1918, when he was wounded, he repeatedly did good work under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. His fine courage and cheerfulness were an example to all ranks.

48938 C./S./M. J. Cussens, R. Innis. Fus. (formly. 8938 R. Ir. Regt.) (Farnborough, Hants).

During active operations at Mobray Wood, 21st/22nd September, 1918, and at Neuve Eglise, 2nd/3rd September, he set a fine example of courage, and displayed marked coolness under heavy machine gun fire, especially at a critical moment during the latter operation, when two of his commanding officers were killed. His soldierly conduct and marked devotion to duty on these occasions and on previous occasions were an inspiration to all ranks.

28102 Mtr.-Cyc./Sgt. H. A. Cutler, 1st Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (King's Norton).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. He has seen prolonged service with



the 1st Div. Sig. Coy., and has repeatedly during the last six months daringly reconnoitred forward roads for his despatch riders to follow. He has on many occasions himself taken forward important despatches under most trying circumstances. His services have been noteworthy, especially near Festubert in April, 1918, and near Eterpigny, near Arras, and Naissemy in August and September, 1918.

1852 Sjt. A. Cutting, D/88th Bde., R.F.A. (Bath).

For continuous devotion to duty, notably at Oblinghem on 13th August, 1918, when taking up amm. to guns under heavy shell fire. He showed a complete disregard of danger, and it was owing to his fine example that the drivers were kept under control, and that all the wagons reached the position with the exception of one, which was blown to pieces by a direct hit.

R.M.A./4633 Cr. Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) C. Dadd, 12th How. Bty., R. Mar. Arty. (Bexley Heath).

For gallant and distinguished conduct in the field. On many occasions he has rescued and tended wounded men under heavy fire, particularly on 27th July, 1918, when he personally carried six wounded men out of a farm which was being heavily shelled, and on 2nd August, 1918, when he rendered most valuable assistance under fire in digging out two civilians who had been wounded and buried under the remains of a farmhouse. For over two years he has carried out the duties of B.S.M. in a most efficient manner, and has always set a fine and inspiring example to his men under trying circumstances.

11671 Opl. A. Davies, 6th Bn., Shrops. L.I. (Ross).

He has served with the battalion since July, 1915, and has done consistent good work during his three years in France. He has served in all the battles the battalion has been engaged in, and has consistently shown marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On many occasions during the operations near St. Quentin in March last, when in charge of a Lewis gun, he showed great initiative, and by his skill and daring saved his company when they were in a critical position.

200408 R./Q./M./S. A. W. Davies, 1/4th Bn., Essex R., T.F. (Plaistow).

(EGYPT)

For devotion to duty. He has carried out the duties of R./Q./M./S. for a year and a half with exceptional ability. He has done continuous good work, whether under fire or not, and rendered invaluable service to the battalion.

355819 Sjt. E. P. Davies, 25th Bn., R.W. Fus., T.F. (Newcastle Emllyn).

He has shown great gallantry and devotion to duty as Pioneer Serjeant, and his coolness under fire and in the line has been a fine example to all, with the result that his work has always been of the greatest value to the battalion. He has also done very fine work in training the battalion Pioneers.

Further, his resource and energy have been invaluable in providing shelter and comfort for the men when in the line.

48579 S./Sjt. (A./S./M.) G. T. Davies, 130th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Pontardawe).

For consistent good work and devotion to duty. He has served with field ambulance for three and a half years, and has been acting Serjeant-Major for the last nine months. On many occasions he has led his stretcher-bearers through areas swept by enemy fire. In doing so he has always displayed marked courage. He did exceptionally good work during the fighting of July/August, 1917, when his coolness and steadiness under shell fire inspired confidence in the men under him, and encouraged them to carry on until all the wounded were successfully evacuated.

No. 200254 Sjt. G. T. Davies, 1/5th Bn., S. Staffs. Rgt. (T.F.) (Hockley).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, his conduct in carrying out his duties as Scout Serjeant was exemplary. During July and August, whilst in the Essars and Loigne Sector, he showed courage and determination in leading daylight and night patrols into the enemy's lines. On several occasions, on his own initiative he took out daylight patrols, gaining important and valuable information as to the enemy's positions, etc., during the latter's retirement on that front.

14501 Ftr. T. H. Davis, 5th Bty., 45th Bde., R.F.A. (Bristol).

He acted as fitter during the fighting west of Passchendaele, 1917, and south of the Somme in March and April, 1918. At all times his work, though frequently carried out under most trying conditions and heavy hostile fire, was extremely accurate and effective. By his efforts guns which might reasonably have gone out of action were kept in the line. He was finally wounded while attending to a damaged gun on 4th April, 1918.

18544 Sjt. F. Davison, 1st Bn., North'n R. (Kettering).

At Givenchy, in April, 1918, he displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty during a counter-attack. Owing to his gallant conduct and example, he greatly assisted the efforts of his company to attain the objectives gained. During the remaining 48 hours after the attack he, by his good bearing and gallantry, greatly helped his company to stand the strain of consolidation. His work on following occasions has been of the highest order.

494363 Sjt. B. E. Davy, 479th (S. Mid.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Cheltenham).

For courageous conduct and devotion to duty. He has served with the company in France since May, 1916, during which period he has proved himself a most reliable N.C.O. The manner in which he has handled large working parties in the line during the period under review, and carried out his work has been most praiseworthy. The complete disregard that he has shown



on several occasions for his own personal safety has been a splendid example to the men under him.

482141 Sjt. H. Dawson, 62nd (W. Rid.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Sheffield).

For gallantry in the field and devotion to duty. During the absence of the Brigade Signalling Officer for one month he was entirely responsible for the communication in the field, including the operations near Vaulx, 24th July-1st August, 1918, and the results were highly satisfactory.

10070 Sjt. F. W. Day, 2nd Bn., Worc. R. (Forest Hill, S.E.).

He has served with the battalion since August 1914, and has proved himself an excellent N.C.O. and leader of men in action. He displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty at Neuve Eglise in April, 1918, and set an excellent example to his platoon. He was wounded during the action.

79764 Sjt. H. Dean, 174th Tun. Coy., R.E. (Oxford).

For specially good services from June, 1915, to the present date, especially at Ploegsteert and in Bois Francais (Fricourt South), where he successfully advanced a gallery through a very dangerous piece of ground. Finally he showed great gallantry and devotion to duty on 21st March, 1918, near Croisilles, where he set a splendid example to all under him in getting down our wounded.

L/34205 Sjt. P. Dearden, A/181st Bde., R.F.A. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

From 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. He has consistently displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the whole period under review. On 26th August, 1918, when slightly wounded and subjected to heavy bursts of H.E. and gas shell, he remained on duty and carried on throughout the night. Again, on 16th September, under heavy fire, he delivered ammunition and got wounded men and horses back to the wagon lines, again being slightly wounded. He can always be depended upon under any circumstances.

107988 Sjt. A. Dearnley, 122nd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Huddersfield).

At St. Leger, on 30th August, 1918, he was in charge of a section going into action when the enemy put down a heavy barrage of 5.9's and 4.2's. He drove right through this, only to find that the selected position was untenable. Being ordered back, he turned his guns round in a very narrow road, and got safely away, the operation taking him three hours, under shell fire. At Croisilles, on 2nd Sept., when the battery was being heavily shelled, he kept his gun continuously in action until he was blown down by the blast of a 5.9 howitzer. He has throughout his service in France, since July, 1917, set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

275247 Sjt. J. A. Denman, Notts. Yeo. (Retford). (EGYPT)

On 2nd May, 1918, when an attack was made on the enemy's positions near Howej

Bridge, a retirement was ordered, and he was instructed to collect wounded and organise stretcher parties. This work he carried out most admirably, despite heavy enemy shell fire.

MS/946 Sjt. H. Denson, R.A.S.C., attd. 59th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Liverpool).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty. During the recent operations in front of Arras, from 26th August to 6th September, 1918, he worked incessantly night and day, at times under great difficulty, and frequently under heavy shell fire. Great credit is due to him for the success attained in maintaining the supply of ammunition to the battery.

12381 C./S./M. G. E. Dent, 8th (S.) Bn., York. R. (Sheffield). (ITALY)

During the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, he has performed his duties with a zeal which cannot be too highly praised. On 15th June, 1918, and on several separate occasions during raids when the company has been in the line he has, at great personal risk, visited the company posts, etc., during severe enemy retaliatory bombardments. He is most efficient when out of the line, and under fire inspires confidence by his exceptional coolness.

155838 Gnr. P. Denton, R.F.A., attd. H.Q. 34th Army Bde. (E. Cowes).

For gallantry and conspicuous good work whilst acting as brigade runner between brigade headquarters and batteries for the past 18 months, during which time he has never failed to deliver his despatches. In June, 1918, when in action near Senlis, on the 5th he was wounded whilst carrying an important order to the batteries, and returned, through heavy shell fire, with the receipt. His wound necessitated his removal to a C.C.S.

31742 C./S./M. T. DeRose, 36th Bn., M.G. Corps (Devonport).

For continuous good service during the period from October, 1917, onwards. On one occasion during August, 1918, at Fie-brouck, when company headquarters were hit and three men buried, he, despite the gas, uncovered the men, who proved to be dead. He was himself gassed at the outcome of his effort. He showed great pluck and devotion to duty.

138740 Cpl. E. Dewar, 235th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Bootle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions—near Lange-marck, Warfusee-Abacourt, Mercatel, etc.—from March to September, 1918, keeping his gun in action under trying circumstances in the face of hostile shell fire, particularly in the Elverdinghe sector after the battery had retired to conform to the line at Kemmel. Although the battery was being heavily bombarded with gas shell and a number of his men became casualties and he himself suffering from gas, he kept his gun in action until the shoot was over.

H/270232 S./Q./M./S. J. E. Dickinson, 1/1st (North'd) Hrs., T.F. (Ashington).

During the retreat of the 5th Army from 21st March onwards, he was S.Q.M.S., and always succeeded in getting rations through to his squadron through heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. On 22nd August, during the attack north of Bray, he was S.S.M. of the leading squadron, and did excellent work keeping the squadron together and encouraging the men; when his horse was shot under him close to the enemy machine guns, he helped to bring in several wounded men. His cool courage and devotion to duty were conspicuous.

63498 Sjt. P. Dight, 130th By., R.F.A. (Stellington).

For great coolness and courage in maintaining communication from the observation post to the battery when N.C.O. in charge of the battery signallers. On 26th March, 1918, when the battery was in action near Boisleux au Mont, the telephone line from the observation post was continually being cut by heavy shell fire; and as it was of vital importance for the officer of the observation post to keep the brigade commander informed of the situation, he patrolled the line and repaired the breaks as soon as they occurred.

84780 Sjt. J. Dillon, 21st Bn., M.G. Corps (Glasgow).

Throughout all the recent operations in which this division has been engaged, he has been very conspicuous for his gallantry. In many severe actions his conduct has always been of a very high order, and he has always set a very fine example to his men.

21266 Pte. H. Dixon, 4th Bn., Linc. R. (Grimsby).

During the very heavy fighting between Bullecourt and Behagnies on 21st March, 1918, and following days, he shortly became the sole survivor of his company's stretcher-bearers. He organised more bearers and himself carried on dressing the most serious cases in the open, and under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. His new set of bearers also becoming casualties, he organised yet another set, and continued to carry on till he himself was wounded. He showed fine courage and the greatest devotion to duty.

100128 Sjt. A. E. Dodd, 226th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Shoreditch).

He is a capable leader of men. His conduct at all times has been most praiseworthy, and he is absolutely fearless in the example he sets his men when under fire. His work has frequently brought him under heavy shell fire, when his example has been a steadying influence, and his able control of working parties has led to rapid and efficient completion of the work in hand. From 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918.

31206 Gnr. R. W. Donnan, "B" By., 102nd Bde., R.F.A. (Castlebellingham).

(ITALY)

During the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, he had at all times shown great gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping the lines of the battery through,

often working under heavy shell fire. On 15th June he repeatedly volunteered to repair lines, and was mainly responsible for keeping up communication between his battery and the group throughout the day.

8243 R./Q./M./S. T. Donovan, 1st Bn., R. Mun. Fus. (Cork).

For good work, courage and devotion to duty when subject to heavy shell fire. During the period under review, he had performed the duties of C.Q.M.S. in a thoroughly efficient and satisfactory manner. He had never failed to deliver rations and ammunition to his company headquarters when the battalion was in the line. He had performed excellent services under very trying circumstances, and had been a fine example to those under him.

250054 Cpl. W. S. Double, R.E., att'd. H.Q., 47th Bde., R.G.A. (Bow, E.).

During the period under review he has on all occasions shown courage, and done extremely good work in maintaining and repairing lines under shell fire. On 21 March and subsequent days he especially distinguished himself, and after his senior N.C.Os. had become casualties he continued to encourage the others by his cheerful conduct and his untiring energy and devotion to duty.

32043 C./S./M. G. T. Downes, 10th Bn., D.C.L.I. (Putney, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His personal abilities of leadership have set a fine example to all under him. During the retirement in March he showed a very good command of men. He personally supervised evacuation of territory often under heavy machine gun fire, and on two occasions he volunteered to go out on patrol owing to shortage of officers. The information he brought back was invaluable at headquarters.

200143 Sjt. N. Downes, 1/4th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Cleckheaton).

For three years' continuous service in France he has always done very stout-hearted work in the line and also in active operations. During the fighting in April, 1918, near Bailleul, he showed great courage and devotion to duty. He has been wounded three times. In April, 1915, he was a private soldier, and has worked his way up to the rank of serjeant on account of his great powers of leadership and fine fighting spirit.

21325 Sjt. D. Downie, 29th Bn., M.G. Corps (Dunoon).

He has served with the Division continuously from September, 1915, in the field. In the fighting round Bailleul in April he greatly distinguished himself by his handling of a sub-section during our retirement. Repeatedly, after his flank being turned, he extricated his guns and teams, and by his fearlessness and energy under fire, enabled them to be got away with slight casualties. On 4th September, when his officer became a casualty, he took charge of the section and got them forward. Throughout his work has been excellent.

6 Sgt. (A./C.S.M.) J. Drake, 223rd Fld. Coy., R.E. (Gt. Milton, near Wallingford).

For general and efficient good service. During the engagement round Merris on 12th April, 1918, his indefatigable energy and skill in handling men were of invaluable assistance in digging a trench line which subsequently proved of vital importance to the operations. Through the whole of two days' fighting he displayed the utmost coolness under fire, and his keenness and devotion to duty had a marked effect on the junior N.C.O.s of the company.

84330 Sgt. W. Drake, 150th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Headingley).

For consistently good and gallant work as No. 1, especially on the 21st March, 1918, when he kept his gun in action in Holnon Wood though continually shelled with gas and high explosives for fifteen hours, during which time his gun fired over 600 rounds. Again, on the 22nd August, he displayed great courage in putting out burning camouflage in the neighbourhood of cartridges after a period of heavy shelling.

770907 Sgt. E. Drew (North'bn) Bde., R.F.A., T.F., attd. 63rd Div. Ammn. Col. (Walkington, Yorks.).

He has always performed his duties efficiently and well. His energy and perseverance, as also his steadiness under fire, have made him an example to all those under him. In particular his work has been of a very high standard during recent operations.

250133 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Drury, 1/5th Bn., Essex R., T.F. (Castle Hedingham).

(EGYPT)

At Mejdal Yaba on the night of the 20th/21st May, 1918, he was in command of a small sangar which was twice attacked by largely superior numbers of the enemy. With only six men he put up such a good resistance that the enemy was unable to penetrate the work, although they succeeded in turning both its flanks.

12831 Sgt. D. Drylie, 1st Bn., S. Gds., attd. Gds. Bde., T.M. Bty. (Dunfermline).

During the year that he has been serjeant of this battalion he has carried out his duties with very great zeal and contempt of danger, setting a fine example to the men of the battalion. On many occasions he has displayed the greatest gallantry and enterprise under difficult and trying conditions. On the night of the 26th/27th February, 1918, east of Arras, during a raid on the enemy's line, he, though under very heavy fire all the time, put down an accurate and continuous barrage fire with the mortars under his command round the area to be raided, thus contributing very largely to the success of the raid, in which the artillery were not co-operating.

825940 Cpl. H. Duckham (S. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F., attd. X/61st T.M. Bty. (Bristol).

During the fighting in March and April he showed marked courage on more than one occasion. On 21st March, 1918, in Holnon Wood, he continued firing until all his ammunition was expended. Twice his gun pit was hit by enemy shells and the mortar

buried in earth and debris, but he dug it out again and fired his remaining rounds. Later, during the same operations at Hangard Wood, Amiens, on 9th April, 1918, during a raid, he again kept his gun in action under heavy artillery fire, and contributed greatly to the success of the raid.

104404 Sgt. E. W. Dudley, 175th Coy., Lab. Corps (Kidderminster).

At Roisel, on the morning of the 21st March, he took command of the company as acting serjeant-major, owing to casualties. It was through his coolness under heavy shelling that the working party were rallied and proceeded to the ammunition dump, and carried out the duty they were allotted to perform. Later in the day, owing to the position becoming untenable, he assisted to withdraw the company to a place of safety. Through his initiative and courage the company escaped, with very few casualties.

756056 Shoe./Smith/Cpl. G. E. Dumville, B/251st (N'bn.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Pocklington, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during more than three years of continuous service in the field. During the recent fighting he has on several occasions shown great coolness and skill in leading ammunition wagons to the battery position under heavy shell fire.

14036 Sgt. J. A. Duncan, XVII. Corps Cyc. Bn., A.C.C. (Wick).

He has repeatedly shown great devotion to duty and disregard to personal danger. In June and July, while the battalion was wiring for about six weeks on end, he regularly taped out tasks before dusk under direct machine-gun and rifle fire. During operation at Moeuvres, on 3rd and 4th September, he did splendid work in the handling of his platoon, which he reorganised time and again under most difficult circumstances. He has invariably set a very fine example of coolness and devotion to duty.

750049 B./Q./M./S. J. Dunn, D/250th (N'bn.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

For gallantry in action and devotion to duty. He came to France in April, 1915, and has been B.Q.M.S. for the past twelve months. Throughout he has shown energy and devotion to duty, and has proved himself in every way trustworthy and reliable. During the recent fighting he has on several occasions shown great gallantry in taking up ammunition under heavy shell fire.

50339 Pte. R. Dunn, No. 7 Coy., Imp. C.C. (Dundee).

(EGYPT)

At Amman, on the 27th March, 1918, during the advance under heavy fire, an important message was sent forward to the screen in front. He acted as runner, and when within thirty yards of the officer in charge was shot through the stomach; although severely wounded, he crawled forward to the screen, and after informing the officer in charge that he had a message for him in his helmet, he fell back unconscious. He showed splendid pluck and devotion to duty.

700027 Sjt. S. C. Dunnachie, D/290th (Lond.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Oswaldtwistle).

He has performed exceptionally good work as No. 1 from March, 1918, onwards, and particularly during recent operations in the neighbourhood of Epehy, when acting as B.S.M. from 20th August to 8th September, 1918. On the afternoon of 2nd September, 1918, when the wagon lines were being shelled with 8-in. howitzers, he showed great courage and resource in extricating men and horses with very few casualties. He has been of the greatest assistance to his commanding officer.

7627 Sjt. W. Dunne, 1st Bn., R. Ir. Regt. (Dublin). (EGYPT)

For consistent good work and devotion to duty, whether under fire or not, as transport serjeant to the battalion. Though often suffering from indifferent health, he has most loyally and thoroughly supported the transport officer in making and keeping the transport up to the very high standard it has reached.

18404 B./S./M. C. W. Dutton, B/180th Bde., R.F.A. (Didsbury).

For continuous good work and devotion to duty. He has served with his battery in all the engagements and actions March-September, 1918. His thorough reliability has been of the greatest assistance in all times of stress, and his devotion to duty has been a shining example to the personnel of his battery.

201202 Sjt. S. H. Eades, 2/4th Bn., R.W. Surr. R., T.F. (Croydon).

Throughout he has always performed his duties with great zeal and ability. He has shown himself cool, reliable, and an excellent signalling instructor. He has done much towards bringing the signal section to a high state of efficiency. His work under fire was of the utmost value in the fighting round Grand Rozoy July and August, 1918.

42045 R./S./M. C. H. Edisbury, 15th Bn., N. Lan. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions. Especially was this in evidence on 4th/5th April, 1918, at Villers Bretonneux, when the battalion was under heavy shell fire; he showed great coolness and courage in superintending the removal of the wounded. He also organised and carried through with great dash a supply of ammunition through a heavy barrage to a company in a detached position.

25378 B./S./M. C. W. Edmonds, R.H.A., attd. A./242nd (S. Mid.) Army Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (London).

Throughout the period February 25th to September 16th, 1918, he has displayed marked gallantry and devotion to duty. He has been untiring in his efforts and has shown great efficiency. He has always set a very good example of coolness under fire and has carried out his duties in a manner far above the average.

142565 Sjt. A. G. Edwards, Wireless Sec., "F" Corps, Sig. Coy., R.E. (Exeter).

As N.C.O. i/c of the Listening Sets of the Corps, he has set a wonderful example to

all by his perseverance and energy in laying cable in the front line and beyond, under heavy hostile fire, thereby enabling valuable information of enemy movements to be obtained.

532464 Sjt. B. C. L. Edwards, 2/15th Bn., Lond. R. (Balham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His personal gallantry is of the highest standard, and throughout his service with the Battalion in Salonica, Palestine and France, has on more than one occasion materially assisted the final success of operations against the enemy by his individual leadership. His devotion to duty at all times is admirable.

33246 C./S./M. J. P. Edwards, 56th Coy., Lab. Corps (Rhyl).

For conspicuous devotion to duty and courage in the face of the enemy. On 23rd March, 1918, at Quin Conx, during the retiring from Peronne, he dressed several wounded men and arranged for their transport to a Field Dressing Station. This was done under heavy and continual shell fire. His example at this critical time was invaluable, and went far to preserve discipline among his company. He has always done continuous good work and willing service over the period February-September, 1918.

17309 Sjt. W. J. Edwards, 9th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Loughor).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. At Mt. Bligny, on the 6th June, owing to casualties, he was entrusted with the L.G. defence of the line, which he organised splendidly, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. Spotting a hostile machine-gun he, with one other man, rushed a gun forward, and from a position of vantage dealt most effectively with it. On the night of the 12/13th September, at Curzon Post, he was instrumental in saving the lives of eight men who were wounded in a dug-out by a gas shell. At all times, by reason of his efficiency, courage, and high devotion to duty, he is a fine example to all.

10793 B./S./M. F. T. Elbourn, 9th Sge. By., R.G.A. ([E] Cambridge).

On 21st March, 1918, at Beaumetz les Cambrai, he was responsible for collecting the spare men of the battery, and in bringing them through Beaumetz les Cambrai, which was at that time being very heavily shelled, and for making arrangements for the immediate defence of the battery. Both during the withdrawal in March and during the operations in August and September, he has set a fine example under fire, been tireless in his work, and given invaluable aid.

14930 Sjt. G. Elliott, 12th Bn., Notts and Derby. R. (Chesterfield).

For consistent good work, gallantry, and devotion to duty for a period of over three years, during which he has shown conspicuous ability. His gallantry at all time under fire has had a marked influence on his men.

63428 Sjt. H. Ellis, D/110th Bde., R.F.A. (Hammersmith).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. At all times he has displayed great

coolness and set a splendid example. During recent operations by his courage and initiative he has always got his gun into action in the minimum of time, although on several occasions under heavy observed shell fire.

50186 Smith Sjt. H. J. Elmes, 21st Sge. By., R.G.A. (Swindon).

For conspicuous gallantry and marked devotion to duty as Smith Serjeant in the Ypres Salient since 25th February, 1918, and previously in the same capacity since June, 1915, during which time he has kept his guns in action by his skill and attention on many occasions under heavy hostile shell fire, and it is mainly due to his efforts and energy that the shooting of his guns has been so uniformly accurate and successful. Under heavy shelling the conduct of this N.C.O. has excited the admiration of all ranks.

30002 Sjt. P. J. Emberson, 9th Bn., Norf. R. (Brentwood).

Near Dranoutre, on 15th April, 1918, the platoon commander having been wounded earlier in the day, he took command. The platoon was in close support. The enemy attacked and drove in the front line on his platoon. He at once re-organised the men in his trench under heavy fire, and greatly assisted in the counter-attack, which restored the front line. He has on several occasions shown great personal courage and initiative.

402496 Sjt. A. Emslie, 404th (High.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Aberdeen).

He had done continuous good work in action and had set an example to all by his gallantry and coolness under fire and by his hard work. This was especially the case during the operations from 21st-25th March, 1918, and on 11th April, 1918, in Pacaut Wood. On the latter occasion the section commanded by him was almost surrounded by the enemy, and it was largely due to his coolness and courage that the situation was successfully restored.

58643 Sjt. A. Eustace, 16th By., 41st Bde., R.F.A. (Romily).

For consistent good work and devotion to duty under all conditions. Has rendered conspicuously good and gallant service throughout the war in the same battery.

L/2155 Sjt. G. Evans, M.M., B/148th Bde., R.F.A. (Liverpool).

In the offensive at Dickebusch in April, 1918, he brought up each wagon personally through a heavy barrage and so saved casualties. In the evening he went with a team under an officer to withdraw a damaged gun, and though shelled heavily for three hours, succeeded in getting the gun away. He showed marked courage and devotion to duty.

265892 Pte. H. J. Evans, 11th Bn., Som. L.I. (Swindon).

He had consistently shown great gallantry and coolness in action. He is No. 1 of Lewis Gun Section, and all through the advance south of Laventie showed great ability in handling his gun. Especially on the 1st of September, when his platoon was clearing the enemy out of La Gorgue, he, although

wounded by shell fire, refused to go back, and by skilful handling of his gun enabled his platoon to reform and continue the advance. The next day, in spite of his wound, he carried on with his company, showing an admirable example of pluck and endurance to the others.

7775 C./S./M. S. Evans, 1st Bn., Shrop. L.I. (Wellington, Salop).

For gallantry, devotion to duty and general all-round work for over four years. A splendid type of N.C.O., whose individuality and force of character may be instanced as under:—On 21st March, 1918, he volunteered to take up the battalion rations, passing through a very heavy barrage in Vaulx Vraucourt. Again in August, 1918, at Gretna Cross, where his ration party was reduced by casualties to only two men, he collected volunteers from neighbouring troops, and got his rations up before day-break. His fine example has been of the greatest value.

13806 Sjt. R. Everson, M.M., 10th (S.) Bn., W. Rid. R. (Shipley). (ITALY)

During the period 26th February, 1918, to 14th September, 1918, he has always displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty; he is a most conscientious and capable worker both in and out of the line, and under the heaviest fire, and has on all occasions been of the very greatest help to his company commander and of benefit to the members of his company.

14268 B./S./M. A. C. Eves, 1/1st Kent Hy. By., R.G.A., T.F. ([E] Bexley Heath).

He had been of the greatest use to the battery since he joined it four months ago. An indefatigable worker, he has laboured incessantly for the efficiency of the battery. During the recent operations he has shown the greatest coolness under fire. His work has been admirable.

89391 Dvr. (A./Cpl.) W. Fairbairn, A/50th Bde., R.F.A. (Cramlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during all operations throughout 1918, especially on the Somme in March and at Dickebusch in April, while in charge of his gun and in bringing up ammunition under fire. He had shown a like gallantry and devotion throughout the three years he had served with the brigade, both in the battles of the Somme in July and November, 1916, and again at Arras in April, 1917.

426449 C./S./M. W. Fairhurst, 422nd (W. Lancs.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Hadlow, Kent).

For gallantry, consistent good work and devotion to duty. He has worked untiringly, and his initiative and example have been largely responsible for the efficiency of his unit. During the operations at Givenchy on 9th April, although buried and bruised during the preliminary bombardment, he insisted on joining his company in the firing line as soon as he was able to walk about again.

11/989 C./S./M. T. Farey, 11th Bn., E. York. R. (Hull).

He has served almost continuously with the unit since it proceeded overseas on 6th

December, 1915. Throughout this period he had been thorough and conscientious in his work, and his devotion to duty had been a splendid example to all ranks. During the enemy offensive in March and April, 1918, he repeatedly displayed great courage and determination in assisting to rally and reorganise his company. His fine soldierly qualities have earned him admiration and respect of all ranks.

D/20447 Sqdn./S./M. R. Farrant, 7th Dn. Gds. (Folkestone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially during the retirement from Frieres Wood, near Chauny, on 23rd March, 1918, when, as S.S.M. of the Brigade Dismounted Party, he set a high example of courage and endurance under most trying conditions, and inspired all ranks with confidence. He has shown a fine spirit throughout the war, and especially during the period under review. His coolness under fire is invariably a fine example to all ranks.

13089 Sjt. B. Farrow, 1st Bn., Herts. R., T.F. (Luton).

For over three years he has done exceedingly good work with the battalion as N.C.O. in charge Stretcher Bearers. On all occasions he has shown the greatest devotion to duty, and times out of number he has bound up men under very heavy shell and M.G. fire. At all times he has set a splendid example by his cheerfulness and disregard for danger under the most trying circumstances.

6316 Sjt. G. N. Fennell, 9th Bn., M.G. Corps (Ramsgate).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. During the retirement on the Somme, when separated from his section officer, he commanded a sub-section, and kept it in action until surrounded on three sides, engaging direct fire targets until the last moment, and finally getting away with both his guns after the limbers had gone. By his coolness under shell fire during the last six months he has set a very good example to his men.

30727 C./S./M. A. Fiddaman, 39th Bn., M.G. Corps (Ashington).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on 27th March, 1918, during heavy fighting N.-E. of Peronne. The enemy were making determined attacks upon our positions. He organised gun teams from the personnel of Coy. H.Q., and led them forward, as no officer was available. He successfully fought these guns during a rearguard action lasting two days. For five days he worked unceasingly under conditions of great difficulty and danger.

240053 Sjt. T. Field, 1/5th Bn., Som. L.I., T.F. (Taunton). (EGYPT)

For continuous and meritorious service. He is fifty-six years of age, and has twenty-seven years' service in the Regular Army and ten years' service in the Territorials. By his soldierly bearing, endurance, and

courage in action, he has been a fine example to the young non-commissioned officers and men of the battalion.

13495 Sjt. H. Fielding, 7th Bn., Leic. R. (Rotherham).

For continuous good service over an extended period. He has several times acted as C.S.M. and as Platoon Commander, and has always carried out his duties in a most able and gallant manner.

160525 Cpl. W. Fisher, 2nd Fld. Sur. Bn., R.E. (Old Trafford).

For conspicuous devotion to duty in charge of the telephone lines of a Sound Ranging Section of a Field Survey Battalion. During the last six months, March-September, 1918, he has worked daily in the forward areas, patrolling and repairing the lines, which are frequently cut by shell fire. He is a most reliable and rapid worker, and has always shown a complete disregard of danger when working in heavily shelled localities.

91434 Bomb. (A./Cpl.) W. Fisher, 265th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Claverham, nr. Bristol).

For continuous good service and devotion to duty, particularly in the retirement in March, 1918, and the advance in August and September. He displayed marked ability and courage on numerous occasions when the battery was under heavy hostile fire. At Guillecourt, on March 27th, 1918, when the enemy was in close proximity to battery and rapidly advancing, his energy and resourcefulness were largely instrumental in saving two guns.

14499 B./S./M. W. M. Flaherty, 287th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Guernsey).

On the 3rd April, 1918, at Cachy, near Villers-Bretonneux, he did excellent work, and showed great courage and ability in very trying circumstances. The battery was heavily shelled during the day, and several casualties occurred to the personnel. Throughout the day he was always on the spot where assistance was most required, organising bearer parties and taking charge personally of a gun after its No. 1 was severely wounded, and organising ammunition fatigues which he personally supervised. He has done consistent good work.

S/2026 Cpl. C. G. Flockhart, 10th Bn., Argyl & Suth'd Highrs. (Kelty, Fife).

From 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the past six months as N.C.O. i/c of Battalion Signallers and as Chief Linesman. He has never failed to maintain communication between battalion headquarters and companies in the front line at a very high standard of excellence. In August and September, in the Somme advance, he showed great skill and ability in adapting his command to the altered conditions of warfare, and by his keenness, determination, and great personal gallantry, set a very fine example to those under him.

7638 C./S./M. J. Ford, 1st Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Carnoustie).

For general good work and great gallantry and devotion to duty during the period March, 1917, to date, especially at Givenchy, 18th April, 1918, when under heavy shell fire, he reorganised some men who were withdrawing, and reformed a definite line and took charge, thereby restoring the situation.

241063 C./S./M. W. Forkin, 2/5th Bn., N. Lan. R., T.F. (Bolton).

For distinguished gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 26th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. His great contempt of danger under intense hostile bombardments at all times has been a fine example to his company. He has rendered invaluable service to his company commander during the past 20 months, and has done very gallant patrol work, bringing back valuable information on several occasions.

246931 Spr. (A./Cpl.) F. Forrest, 5th Fld. Sur. Bn., R.E. (Aberdeen).

As lineman with an observation group he has shown on many critical occasions conspicuous gallantry and disregard of danger in the execution of his duties under heavy fire.

36863 Sjt. E. H. Forster, R.A.M.C., att'd. 154th Ind. Com. Fd. Amb. (Weaste, Salford). (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served continuously since July, 1915, in Gallipoli, Serbia, Salonica and Palestine. He has always been in charge of bearer parties, taking over casualties from battalions during all the actions in which the 30th Field Ambulance was involved. He has always shown marked courage under fire, and has always set a very fine example to those with him.

H/1683 L./Cpl. E. Fosten, 18th Hrs. (Hull).

He has served continuously in the field since August, 1914, being attached for a considerable period to H.Q., 2nd Cavalry Bde., as a pedal-cyclist orderly. His courage and devotion to duty have been most marked, especially on two occasions during the operations in March, 1918, near Hamel, when he carried important messages under heavy shell fire from Brigade H.Q. to his own regiment and to other units. During the four years he has never failed to maintain communication between Brigade and regiment even under the most trying circumstances.

241320 Sjt. C. H. Foster, 1/5th Bn., Welsh R., T.F. (Bedlinog, via Cardiff). (EGYPT)

He has shown courage and ability of no mean order throughout the operations. On one occasion, when the enemy endeavoured to raid his post, he showed great coolness, and by making his men hold their fire, inflicted additional casualties on the enemy. He has set an excellent example at all times.

55945 Sjt. W. E. Fountain, 1st Bn., M.G. Corps (Kensington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has acted as section serjeant since July, 1917. He has taken part in

considerable fighting, and has always shown marked gallantry and determination. His personal example of cheerfulness and confidence under all conditions has been a constant inspiration to the men under him. This was especially noticeable during the fighting near Givenchy in April 1918.

11322 Pte. W. Fowler, 16th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Salford).

During the period of active operations from 10th August to 10th September, 1918, he has shown marked gallantry and devotion to duty as a battalion runner, and has repeatedly carried messages, often under heavy fire and very trying conditions, in the most advanced positions of our line. His resolute energy and total disregard of personal safety has set an excellent example to all with whom he has come in contact.

538144 Pte. (A./Cpl.) W. Fowler, 6th (Lond.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F., att'd. 21st Lond. Regt. (Manwell).

For outstanding services as water corporal since February, 1918. The water supply has frequently been assured by his resource and determination, notably at Bouzincourt in April last, when the source of supply was constantly under heavy shell fire; and near Bois des Tailles, when he was blown over by a shell which killed the horses of the water-cart and wounded the driver. On the latter occasion he showed particular gallantry, although severely shaken, refusing to go down to the transport lines though a relief was sent for.

5657 C./S./M. J. H. S. Francis, 2nd Bn., K.R.R.C. (Wivenhoe).

For gallantry and devotion to duty over a long period, particularly for gallantry at Poelcapelle in March, 1918, when he was largely instrumental in repelling three enemy raids on his company. On each occasion he proceeded to one of the posts that was being raided, and by his splendid example was largely responsible for driving back the enemy, who failed each time. He went through a heavy barrage on each occasion to reach the posts. His conduct day in and day out was exemplary and inspiring.

574057 Rfn. W. H. Francis, 1/17th Bn., Lond. R. (Euston Square).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty as a battalion runner. He has continually displayed splendid qualities of pluck and endurance. His service as a runner has been of the greatest assistance to his commanding officer.

G/74823 T./R./S./M. S. H. Franey, 23rd Bn., R. Fus. (Burton-on-Trent).

In France since November, 1915, to present date, he has shown great devotion to duty. In action he has shown great personal gallantry and displayed valuable powers of command. He has set a very high standard to all the non-commissioned officers of the battalion; by his firmness and tact he has maintained the discipline of the battalion at a high level. Untiring in his training of young non-commissioned officers,



he has performed most valuable services in the reconstruction of the battalion after very heavy casualties have been suffered.

23349 Sjt. J. McN. Fraser, 51st Bn., M.G. Corps (Lochane).

For conspicuous devotion to duty during the period March to September, 1918. On many occasions during the operations on the Cambrai, Lys, Ardre and Scarpe fronts he has taken forward, under heavy fire, urgently needed machine-gun belts and S.A.A. into very advanced positions. It was chiefly due to his foresight, energy and disregard of danger that the efficient supply of ammunition to the line has been maintained in operations. During operations on the Scarpe he, in daylight, by his daring use of limbers, established in the front line an ammunition dump of 80,000 rounds.

46476 Sjt. W. Fraser, 18th Bn., M.G. Corps (Greenock).

He has served continuously with this company for over two years, and during that period he has always proved himself most capable and an efficient and gallant non-commissioned officer both in trench warfare and active operations. Whenever he has been entrusted with any difficult tasks in active operations he has always carried out his work with exceptionally good leadership and set a fine example of courage and endurance to all ranks under his command.

3674 Sjt. A. E. V. Free, 17th Bn., M.G. Corps (Chelmsford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the past six months. During the enemy offensive of March and our offensive of September he has distinguished himself by his coolness under fire and efficiency in action at all times. He has been on active service in the field for the past thirty-two months.

50588 Cpl. J. Freeman, No. 10 Coy., Imp. C.C. (Hull). (EGYPT)

At Amman, on 27th March, 1918, when his officers and senior non-commissioned officers had become casualties, he showed skill and coolness in bringing up two sections as reinforcements under heavy fire.

200391 Sjt. A. French, 1/4th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Leicester).

For devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry during a total period of three and a half years' active service with this battalion. He has displayed on many occasions marked courage as a patrol leader, and by his coolness and initiative in carrying out reconnaissance of this nature has obtained information of very great value.

TT/0481 Pte. (A./Sjt.) E. French, R.A.V.C., T.F., attd. 1/1st (Som.) R.H.A., T.F. (West Porlock). (EGYPT)

This non-commissioned officer has continuously done good work in action in attending to wounded horses and assisting in the supply of ammunition under fire.

355419 Cpl. J. Frost, 10th Bn., L'pool R. (Liverpool).

For gallantry and determination during the battle near Festubert from 9th to 15th

April, 1918. As corporal in charge of the transport he brought the rations to the battalion along roads that were continually being shelled. On two occasions his horse was killed under him, but nothing prevented him from doing his duty in getting the transport forward.

8461 C./S./M. J. Froud, 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Vauxhall, S.W.).

During a period of over a year he has performed the duties of C.S.M. with great consciousness and ability. He was with his company during the enemy offensives on 21st March and 9th April and 29th April, and on several occasions showed conspicuous gallantry under fire and devotion to duty. He has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander throughout.

62920 Sjt. W. C. Fruen, 55th Bn., M.G. Corps ([E], Mill Hill).

For gallantry and good work. He has never missed a tour of duty for over a year, and his coolness in action and continuous devotion to duty has always had a considerable effect on his section. On three occasions he has taken command of a section in the line when his officer had become non-effective in active operations, and in every way has proved himself an excellent commander and gallant soldier.

19829 B./S./M. F. J. Fursdon, M.M., 274th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Bishop's Fawton, Barnstaple).

He has shown the greatest gallantry under fire on all occasions, and his disregard of danger has set a fine example to the men of the battery. He has shown marked ability during operations, and has been of great assistance to his officers.

235246 Farr. Q./M./S. T. H. Gabb, Glouc. Yeo. (Gloucester). (EGYPT)

He has been with the regiment during the whole period spent in Egypt and Palestine. He is a first-class farrier, and has trained successfully a number of shoeing-smiths. He is a very good horsemaster. His care and skill in treating animals for their ailments is beyond all praise. He is an indefatigable worker, and whether by day or by night, and in action, he has set an example to the men under him of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.

28883 Spr. (A./Sjt.) W. H. Gaffney, 30th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. ([E] Chatham).

He has taken part in every action in which the brigade has been engaged since 1915, including Givenchy, June, 1915; Loos, September, 1915; Somme, July and October, 1916; Arras, April, 1917; Flanders, July/August, 1917; St. Quentin, March, 1918; Kemmel, August/September, 1918. During the operations west of St. Quentin in March, 1918, he especially showed gallantry and devotion to duty, and it was almost entirely due to his efforts that communication was kept with battalions under heavy fire and difficult circumstances.

8336 L./C. J. Gallimore, 1st Bn., N. Staff. R., attd. 72nd L.T.M. By. (Stoke-on-Trent).

He did excellent work during the enemy offensive on the Somme in March, and has



since proved himself a most reliable N.C.O., and one who is ever ready to volunteer for any duty, regardless of danger. He has frequently taken his gun into exposed positions and fired on enemy machine guns which have been bothering the infantry. He has always set a splendid example to all ranks under him.

50632 Smith Gnr. (A./Ftr. Cpl.) A. Galloway, 69th Sge. By., R.G.A. (South Shields).

For exceptional gallantry, skill and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire on 28th March, 1918. When his battery was under a heavy concentrated fire and had many casualties he regularly went round the guns and attended to minor damage. Later he voluntarily took the duty of N.C.O. in charge of a gun when casualties made it necessary, and kept the gun firing for several hours under heavy and accurate fire. His example and disregard of personal safety in circumstances of the greatest danger inspired the men, and have at all times been most marked.

67778 Sjt. W. D. Gamble, M.M., 19th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Salisbury).

He has been indefatigable in his duties as divisional signalling officer superintendent throughout. When the divisional headquarters was heavily shelled at Westoutre on 16th April, 1918, he remained in the signalling office, which was not even splinter-proof throughout, and by his courage and personal example inspired confidence in all operators under him. Again, under similar circumstances, at Nanteuil in June, 1918, it was mainly due to him that, in spite of hostile shelling, work in the divisional signalling office continued without interruption.

504325 Sjt. J. B. Gardiner, M.M., 503rd (Wessex) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Bath).

He has been very consistent in his work, extremely gallant on occasions when under heavy shell fire, and has always brought his section out of the line in good order. He showed power of command and good leadership during operations in April, 1918, near Amiens, and set a very high example to his men. He has also done very valuable work in recent operations in August and September, near Bray, and has been of great assistance to his section officer on all occasions.

68421 Gnr. F. Gardner, 299th Sge. By., R.G.A., attd. 16th Ord. Mob. Workshop (Horsham).

For marked courage and consistent devotion to duty. He was always a willing and capable volunteer when special work had to be performed; and showed great gallantry when it was necessary to help the wounded in the battery under shell fire and carry them to safety. On 24th August, 1918, at Miraumont, while out on a reconnaissance and temporarily detached from the rest of his party, he captured an enemy sniper who had been harassing the main road and brought him into the battery.

26021 Sjt. S. Garnett, 15th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Daresbury, Ches.).

At Cauroy on 27th May, 1918, when the enemy counter-attacked the line held by the battalion headquarters, he collected several

runners and signallers and with marked gallantry led them forward to meet the counter-attack. His action was so daring, that the enemy at once halted, and after rifle fire was opened upon them, immediately withdrew into the village. On the high ground near Pevy on the 28th May, 1918, he was in command of about sixty men. He showed conspicuous courage, and was last seen surrounded by the enemy and still fighting.

382285 Sjt. A. J. Garrett, 219th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Hull).

He has invariably displayed marked courage, readiness and resource, and by his conduct under fire has set a splendid example to his men, especially from 25th February to 16th September, 1918.

16014 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) F. W. Garrod, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Streatham, S.W.).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the period under review. He was particularly conspicuous during the operations in and east of Nieppe Forest in May and June 1918, during which time he continually volunteered for patrols, which he successfully carried out, bringing back valuable information. On 24th September, in spite of being wounded, he continued to lead his section until the objective was reached. He remained with his section until the position had been secured before returning to the aid post to have his wound attended to.

347552 Sjt. J. Gebbie, 249th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Edinburgh).

For devotion to duty and courage throughout the heavy fighting in April and May, 1918. On the 27th May, 1918, while the battery was heavily shelled and fires were started in close proximity to the guns, he continued to fight his gun with admirable coolness, showing great courage and setting a fine example to his detachment at a critical time.

12648 L./Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) J. T. Gibbons, 7th Bn., E. York. R., attd. 50th Infy. Bde. (Glasgow).

For most untiring and unselfish devotion to duty. He has shown exceptional powers of endurance. During the advance from the Ancre to the Canal du Nord (21st August to 5th September, 1918), though continuously under shell fire, his work was of the highest order, and greatly conduced to the efficient Staff work of the Brigade. He has at all times proved himself most willing and capable, and has rendered very valuable service.

420129 C./S./M. A. W. Gibbs, 1/10th Bn., Lond. R. (Stamford Hill). (EGYPT)

During the attack on Mejdal Yaba on 12th March, 1918, he showed cool courage and rendered very valuable service in maintaining and correcting the direction of his company under fire, in a very difficult country. At a critical moment he re-formed a body of men to engage a machine gun on the flank of his company. This prompt action was the means of capturing the gun and enabling his company to continue the advance.

M/205343 Cpl. J. Gibson, R.A.S.C., att'd.  
329th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Tayport).

He has shown marked courage and ability on many occasions under heavy shell fire while delivering ammunition and during gun moves. On the 28th August, 1918, at the forward position at Le Sart, when he had four lorry loads of ammunition to deliver during an enemy gas and H.E. concentration, he brought up the lorries one by one himself. This was at a critical time, when the ammunition was urgently needed. On other dates his cheerfulness and disregard of personal danger have been a great encouragement to those with him.

711533 B.S.M. F. Gilbert, C/331st (E. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Prudhoe).

On 21st March, 1918, at Templeux le Guerrard he was in sole charge of the Wagon Line, no officers then being available. On his own initiative he gallantly took up the gun teams and limbers under barrage and machine-gun fire and was directly instrumental in saving three guns of the battery from being captured by the enemy. During the succeeding fortnight he displayed great personal courage and devotion to duty under many trying circumstances. He is a thoroughly resourceful and courageous warrant officer.

41145 Rfn. W. C. Gillman, M.M., 2nd Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Fulham).

For marked courage and devotion to duty. On the 20th August, 1918, W. of Bailleul, though wounded himself, he dressed a comrade's wounds under very heavy shell fire. During this time he was twice buried, but continued to work with great coolness, and finally took the man back to the dressing station. He showed a very good example to the other men of the company.

6698 Sjt. F. Gillson, 2nd Bn., Suff. R. (Eye, Northants).

He has at all times carried out his duties as transport sergeant with great gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period of four months when the battalion was in the Hinges sector, he came up with rations every night by routes which were heavily shelled, and it was owing to his gallant conduct that the transport never failed to reach the battalion. He has displayed conspicuous gallantry on previous occasions, especially at Infantry Hill in June, 1917, and at Ypres in September, 1917.

13157 Sjt. D. Glendinning, 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For continuous gallantry in action and devotion to duty from 26th February to 16th September, 1918. On the morning of April 3rd, 1918, at Alette, his company was ordered up to clear a small wood of five enemy machine-guns. He was in command of his platoon, and personally spotted two machine-guns and worked round their flank with his platoon and captured them. Later, near Alette, seeing that a patrol on his company's front was in trouble, he took out two privates with a Lewis gun and gave the patrol covering fire, thus enabling it to withdraw safely.

8224 B./Q./M./S. (A./B.S.M.) T. Glenn, 31st Hvy. By., R.G.A. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Tilloy, on 28th March, 1918, during a hostile attack his fearless bearing and the manner in which he encouraged the men were admirable. During the whole of the advance from Arras to the Canal du Nord he has worked unremittingly for the safety of the men, and has been largely responsible for the maintenance of an excellent spirit amongst them, and has on many occasions steadied them under fire.

17859 B./S./M. H. B. Goddard, 2/67th Div. Amm. Col., R.F.A. (Eastleigh).  
(EGYPT)

For consistent good work from March to September, 1918. He has frequently been in charge of the battery wagon line during this period, and has carried out his duties most efficiently. Although not a young man, he carries out his duties with equal energy and efficiency, either under fire or at ordinary times. The discipline and smartness of the battery are conspicuous and greatly due to his personal qualities.

44743 Spr. A. Godwin, 17th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Regents Park, N.W.).

A gallant soldier who has carried out his duties as a linesman on many occasions under heavy enemy shell fire. His wholehearted and unselfish devotion to duty have been largely responsible for the maintenance of communications during active operations at all times.

21541 C./S./M. W. Godwin, M.M., 57th Bn., M.G. Corps (Swindon).

For twenty-two months the conduct of this warrant officer has been exemplary. He is very cool under shell fire. In the attack on Schaap Baillie on 26th October, 1917, he did excellent work controlling ammunition supply under heavy fire. In the attack on the Drocourt-Queant line on 2nd September, 1918, he did most valuable work arranging ammunition supply, and also when his officer commanding company was badly wounded, he not only saved him by his prompt assistance, but also by his excellent reports enabled the officer commanding company to get touch with the situation and to arrange for the successful carrying out of the operation.

12770 L./C. W. T. Goldsworthy, 22nd Coy. Lab. Corps (Wingate).

During the period under review he has always shown great gallantry and devotion to duty, especially on 29th June, 1918, whilst working on defences in the neighbourhood of Thelus, when he collected his section of men and took them to a place of safety under heavy enemy shell fire; owing to his coolness and personal gallantry he steadied his men, and brought them through without any casualties. On the 14th August, whilst working on the tramway track near Loos, he set a fine example to those under him by his coolness and devotion to duty under shell fire.

7094 Sjt. W. Goodchild, 1st Bn., Rif. Bde. (Winchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period March to August, 1918. In the capacity of Serjeant in charge of the R.A.P. he has set a very high example of courage and cheerfulness under the most trying conditions. On many occasions the prompt removal of wounded has been largely due to his devoted energies. On 30th August, 1918, after the successful attack on Eterpigny, he personally supervised the removal of wounded across the open, under four hours' heavy shelling and machine-gun fire.

700251 Sjt. A. Goodey, 2/23rd Bn., Lond. At. (Battersea).

For continuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 9th August to 22nd September, 1918. In leading patrols in "No Man's Land" he has on several occasions shown marked gallantry and initiative under trying circumstances. Throughout this time his fine example of courage has been of the greatest value in inspiring his men.

3/8899 C./S./M. J. Goodieson, 9th (S.) Bn., York. R. (Middlesbrough). ITALY.

During the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, he has always displayed conspicuous gallantry in action and has rendered excellent service by his example of leadership. He has rendered invaluable service to the battalion by his personal example.

47329 B./S./M. H. H. W. Goodings, B/79th Bde., R.F.A. (Leytonstone).

For conspicuous gallantry on many occasions and continuous good work. In March, 1918, during the withdrawal, he did excellent service in keeping the battery supplied with ammunition and reconnoitring routes. During operations in July, August and September, 1918, S. of the Somme, and in the Ancrre sector, he showed great presence of mind under fire on many occasions, and his gallant and cheerful example was a constant inspiration to the men.

15/395 L./C. A. E. Gordon, 15th Bn., R. War. R. (Birmingham).

He was in charge of stretcher bearers, and consistently showed marked gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations on 12th April, 28th June, and days following those dates, and during August, he displayed great zeal under most trying circumstances, and great skill in dressing and bearing wounded. He set a fine example to those with him.

104419 Cpl. A. Gough, 175th Coy., Lab. Corps (Nottingham).

At Roisel on the morning of the 21st March, 1918, he attended to the dying and wounded under very heavy shell fire, and personally bandaged everyone; he organised a stretcher party, as the wounded had to be carried through Roisel, which was under heavy shelling continually. It was through his coolness and courage the wounded were carried to places of safety. Never flinching

from any duties he had to perform, he also attended to all the sick throughout the retirement.

8173 Sjt. A. F. Gough, 2nd Bn. (now Res. Bn.), C. Gds. (Exeter).

During the past summer the work of this N.C.O. in his company as a platoon serjeant has been of the highest quality. His gallantry in action and his efficiency both in and out of the line have become proverbial throughout the battalion. Prior to the recent advance, he on three occasions went out in the Hamelincourt neighbourhood in charge of patrols, and brought back most valuable and accurate information. In the attack on the 27th August, 1918, near St. Leger, when the advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun post, he rushed in and killed the two men who were operating the machine gun, enabling the advance to continue. He has done splendid work throughout.

75700 Sjt. F. Gould, 11th Bn., Tank Corps (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 26th August, 1918, near Monchy Le Preux, in controlling the fire of his gunners. When his Tank was ditched he got out two of his crew in face of heavy machine-gun fire and heavy shelling, who had fainted. When a strong point had been formed round the Tank, he again returned to the Tank under heavy fire, and got out another Hotchkiss gun and S.A.A. He set a very fine example of coolness and courage to his men.

826597 Cpl. J. B. Gourlay, 298th (N. Mid.) Army Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (St. Andrews, Scotland).

As corporal in charge of the signallers of the battery he has shown great gallantry under fire. He has never failed to carry out his work, and on many occasions has re-established communication under heavy shell fire. He has set a fine example of courage and initiative to his men.

240593 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) T. C. Graham, 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F. (Maxwelltown).

From 25th February to 17th September, 1918, he has continuously shown cool courage and devotion to duty when under fire. In the woods in front of Parcy Tigny in July, 1918, when his battalion were under heavy shell fire, his example and personality did much to keep his company in good spirits. He was severely wounded on the morning of 28th July at the action of Beugneux.

18170 Sjt. W. G. Grand, 1st Bn., North'n R., attd. 2nd T.M. By. (Hanwell).

For continued gallant conduct in action under severe conditions, fine control and example to the men of his section under fire. He particularly distinguished himself at the battle of Givenchy in April, 1918, and again near Berthaucourt in September, when the fire of the battery caused many of the enemy to surrender. He has been invaluable to his battery during the past year.

194939 Cpl. D. Grant, 98th Lt. Rly Coy., R.E. (Avermore, Inverness). (EGYPT)

For conspicuous good work and devotion to duty as a locomotive and tractor driver, many times under fire. He has set a fine example to the younger sappers.

35103 Gnr. J. Green, K. By., 7th Bde., R.H.A. (Ipswich).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty, especially at Jeancourt on 21st March, 1918, in helping to evacuate the wounded under fire. At Harbonnières, on 27th March, 1918, he himself was wounded but refused to be evacuated, remaining at duty throughout the withdrawal. This gunner came to France in 1914, and by the cheerful and efficient manner in which he has always performed his duties, has set a fine example to the whole battery.

17320 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) R. W. Green, 2nd Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Birmingham).

For distinguished conduct between 25th February and 16th September, 1918. He has done consistent good work throughout this period, both as signal master and as lines' N.C.O. His coolness under shell fire, ability and technical knowledge were at all times most marked. On several occasions when lines have been badly broken by shell fire, he has volunteered to go out and mend them when he was off duty as signal master. He also on several occasions has been in charge of an advanced test point and shown great initiative under very trying circumstances.

L/11448 Sit. W. Green, 1st Bn., Midd'x R. (Smithfield).

He has served in France continuously for forty-nine months with this battalion, taking part as N.C.O. i/c R.A.P. in all operations. During this period he has done specially good work on three specific occasions in personally collecting and attending wounded under heavy fire. Throughout the whole period he has shown conspicuous devotion to duty. His abilities in organising stretcher-bearer parties and his fearless superintendence of them frequently under heavy shell fire have been most marked.

8001 Pte. L. Greenfield, 35th Bn., M.G. Corps ([E] Leigh, Lancs.).

For conspicuous gallantry, courage and cheerfulness, always carrying out any task, however difficult, in a smart, capable manner. At Montauban in March 1918, during an enemy attack and a very heavy bombardment, he was the only man unwounded on his gun team; in spite of this difficulty, he kept his gun team in action twenty-five minutes, doing great execution in the enemy ranks. He afterwards got his gun away with the assistance of an infantry serjeant. Later, under intense shell fire, he dug out and saved the life of a comrade.

8142 Sit. T. F. Greenfield, 1st Bn., R. War. R. (Bow).

For continuous good work during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has shown at all times great courage and devotion to duty. In numerous actions he has proved

himself a valuable and capable N.C.O., often acting as Platoon Commander., when his example, ability, and powers of leadership have been of the highest order. All his duties have been carried out in a most efficient manner.

1232 Sjt. S. J. Greening, 11th Bn., R. Fus. (Fulham).

He has performed the duties of Serjeant-Cook to the battalion since its landing in France, and has proved himself a thoroughly reliable and hardworking N.C.O., especially during and since the heavy fighting of 21st March. In all operations that this battalion has taken part in he has never once failed to get food to the men in the front line, and on very many occasions has had to work under most trying circumstances very close up to the line, and nearly always under shell fire.

50020 L./C. W. V. Greening, No. 8 Coy., I.C.C. (Southampton). (EGYPT)

During the operations at Ammam, between 27th March and the 30th, he acted as section leader to the Lewis Gun Section, whom he controlled in a most distinguished manner. Throughout the operations he showed the greatest contempt for danger.

376387 Sjt. J. R. Griffin, 2/6th Bn., Durh. L.I., T.F. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out with a battle patrol on the night of 22nd August and occupied an important post in front of our line in No Man's Land, near Mercatel. During the whole of the forty hours the post was occupied he greatly assisted in the post being held until an attack was launched through the battalion by another division on the 24th August, after which the patrol was called in. His soldierly conduct and unselfish devotion to duty was a fine example to all around him.

70497 Sjt. G. L. Griffiths, M.M., 42nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Walsall).

For consistent gallantry, devotion to duty and good work as Section Serjeant from February to September, 1918. During the operations in March and April, whenever it was necessary to detach guns and have an entirely trustworthy N.C.O. in command he was called upon. On one occasion, in most trying circumstances, he was sent to take command of a sub-section which had suffered severe casualties. By his example of gallantry, energy and cheerfulness the fighting value of these teams was entirely maintained.

28204 Sjt. K. Grimes, 91st Hy. By., R.G.A. (Cricklewood). (EGYPT)

An excellent N.C.O., who has done good service right through these operations. Is zealous and devoted to duty, and in action sets a fine example to those under him.

52302 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. G. Groom, 13th Pont. Park, R.E. (Middlesbrough).

(EGYPT)  
For consistent good work and conspicuous gallantry when in charge of a column in the Jordon Valley on 22nd March and 2nd April, 1918. When the column was shelled

he took charge and brought the wagons safely out of the danger zone and under cover.

241610 C./S./M. A. E. Groves, 4th Bn., York R., T.F. (Scarborough).

During the period March to August, 1918, he has displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty as Platoon Serjeant and acting C.S.M., particularly during an enemy attack at Romigny on 30th May, 1918, when he kept his men well in hand by continuously visiting the posts, although exposed to heavy shell and machine-gun fire. His cheerfulness and gallantry on this occasion inspired confidence in the men and enabled them to hold on and maintain their position against greatly superior enemy forces.

6384 C./S./M. (A./S.M.) T. J. Gudge, 9th Bn., M.G. Corps (Tottenham).

For gallantry and devotion to duty on all occasions when in action. At Arras and Ypres, 1917, he did splendid work in the line, and during the withdrawal in April 1918 he again showed great courage and determination. At one time during this retirement he stopped what infantry there were coming back, formed them into squads, and helped in the general reorganisation of the firing line.

18840 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. E. Gurney, 4th Bn., M.G. Corps. (Margate).

For persistent devotion during March and April, 1918. On 28th March, during the enemy attack on the front of Roeux, he was in charge of two guns, and throughout the whole action he showed great courage and initiative under very trying circumstances. He maintained his guns in action, doing excellent work, and only withdrew his guns when he received orders from infantry after they had withdrawn and the position had become untenable. On 15th April, near Robecq, with two guns he again did gallant and effective work. His devotion to duty has always been of the highest degree.

240537 Sjt. W. Guy, 5th Bn., York. L.I., T.F. (Pontefract).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th-17th September, 1918. He is the transport serjeant, and has rendered great help to his officer consistently. During active operations, especially in July on the Marne, he showed great gallantry in delivering rations under heavy shell fire. On the 27th and on the 29th July he again displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining with the transport and seeing the rations safely through, although suffering from gas poison contracted en route.

351176 Pte. A. Haig, 1/9th Bn., R. Scots, T.F. (Currie, Midlothian).

From 25th February to 16th-17th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period under review. On 1st August, in the Soissons area, he volunteered to act as runner when all except one of the regular runners had become casualties, and made many journeys under very heavy machine-gun fire. Under the worst conditions he made the delivery of his

messages his first consideration, and entirely disregarded his personal safety.

L/44633 Dvr. A. B. Haines, A/56th Bde., R.F.A. (Lower Edmonton).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. Near Bontain Croisille, on 29th August, when wounded, and the only remaining driver of a team, he pulled up and brought back the bolting team to the gun under fire of 5.9's, and then collapsed from his wound. He has performed splendid work throughout the recent operations.

103532 Cpl. E. Haley, 203rd Fld. Coy., R.E. (Witney, Oxon.).

He has consistently displayed great coolness and contempt of danger from shell fire during the period May, 1916, to September, 1918. His gallantry and inspiring example to those round him have been conspicuous when working under heavy fire. He is an invaluable non-commissioned officer and leader of men.

193218 Sjt. E. Hall, 258th Tun. Coy., R.E. (Fulham, S.W.).

During the period 25th February, 1918-17th September, 1918, he has done continual good work. On the 21st March, near Jeancourt, he carried a wounded officer to safety through heavy shell fire. On the 26th March, when holding a part of the front line, his party was ordered to retire to a position some distance in rear. He was the last to leave, and brought a badly wounded man back with him. By his example of courage and devotion to duty he has held his men together through many trying times.

1185 L./C. F. Hall, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Weybridge).

He had been in charge of the battalion observers for the last eighteen months, and has continually displayed the greatest courage and devotion to duty. His services have been of the greatest use on many occasions, notably while the battalion was in the Boyelles sector in April and May, 1918, when he was able to give warning of the enemy massing, which he observed under shell fire.

9292 Sjt. (A./Q.M.S.I.) G. W. Hall, M.G.C., att'd. G.H.Q. M.G. Sch. (Forest Gate).

He showed great gallantry and initiative whilst acting as company serjeant-major during the retirement of 21st March to 8th April with a machine-gun squadron. He has been employed at the school for twenty-three months, during the greater part of which he has acted as wing serjeant-major of the warrant officers' and non-commissioned officers' wing, and the manner in which he performed his duties both in the line and at the school has always given satisfaction.

16806 Sjt. J. R. Halligan, 29th Coy., Lab. Corps (Louth, Lincs.).

For conspicuous devotion to duty and courage in the face of the enemy. On 22nd March, 1918, at Le Transloy, he took a party of 120 men to work on defences 900 yards in front of Velu Wood. They dug the

trenches under heavy shell fire, and before the trenches were completed they were occupied by infantry. Again, on 27th May, 1918, near Fimes, he displayed great courage and coolness in assisting his officer to withdraw a platoon from camp under shell and machine-gun fire, and personally aided in getting wounded men away. He set a very fine example to those under him.

92058 Cpl. R. Hallows, 67th Bde., R.F.A. (Liverpool). (EGYPT)

For consistent good work under fire in charge of the head-quarters signallers. An indefatigable worker, and a splendid example to those under him in action.

18222 Sjt. A. Hamilton, 7th Bn., M.G. Corps (Motherwell). (ITALY)

He has been present on every occasion on which his company has been in action on the Montello and Asiago Plateau between February and September 1918. He has frequently been in charge of a section of guns, supporting raids, and has shown the greatest energy, ability, and steadiness under enemy retaliatory bombardments. Under trying conditions he has shown coolness, initiative, and at all times set a splendid example of steadiness under fire, and entire disregard of personal danger. He has served continuously with his company since 1915, and has taken part in every action in which it has been engaged, including Loos, Somme, Delville Wood, Serre, Bullecourt, Ypres.

S/5327 Sjt. (T./Sub-Cond.) S. C. Hamley, R.A.O.C. (Luton).

During the operations commencing 21st March, 1918, he performed excellent work superintending the evacuation of the Ordnance Depot, Achiet-le-Grand, under severe shell fire. Close on 30 motor lorry loads of all natures of ordnance stores were saved. On the night 24th-25th March, on an urgent call for tents, he volunteered and brought back seven loads under heavy shell-fire, saving every tent at the depot. He has invariably shown great gallantry and marked devotion to duty.

41610 Pte. J. E. Hammond, 3rd Sqdn., Cav. M.G. Corps (Northampton).

For consistent good work and gallantry throughout the war. On 24th March, 1918, at Menessis he was sent back with a message across the railway to headquarters of a regiment. He delivered this successfully under heavy fire, and whilst he was there the enemy came along the railway, and got between him and his sub-section. Nevertheless he successfully took back an answer. At Moreuil on 30th March, 1918, he did very good work as No. 3 on the gun. At Thennes on 1st April, when the team came under heavy machine-gun fire and the corporal was wounded, he again behaved with great coolness and set a splendid example.

44237 Sjt. J. H. Hammond, M.M., 74th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Donegal).

He has repeatedly acted with marked courage under heavy shell fire, more especially whilst taking part in a raid on the enemy trenches near Arras on the night 20th-21st June, 1918, when he set a very fine

example of coolness and contempt of danger to his party of sappers. It was largely due to his efforts that all dug-outs (eight) in the section of trench allotted to him were successfully destroyed.

H/230031 Sjt. P. W. Hammond, 1/1st Dorset Yeo. (Dorchester). (EGYPT)

During the two and a half months that the regiment was in the Jordan Valley he showed consistent cheerfulness and reliability at a trying time, owing to sickness and climatic conditions. For over a month he acted as Squadron Serjeant-Major with efficiency. Throughout the war, he has always displayed coolness in action and devotion to duty.

22/327 Pte. E. Handyside, 1/7th Bn., Durh. L.I., T.F. (Hebburn Colliery).

He has repeatedly displayed great coolness and gallantry in action, particularly on the morning of 25th March, 1918, near Morchain. When the enemy was attacking he rallied men in his vicinity, and in spite of numerically superior forces he held on to his post, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. On previous occasions he has displayed great gallantry and coolness; and throughout these operations his conduct had a very inspiring effect on his comrades.

74200 Cpl. C. C. Hanks, 122nd Bty., 52nd Army Bde., R.F.A. (North Walsham).

During 1918 he has shown great gallantry and devotion to duty in the Scarpe Valley, at the gun line or wagon line. Whilst taking up ammunition to the battery position on the 2nd September the leading team was caught by a hostile 5.9 H.E. concentration in Remy village, which caused a block in the road. He immediately, under shell fire, got the dead horses and damaged wagon out of the way of the remainder of the column, thus saving casualties caused by any block. He has always behaved admirably.

P.W./3263 L./Sjt. W. H. Hannaford, 19th Bn., Middx. R. (Elstree).

For gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a working party on the Reninghelst Switch Road on the 27th July, 1918. He collected some men together to take rations and transport up the line, and although the enemy repeatedly put down bursts of shell fire on or around the road he remained on his work and completed it. He has more than once undertaken important work, and has invariably carried it out, often under trying conditions. He has set a splendid example.

330024 C./Q./M./S. J. F. Harper, 9th Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For exceptionally good work during the whole of the war. He came out with the battalion in November, 1914, and has served with it continuously ever since. Until July, 1915, he served as Platoon Serjeant with marked ability. He has always proved himself to be a good soldier in every respect, both in and out of the line. He always takes his rations to his company in the line, and although he has often been exposed to shell and machine-gun fire, he has never failed in his task. By his courage, indefatigable

energy, and devotion to duty he has set a very good example to the N.C.O.'s and men of his company.

92727 Sjt. C. Harris, 216th A.T. Coy., R.E. (Nuneaton).

On the night of 29th March, 1918, previous to enemy attack on Aubercourt Ridge, during heavy shelling, he kept together all the men of his own section, together with some stragglers, who were manning a trench. He maintained the discipline and morale of all around him, and so materially helped to hold up the enemy's advance. During the recent advance on the Somme up to the present time he has shown great coolness and resource in forward bridging operations, and by his cheerfulness and disregard of danger under all circumstances has largely contributed to the success of his company's work.

T/673 S./Sjt. S. Harris, R.A.O.C., att'd. 136th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Southampton).

He has been unremitting in his care of the guns and equipment of the battery during the two years he has served with it in France. He is constantly with the guns whenever there is heavy and constant firing to be carried out, and it is largely due to his gallantry and devotion to duty that the guns have invariably been able to carry out the tasks allotted to them. On the 21st March, 1918, the battery fired 1,700 rounds—a very heavy strain on 9.2 howitzer equipment. He has on several occasions carried out repairs to guns damaged by hostile artillery under shell fire, thus enabling the guns to be brought into action again promptly.

53700 Cpl. B. Harrison, 11th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Workshop).

For gallant work and devotion to duty while in command of divisional observers for the last year, including the Ypres offensive, 1917, and the fighting on the Somme, March, 1918. During the engagements at Canizy, Le Quesnel, Mezieres, and Little Wood his cheerfulness and coolness under fire were a splendid example to his men, and the able manner in which he organised his runners kept divisional headquarters well informed of the progress of the fight.

7533 Sjt. T. Harrison, 2nd Bn., York. R. (Rotherham).

During the last six months he has shown great gallantry and devotion to duty. West of St. Quentin, 21st to 28th March, 1918, during enemy offensive, he showed conspicuous gallantry in maintaining communication with companies so long as companies existed as such, after which he took charge of a section and displayed great tenacity in fighting and holding on to his positions until forced from them by superior numbers.

193387 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) E. W. Hart, Cam. Park, R.E. (Portsmouth).

For six weeks—end of March to early May, 1918—he was senior non-commissioned officer in charge of a party engaged in dismantling and salvaging material from the camouflage factory, Amiens. This factory was situated near one of the bridges over the Somme, and consequently was subjected to intermittent shell fire by day and night during the whole

period. He was conspicuous in showing an excellent example of courage and steadfast attention to the work in hand, which was the direct cause of the work being completed quickly and thoroughly.

291464 Sjt. J. H. Hartshorn, 18th Bn., Welsh R. (Bridgend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Laventie on 9th April. He was acting orderly room clerk in the line. The battalion headquarters was heavily shelled and wrecked, and when it was necessary to evacuate the position he personally removed all the battalion records and, though severely wounded in the leg, carried same through the enemy barrage to a place of safety. He has done excellent work in the line since 1st June, 1916.

37819 Sjt. R. W. Harvey, 113th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Dorchester, Wallingford).

He has repeatedly distinguished himself as No. 1 under heavy shell fire. His personal example, devotion to duty and complete disregard of danger have resulted in making his sub-section do excellent shoots under trying conditions. This was most noteworthy during the retreat from Jean-court last March, and in the advance from Ribemont to Ronnoy in August and September, 1918.

1656 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. Harvey, 1st Bn., R. War. R. (Coventry).

He has repeatedly shown gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order, and his work as a Lewis gunner has been of great value during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. In a raid carried out by his battalion east of Riez du Vinage, on 30th June, when in charge of a Lewis gun, he was twice blown up, but on each occasion recovered himself and continued to fire his gun. He has set a fine example to all ranks.

5575 C./S./M. (T./R.S.M.) J. Haslam, 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R., T.F. (Blackburn).

For continuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the period 25th February to 17th September, 1918, especially during the heavy fighting in March and April near Bucquoy, when he rendered invaluable assistance by organising ration and ammunition parties under heavy fire. Throughout he has set a fine example to all warrant officers and non-commissioned officers.

L/17667 Sjt. W. Havard, D/170th Bde., R.F.A. (Wigan).

During the retirement from Gommecourt, 24th/25th March, 1918, he displayed great tact and disregard of personal danger. By his courage under fire and untiring energy he showed a very fine example to all ranks. On 27th March his battery was in action west of Douchy-les-Ayette, and during a very heavy bombardment by the enemy he maintained his gun in action until his last round had been fired before limbering up to retire as ordered.

275074 B./S./M. A. J. Hawes, 203rd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Stonebridge Park).

For exceptional conduct and devotion to duty throughout operations between March



21st and 4th September, 1918, especially during the period 21st March-27th March at Henin, Moyenville and Fischeux, where his cool courage, skill and encouragement to those under him greatly assisted in the battery being safely withdrawn without loss.

830405 Bomdr. B. Hawkeswood, C By. 241st (S. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Redditch).

(ITALY)

A most gallant and capable N.C.O., who always does excellent work, especially on 15th June, 1918, when on several occasions he repaired the wire between the observation post and the battery over a very heavily shelled area; on the last occasion he was severely wounded. Either in action or out, the conduct of this N.C.O. is of the highest order.

148595 Ftr. S./Sjt. E. F. Hawks, 304th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Westminster). (EGYPT)

He has done very good work since joining the battery, and has displayed much skill and energy in keeping the guns of the battery in action. He has been twice wounded, but is always cheerful and shows an admirable spirit, particularly near El Haram on 8th June, 1918, and south of Talsor on the 28th August, 1918.

72843 L./Bomdr. R. H. Hayes, 146th Sge. By., R.G.A., (South Shields).

He has on many occasions shown himself a very keen and gallant soldier, notably at Fricourt at the end of August. When some lorries were being heavily shelled, he took charge of a party of men and, by his personal efforts and disregard of danger, he succeeded in unloading the lorries, thus saving many valuable and essential stores. Again at Villers Faucon, in September, his personal example under shell fire had a most inspiring effect on his detachment, many of whom were newly-joined reinforcements.

42669 Sjt. T. Haynes, 5th Div. Amm. Col., R.F.A. (Athlone).

When he was in charge of a convoy delivering ammunition to a battery position at La Motte, Forêt de Nieppe, during the night of 22nd-23rd June, 1918, the convoy was heavily shelled. One driver and three mules were killed and two drivers and eight mules wounded. He showed wonderful coolness and resource on this occasion, and owing to his splendid example and devotion to duty the teams were re-arranged and full complement of ammunition was delivered to the guns. He has invariably shown courage and resource.

21035 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) T. H. Head, 6th Bn., Y. and L. Regt. (Goole).

As a C.S.M. his work has been invaluable. He has always set a fine example of discipline to his company and battalion, whilst his gallantry and coolness in danger have always been a splendid example. He did particularly fine work at Annequin in April, 1918, when his company was subject to very heavy gas shelling, and undoubtedly saved a number of casualties through his personal energy and sense of duty.

107397 L./C. H. W. Hendy, 50th Bn., M.G. Corps (Bristol).

He has consistently done excellent work as a gun commander, and has on two occasions, when officers and senior N.C.O.'s have been wounded, taken charge of a section, and handled it with great skill and courage. He is an admirable young N.C.O., and has set a splendid example in every way, both in the line and in billets. He has twice been wounded when in charge of his gun, and on each occasion has maintained it in action.

13903 Sjt. J. Hennessey, C/75th Bde., R.F.A. (Rhydney).

On frequent occasions under heavy gas shell fire, and at times afflicted himself, he has shown marked courage and coolness in commanding his gun and inspiring confidence in his men. His devotion to duty is beyond praise, and his services have been of the highest order. He is a most valuable and efficient N.C.O.

12090 Sjt. J. Henson, 9th Bn., Ches. R. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry, dash and initiative. He rendered extremely valuable service to the battalion during the operations from 28th May to 6th June, 1918, at Sarcy and Bligny. He was N.C.O. in charge of the battalion scouts and snipers, and conducted several daring and very useful patrols, which obtained valuable information. On one occasion he encountered an enemy post, and attacked it by himself, killing two of the enemy and dispersing the rest.

50008 Sjt. A. W. Hermon, No. 8 Coy. Imp. C.C. (Reading). (EGYPT)

During the operations at Amman from 27th to 30th March, 1918, he was acting C.S.M., and on several occasions under very heavy fire assisted greatly in rallying men and keeping the company together. Throughout the long and arduous trek he showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

275206 Sjt. W. F. Hethershaw, Notts Yeo. (Retford). (EGYPT)

He was in charge of a troop throughout the operations, and carried out the tasks allotted to him with great skill, especially on 2nd May 1918, during the withdrawal from Howeij Bridge, when his troop was employed as rearguard. It was largely due to his coolness, skill and energy that all the wounded were safely brought away, despite heavy shelling.

164381 Gnr. E. A. Hicks, 456th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Forest Gate, E.).

He has shown a high level of gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operations. Between Roisel and Villers Foucon, on 21st March, 1918, he succeeded as despatch rider in getting messages to and from Brigade Headquarters, when all other means had failed. Eventually he volunteered as runner to accompany an officer to get R.E. to repair track, and in carrying this out was seriously wounded in one foot and both legs and lost his right arm.



208849 Spr. J. K. Higgins, R.E., T.F. (Shettleston). (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty in the field. He has proved himself a despatch rider of resource, and has conveyed urgent messages to their destination in spite of engine breakdown and difficulties of rough country. During the operations towards Shunet Nimrin he rendered invaluable service.

242031 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. Hillyard, 6th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Deptford).

He has rendered most valuable service both in and out of the line. As Serjeant and as C.S.M. he has consistently shown conspicuous ability. Throughout the retreat in March his work was of a very high standard. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took charge, reorganised the men and led them with the greatest skill and gallantry during the remainder of the operations.

S/10160 Sjt. G. Hilton, 5th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Toronto).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. As transport serjeant he has throughout performed his duties with exceptional ability. On many occasions he has been exposed to heavy shelling while bringing up convoys to the line. At such times he has always shown marked resource and courage. He is an exceptionally hard-working and conscientious N.C.O., and the high standard and general good turnout of the transport in this battalion owes much to his influence.

200072-C./Q./M./S. D. S. Hobson, 1/5th Bn., L'pool R., T.F. (L'pool).

For meritorious service and devotion to duty. On 9th April, 1918, at Festubert, within two hours of the battalion finally resisting the enemy attack, he had brought up rations to the front line, and personally saw to their distribution throughout the company. He was wounded in August, 1918, at Givenchy, whilst superintending the bringing up of rations to his company. He came out of France with the battalion in February, 1915, and his conduct and example has at all times been exemplary.

M.2/104626 Sjt. G. T. E. Hockaday, R.A.S.C., attd. 79th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Torquay).

He is in charge of the six Caterpillars belonging to the battery. On the 10th April, 1918, he succeeded in bringing away all guns and platforms from the position behind Wytschaete, under very heavy bombardment. A section of the battery was in position near the church at Westoutre, and on 25th April came under such a heavy fire that it had to be removed. By this splendid example of coolness and absolute disregard of danger he enabled the guns to be got out. He has done consistently good and gallant work throughout the period under review.

5818 Pte. A. Hodder, 1st Bn., Leic. R. (Loughboro).

He came to France in September, 1914, and has served continuously with the battalion. He has served throughout in the front line and performed excellent work at the 2nd Battle of Ypres and at Hooge, later

on the Somme, 1916, and since then he has been employed as a company runner; he has always carried through all messages entrusted to him, and shown the greatest devotion to duty. By his courage and devotion to duty he has set a splendid example to the younger soldiers.

77078 Cpl. E. J. Holden, 37th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Farnham).

For consistent good work, courage and devotion to duty as Motor Despatch Rider, attached to Divisional Artillery Headquarters. His work as Despatch Rider has taken him over bad roads and unknown country at all times of the day and night and in all weathers. Frequently, through gas, bombing and heavy shell fire, he never failed to deliver his despatches in the quickest possible time. His work has been excellent.

L./8739 Sqdn./S./M. F. Hollington, 5th Lrs. (Godmanchester).

His services in the battle between 8th and 21st August have been most valuable. Determined, a fine disciplinarian, and with great drive, he has set a splendid example when under fire, especially in the operations east of Amiens in August, 1918. He is always to be relied upon to meet and overcome difficulties, and sees that those under him do likewise. He does not spare himself in his work, which is given gladly.

240067 Sjt. T. Holloway, 1/6th Bn., S. Staff. R., T.F., attd. 137th T.M. By. (Wendesbury).

For consistent gallantry and ability. He has served with the battery since its formation. He has at all times shown himself a reliable N.C.O., who has a sound knowledge of the handling of his guns and is cool and regardless of danger when in action.

8551 Dvr. G. E. Hooper, C/63rd Bde., R.F.A. (Fulham).

For continuous good work and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has shown exceptional gallantry and coolness under shell fire. His utter disregard of personal risk and his determination and resourcefulness in attaining his object have been an excellent example to his comrades, and his conduct generally has been admirable.

110790 Sqdn./S./M. E. Hope, 19th M.G. Sqdn. (Cav.), M.G.C. (Brighton). (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. On the 30th April, 1918, two miles S.W. of Es Salt, he organised the bringing up and supply of ammunition, and personally carried repeatedly belt boxes of small-arm ammunition to the gun position, the approach to which was over very difficult ground and exposed to fire from enemy sniper. He materially increased the value of these guns at a critical period and stimulated those around him by his example.

G/4821 C./S./M. R. Hopkins, M.M., 8th Bn., E. Surr. R. (Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 24th February to 16th September, 1918. He was promoted to

warrant rank on 21st December, 1916, for continuous distinguished service in action, and has been acting as R.S.M. at various times since. He is the very best type of warrant officer, energetic, smart and capable. He has always set a fine example of contempt for danger to the warrant officers and other ranks of the battalion. He has commanded a platoon in action with conspicuous courage and ability.

31158 B./S./M. A. W. Horlock, 286th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Sydenham).

He has shown marked courage and devotion to duty 25th February-17th September, 1918; he has behaved with the greatest coolness under fire, carrying on at the gun, and setting a fine example to his men. He has on several occasions gone to the assistance of wounded men at other guns under heavy shell fire, and at all times of danger has behaved in a most praiseworthy manner.

538400 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) A. A. Horwood, R.E., attd. 3rd Tank Bde. (Windsor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period February-September, 1918. He has always set a high example to his men, in particular on 21st March and the succeeding days. On one occasion, when a main Corps route was blown down, he personally kept the lines through for five hours under continuous shell fire, repairing them again and again.

619054 (fmly. 242763) Cpl. T. G. Hosker, Labour Corps (late 1/5th Bn., N. Lan. R., T.F.) (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th-17th September, 1918, and for the whole of the seventeen months he has served with his battalion in France. He has carried out several reconnaissances of a most difficult nature during the period and obtained valuable information. He was severely wounded in the execution of his duties as non-commissioned officer in charge of the battalion scouts.

8896 Sjt. H. C. Howard, 141st Sge. By., R.G.A. (Eastleigh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has always displayed remarkable coolness under shell fire and an excellent command over his men. On 22nd August, 1918, when a shell burst inside a dugout near Merville, although wounded in the face, he endeavoured to give assistance to a wireless operator, who had, however, been killed. When he had been attended to at the dressing station he refused to go to the C.C.S., and returned immediately to his gun. He has at all times shown a fine example to all ranks.

R/8971 Cpl. R. Howarth, 18th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Rochdale).

He has been with the battalion for the past eighteen months, during which time he has not missed an action in which the division has been engaged. On 24th March and 11th August, 1918, when the battalion was heavily attacked, his conduct was most praiseworthy. He has always set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty under trying circumstances.

5273 C./S./M. J. Howes, 18th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Chadderton).

Since 9th September, 1917, his work has been continuously of the highest order. In the attack at Houthulst Forest on 22nd October, 1917, and the subsequent minor operations carried out by the battalion during the winter in Poelcapelle area, he displayed the greatest gallantry and initiative. During the withdrawal from Maricourt through Bray to Buire, in March, 1918, he set a splendid example to his men, inspiring them with that confidence which enabled his company to maintain a successful rearguard action under the most arduous conditions. On several occasions, owing to casualties, he has commanded the company, and done so with marked ability.

282876 Sjt. S. Howes, 409th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Tulse Hill).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 of his gun on all occasions during the last six months. Under the heaviest fire he has always set a fine example of personal gallantry, and kept the detachment up to a very high standard of efficiency. On the night of the 7th/8th September, 1918, near Fins, when the tractor drawing his gun was hit by shell fire and put temporarily out of action, he, under heavy barrage on the road, assisted to unload stores and get his men away to a place of safety.

134132 Sjt. J. Hoyle, 105th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Whalley, Lancs.).

Through all the operations in which the company has taken part since 21st March, 1918, which include Battles of Somme, Lys and Aisne, he has shown the utmost devotion to duty and disregard to danger, and as a section serjeant during the whole period has on many occasions shown great initiative. In the Battle of the Aisne at Muscourt, 27th May, 1918, when under extremely heavy machine-gun and trench-mortar fire, he successfully rallied his men and held a very important position for several hours, causing heavy losses to the enemy and checking his advance. He has throughout set a very fine example to those under him.

40893 R./S./M. A. R. Hubbert, 2/4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F. (Manchester).

For gallantry and good work during six months ending 16th/17th September, 1918. He has always been an example of coolness and resolution in action, and has been a source of great strength to the battalion. Near Vaux on 28th August, under heavy fire he organised ammunition carrying parties and succeeded in getting it forward to the companies. Near Havrincourt, on 12th/13th September, battalion headquarters was subjected to constant enemy shell fire, numerous casualties being caused, and he was again conspicuous by his disregard of personal danger, attending to wounded and organising carrying parties.

93814 Sjt. J. H. Huckle, D/64th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Kentish Town).

On 15th April, 1918, near Petit Sec Bois, the battery was being heavily shelled with 8 in. howitzer, and the men had taken cover.

One gunner was missing. As the battery was not in action at the time he went out to look for the missing man, whom he discovered wounded in one of the pits. He assisted him back to a place of safety under heavy shell fire. Shortly afterwards one of the camouflages caught fire; the gun pit was full of ammunition. He again went out and extinguished single-handed the fire. He showed great gallantry and initiative.

781677 B./S./M. W. Hudson, C/246th (W. Rid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Sheffield).

On 5th July, 1918, the battery wagon lines near Blamertinghe were heavily shelled. Three men were wounded and several horses killed. His coolness and gallantry in getting away men and horses certainly prevented many casualties. Since this date the battery wagon lines have been twice shelled, and he did good work.

66802 Sjt. J. Huggan, 167th A.T. Coy., R.E. (Hawick).

From April to July, 1918, inclusive, he was in charge of a detachment employed in maintaining the forward water supply in the area between Dickebusch and Bailleul. His devotion to duty, indifference to personal danger, and the fine example he set during the above period under very frequent and heavy shell fire largely contributed to the excellent work done by his detachment. He maintained the water supply in his section throughout.

10650 Sjt. J. Hughes, 15th Bn., Lan. Fus. (Swinton).

During the period under review, 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918, he has carried out his duties as battalion L.G. serjeant in a manner beyond praise. He possesses untiring energy and zeal, and his work both in action and out of the line was an example to all ranks. He has invariably showed calmness and courage in action under heavy fire; and the efficiency of the personnel of the battalion L.G.'s was very largely due to his excellent supervision and hard work.

35175 Sjt. G. H. Humber, A/38th Bde., R.F.A. (Newport, I. of W.).

He has served in France since October, 1915, and has done invaluable work both as corporal and serjeant. He has been through all the heavy fighting in 1916-17 and 1918, always commanding his detachment in action with great courage and coolness, often under heavy hostile shell fire and great difficulties.

890505 B./S./M. J. Humphries, 1/2nd (Herts.) By., R.F.A., T.F., att'd. "A" By., 270th Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Watford).

(EGYPT)

For excellent work throughout. Under fire he has always shown great coolness and disregard for danger. His conduct is in every way exemplary.

75480 C./Q./M./S. J. Hunt, 2nd Bn., Tank Corps (Bolton).

For energy, resource and disregard of personal danger as quartermaster-serjeant to his company from February to September

16th, 1918. During the operations on 22nd March, near Beugny, and again on 8th August, near Warfusee, he showed the greatest resource and determination in keeping his company constantly furnished with rations and tank supplies regardless of hostile artillery fire on each occasion. During the period 13th-16th September he showed great ability in keeping the tanks of his company filled up with supplies during some very long approach marches.

296828 L./Bomdr. R. Hunt, 155th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Stockport). (ITALY)

At M. Kaco, on the 15th June, 1918, he showed exceptional coolness as gun-layer under heavy enemy shell fire and gas bombardment. The No. 1 being overcome by gas he took charge of the gun and performed the duties of gun-layer as well. Again on the night of the 9th/10th September he continued to lay his gun in spite of heavy shell fire, and completed the task allotted to his gun. His splendid courage and devotion to duty has served as a great example to the whole battery.

52693 Sjt. R. Hunter, 128th Bty., 29th Bde., R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For continuous good work and devotion to duty, notably during the battle on 28th March, 1918, at Athies, when he displayed conspicuous courage, continuing to fire his gun after a direct hit had been obtained on the pit, and encouraging his men by his general bearing and cheerfulness under most trying circumstances.

510892 Sjt. W. J. Hunter, 2/14th Bn., Lond. R. (Harrow).

For devotion to duty, and consistent good work while acting as Coy. Qr.-Mr.-Sjt., February-September, 1918, and for gallant and skilful leading in action when in command of a platoon, particularly at El Houd (Palestine) on 21st May, 1918, till severely wounded.

56236 Sjt. J. Hurst, B/104th Bde., R.F.A. (Bootle, Lancs.).

Throughout the series of operations beginning on 8th and 21st August, 1918, he showed marked gallantry and ability, and on several occasions kept his gun in action under most difficult circumstances. More especially on 18th September, when three officers and twenty-five O.R.'s were casualties, he, as Actg. Sjt.-Maj. at the gun line, by his efforts was largely responsible for the carrying out of the barrage that morning.

305700 Sjt. W. R. Hutton, 8th Bn., W. York. R., T.F. (Leeds).

For coolness and devotion to duty under fire during period February-September, 1918. The efficiency of the anti-gas services in the battalion are largely due to his hard work and initiative. He has taken at all times the greatest pains in training other N.C.O.s, and he never rests in a new sector until he is satisfied about the efficiency of the anti-gas appliances. His knowledge and skill have been of the greatest possible value, especially in the vicinity of Essarts during May, 1918.

S/2484 Pte. P. Hynes, 12th Bn., Rif. Bde. (Middlesbrough).

For gallantry and marked devotion to duty, especially during the past six months. This rifleman has served continuously with the battalion as a runner through all the heavy engagements in which it has participated. He has carried out his duties under the most trying circumstances with great courage and gallantry, showing a fine example of endurance and cheerful obedience under the heaviest shell fire.

218529 Cpl. T. J. Ingram, 260th (Rly.) Coy., R.E. (Birkenhead).

During the preparation of bridges for demolition this N.C.O., by his courage, keenness and resource, set a very fine example at times under heavy shell fire and daylight bombing. His conduct throughout was admirable. He was wounded in action.

5107 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. J. Inman, 3rd Bn., R. Berks. R., attd. 2nd Bn., Br. W. Indies R. (Reading). (EGYPT)

He has shown great coolness under fire and done very good work during the two years he has been Rgtl. Qr.-Mr.-Sjt., and during the absence of the Q.-Mr. had considerable responsibility.

42025 B./Q./M./S. J. R. Jackman, 37th Div. Amm. Col., R.F.A. (Frome).

For consistent good work and devotion to duty. He has performed his work faithfully and extremely capably, both in the wagon line and under fire, in the control and supply of ammunition to the gun lines. When the section has been without a Batty. Sjt.-Maj. and two Sjts., and the strain of the extra work has largely fallen on his shoulders, he has done it admirably under the most trying circumstances. He has been in France since 1914, and with the unit since September, 1915.

250128 Sjt. W. Jacks, Sig. Sub-Sect., R.E., attd. 72nd Army Bde., R.F.A. (Brentwood).

As N.C.O. in charge of Sig. Sub-Section he has shown untiring zeal and energy. Thoroughly efficient himself, he works incessantly at improving those under him. He has on many occasions shown great gallantry in maintaining his communications, and has set a very fine example to all the signallers in the brigade. He has been wounded, but remained at duty.

P/836 Sjt. J. Jackson, M.M.P., attd. 3rd Div. (Paddington).

For courage, consistent good work and devotion to duty during the period 21st March, 1918, to date. During the enemy offensive in March, 1918, in the Hénin area he rendered very valuable assistance with the control of traffic and evacuation of wounded under heavy shell fire. He also rendered valuable assistance in the control of traffic under heavy shell fire during the operations at Bethune in April 1918, and again during our offensive near Ayette in August, 1918.

51321 C./S./M. J. A. Jackson, 98th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Mobberley).

He has always shown a very high standard of devotion to duty and power of leadership. He has on more than one occasion assumed in action the duties and responsibilities of an officer who has become a casualty, and has consistently handled his men with the greatest courage and skill.

680994 Sjt. T. Jackson, 286th (W. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Bamber Bridge).

On 9th April, 1918, near Fleurbaix, when the officer in command of his detached section had been wounded, he took command of the situation. By his splendid courage and determination under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he kept his guns in action until the enemy were within 300 yards of the position and on three sides of it. He then disabled the guns, saving dial sights and breech mechanisms, and successfully withdrew his wounded. He was severely wounded in the retirement.

250369 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) F. James, 1/5th Bn., Essex R., T.F. (Sth. Twickenham). (EGYPT)

At Mejdal Yaba on the night of 20th/21st May, 1918, when in command of a small post, showed great coolness and initiative when his post was twice attacked by largely superior numbers of the enemy. By his spirited example and disregard for his personal safety he greatly encouraged his men, with the result that both the attacks were repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy.

10180 Sjt. F. T. James, 12th Bn., E. Surr R. (Hounslow).

On the 11th August, 1918, when the enemy counter-attacked our troops holding the support line La Clytte-Scherpenberg Sector, he, with a small party, went forward on patrol and ascertained the number and position of the enemy. The situation was very obscure, and by gaining this information reinforcements were able to be sent forward with safety. On many previous occasions he has rendered valuable services on patrol, and by his utmost fearlessness inspired the greatest confidence in his platoon.

652 Pte. T. James, 2nd Bn., R. Highrs. (Edmondsley). (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty in an action north of Arsuf on the 8th June, 1918, when as a stretcher-bearer, he worked unceasingly with absolute disregard for personal danger, under heavy rifle, machine-gun and artillery fire.

52340 B./S./M. C. Jarman, "D" By., 103rd Bde., R.F.A. ([E] Chatham). (ITALY)

During the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, he has done excellent work at the gun line and wagon line. At all times he has shown great devotion to duty and gallantry in action, particularly on the 15th June at Kaberlaba, when, during a heavy bombardment of the battery position, he, with another gunner, manned and kept in action a gun of which all the personnel had become casualties, though this gun was continually under heavy fire.

99970 Sjt. T. Jarvis, 51st Bn., M.G. Corps (Sheffield).

He has shown great pluck and devotion to duty during the period March to September, 1918, especially in the operation on the Lys, Ardre and Scarpe fronts, when he ably commanded a sub-section of two guns. During the operation on the Ardre front, although suffering from prolonged gas shelling, he stuck to his position and kept his detachment in good spirits under most trying circumstances. At all times in the trenches and during all operations he has been unfailing in his devotion to duty.

S/18273 Pte. (L./C.) P. H. Jeans, 6th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Inverness).

He has performed particularly good work with his battalion at all times, including the operations near Arras in March, 1918, and south of Soissons in July and August, 1918. In the latter engagement he exhibited marked ability in handling his L.G. section and set a very fine example of courage and devotion to duty. On various occasions he has done particularly good work on patrol in No Man's Land.

522025 Cpl. C. Jefferies, 483rd (E.A.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Sth. Brisbane, Aust.).

For conspicuous gallantry and continuous good service. He has always shown coolness, good leadership and decision under the most trying conditions in the line 25th February to 26th/27th September, 1918.

49867 Sjt. G. W. Jeffery, D/51st Bde., R.F.A. ([E] Greenwich).

A keen, intelligent N.C.O., who displays great interest in his work and men. He has carried out the duties of No. 1 of his gun since April, 1916, and has always shown conspicuous courage and determination in action and sets a fine example to his men.

50342 Sjt. T. Jeffery, D/112th Bde., R.F.A. (Dandale).

From 25th February to 17th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty in action consistently. His conduct was most conspicuous on the Aisne.

138130 Sjt. C. E. Jeffries, 119th A.A. Sec., R.G.A. (Tunbridge Wells).

(EGYPT)

For continuous good work and devotion to duty under trying circumstances. Jordan Valley, 28th March to 4th April, 1918, while protecting the pontoon bridges, four attempts were made to bomb the bridge crossings with large formations of bombing planes. On each occasion the raiders were driven off. During these operations two attempts were made to bomb the section.

71778 Gnr. W. Jenkins, 87th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Llandybie).

For good service as battery despatch rider. He had a very great sense of duty, and it was only through his courage and disregard for danger that his despatches have been delivered. On two occasions his motor-cycle had been smashed by shell fire under him.

51184 Sig. Cpl. A. Johnson, 64th By., 5th A. Bde., R.F.A. (Glasgow).

For great gallantry and devotion to duty during the period February to September, 1918. He has fulfilled the duties of N.C.O. in charge of signals during this period with great efficiency, especially the last six weeks' active operations, maintaining his lines and visual stations with complete disregard for his personal safety. He had rendered excellent service.

6459 Cpl. G. E. Johnson, 2nd Bn., Linc. R. (Marshchapel).

He had performed valuable work during the period February to September 16/17th, 1918. His fearless and capable handling of men had been of the greatest assistance, not only in maintaining the efficiency of his section, but in obtaining results under fire which ensured success. Although suffering from gas shelling and an old wound, he had remained at duty, and his example of devotion to duty was admirable. Throughout the operations beginning on 21st August, 1918, he had markedly distinguished himself as a commander and leader of men in action.

242471 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Johnson, 1/5th Bn., Y. & L. Regt., T.F. (Rotherham).

On 11th April, 1918, near Steenwerck, he displayed conspicuous gallantry, and showed firm command during an attack, in which all the officers and senior N.C.O.s of his company had become casualties. Though only lance-corporal, he took command of the company for that and the following day. During the following three weeks he fought with this company, displaying great initiative and powers of command at all times.

44623 2nd/Cpl. L. Johnson, R.E., att'd. 87th Bde., R.G.A. (Ealing, W.).

He had done excellent work as a signaller. On many occasions he had shown great courage and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire, particularly at Graincourt during the Cambrai and Bournon Wood operations in November, 1917, at Lebuquiere in March, 1918, where he was wounded, and during the Hamel offensive July, 1918. While repairing lines under circumstances of great difficulty and danger, he has shown a fine example to those with him.

16104 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) J. Johnstone, 13th Bn., R. Scots (Margate).

From March to September, 1918, he had been continuously in the line as a platoon sergeant. He took part in a raid (two platoons) in May, at Arras, and showed gallantry and skill on that occasion. He was wounded in action on 20th May. He took part in a raid at Arras by this battalion in June, displaying the greatest initiative and resource. During operations near Soissons, from 22nd July to 3rd August, 1918, he was with his company in the line during the whole period, and rendered many valuable services to his company commander. He has invariably set a fine example of courage and determination.

203561 T./R./S./M. W. Johnstone, 9th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Felling-on-Tyne).

For general good work and devotion to duty. He rejoined the battalion some eighteen months back, after recovering from injuries received in the second battle of Ypres. During this period he has served continuously with the battalion and has done most excellent work. On many occasions he has organised carrying parties and supervising the delivery of rations and supplies to the unit when in the front line, and latterly this work has been done under very heavy shell fire and under very trying circumstances.

51349 Sjt. F. Jones, "T" By., 14th Army Bde., R.H.A. (Birmingham).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty during the last two years. He has twice been wounded, and has been almost continually in action during this time. He has always displayed the utmost coolness and resource whilst under hostile shell fire.

33476 Cpl. I. E. Jones, 140th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Port Talbot).

Since 15th August, 1916, he has acted as N.C.O. in charge of stretcher-bearers, and in this capacity has frequently displayed great gallantry, initiative and powers of leadership. His men have the greatest confidence in him, and will follow him anywhere. During the trying period from 31st March to 1st April, 1918, in heavy fighting near Sapignies and Bapaume, by his great energy in keeping in close touch with regimental medical officers he was the means of evacuating many casualties on numerous occasions under machine gun fire.

310503 Sjt. J. Jones, 117th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Llandudno).

At Le Sart, on 26th August, 1918, the section was under heavy shell fire. A shell fell near a sub-section gun and wounded all the detachment except him, and put several boxes of cartridges on fire. After getting the wounded under cover he returned and, single-handed, managed to prevent the spread of fire.

20010 Cpl. R. Jones, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Llandudno).

He is transport corporal. During recent operations he has done splendid work assisting the transport officer night after night to bring the transport up along heavily shelled roads. He particularly distinguished himself on the night of the 23rd August, 1918, when shell fire knocked out some of the transport animals. He off-saddled and harnessed up some of the pack mules under a heavy barrage, and brought up a limber of S.A.A. which was urgently required, later bringing up the pack loads. He has shown great devotion to duty and disregard of danger throughout the operations.

9189 Sjt. E. Joseph, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Bristol).

As signalling serjeant to the battalion, he has carried out his duties with conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the retirements from the Somme in March and April, 1918, it was entirely due to his untiring efforts that forward communications

were maintained. At Rosieres, on 27th March, he on numerous occasions, under heavy shell and machine gun fire, went out along the lines and repaired breakages and maintained communications.

65810 Sjt. H. Judd, L/15th Bde., R.H.A. (Southampton).

By continuous gallantry of a very high standard, as well as never-failing energy and keenness, he has set the finest example to those under him. On one occasion, during the Passchendaele operations (April, 1918), he particularly distinguished himself by putting out burning camouflage under fire, and conducting the supply of ammunition through heavy hostile barrages.

34879 Cpl. A. G. Kay, 9th Bn., N. Staff. R. (Glasgow).

He has displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty during the period covered. By his personal example he has always kept his men together and at work under heavy shelling.

75964 Cpl. E. Kay, 1st Bn., Tank Corps (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry, good work and devotion to duty during the period March to September, 1918. In the actions of August 8th and 9th, near Le Quesnel, he succeeded on both days in putting several enemy machines guns out of action with a 6-pounder gun. He has been in action with tanks 11 times as crew N.C.O., and has on all occasions shown a splendid example of coolness and determination to the crew.

34216 Sjt. N. Kebby, 65th By., 28th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Maryborough, Ireland).

During the period under review (25th February-17th September, 1918) he has done duty at the gun line as A./B.S.M. His conspicuous example of coolness and gallantry under fire has been invaluable in steadying young soldiers during this most trying period, and has been most useful to his battery commander. On one occasion, when a detachment was knocked out during an S.O.S. barrage, he carried on single-handed.

67606 C./S./M. J. A. Kellett, 39th Bn., M.G. Corps (Listerhills).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during hostile offensive operation east of Amiens from 21st March to 1st April, 1918. He was at this time a section serjeant. Soon after the enemy attack opened his officer became a casualty. He then took command of the section and kept it in action, fighting a succession of heavy rear-guard actions practically continuously until relieved on the night 30th/1st. During this period he not only directed the fire of his guns, but arranged successive withdrawals and ammunition supplies and maintained communications.

5072 Q./M./S. W. Kelly, 3rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Liverpool).

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. During all the operations in which the battalion has been employed the assist-

ance of this warrant officer in getting forward supplies, etc., necessary to the comfort of the men and the efficiency of the companies in the line, has been invaluable. At Annezin, on the 21st April, during heavy enemy shell fire, part of the quartermaster's stores was hit, several of the staff were killed and wounded. He displayed great coolness and disregard for his own safety while assisting in removing the wounded under shell fire, and was of great help to his superior officer in moving the stores, etc., to a place of safety. His work has invariably been of the highest order.

33432 B./S./M. T. Kemp, "E" By., R.H.A. (Hampstead).

For continuous good service and devotion to duty during 1918. He has always set a very fine example of courage and coolness under all circumstances. His work during the retreat in March, 1918, was exceptionally good. During this time the battery was short of officers, and he was usually in charge of the teams, and on many occasions it was due to his skill and coolness that heavy casualties were avoided. He has always set a splendid example of energy and devotion to duty under the most trying circumstances.

17068 Pte. (L./C.) V. Kempshall, 7th/8th Bn., K.O.S.B. (Manchester).

From 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. For conspicuous good work, both as observer and sniper, during the period under review. He showed initiative and courage on occasions which demanded much of both these qualities. Especially on the 1st August, 1918, at Ville-Montoire, when he gained valuable information from a position which was heavily shelled all day.

109373 Sjt. J. Kennedy, 183rd Coy., Lab. Corps (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of detachments at Mercatel 21st-24th March, 1918, his fine example encouraged his party under heavy shell fire to clear the Victoria Dump to safety. The following day he volunteered to return from Blairville to Mercatel to load grenades, well knowing the danger he was running.

250015 (T./R./S./M.) W. A. Kent, 1/6th Bn., Manch. R., T.F. (Kinsale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 17th September, 1918. In the heavy fighting in March and April, near Bucquoy, he rendered invaluable assistance in the capacity of regimental serjeant-major in organising ration and ammunition parties under very heavy fire. He has set a fine example to all warrant officers and non-commissioned officers.

62963 Sjt. F. M. Keogan, C/110th Bde., R.F.A. (Tow Law, Co. Durham).

He has always set a great example under fire to the men of his battery, noticeably on the 25th August, 1918, when the enemy counter-attacked at Maricourt. He was in charge of the teams, and it was greatly due to his skill and cool courage that the guns were enabled to be moved. Again on 2nd October, near Ronsoy, while the battery was firing a barrage from an advanced position,

he, as acting battery serjeant-major, very greatly assisted his battery commander to keep his guns in action whilst a heavy hostile barrage was falling on their position, and the gunners were being shot at by enemy machine guns.

547861 Sjt. L. F. Kerswell, 11th Cav. Bde. Sig. Troop, R.E., T.F. (Brondesbury Park).

(EGYPT)

He has acted in his present rank with the brigade signal troop since July, 1916. He has throughout discharged his duties capably and conscientiously, and has set a fine example to the troop of resource and gallantry under fire.

697047 Gnr. T. Kirby, C/276th (W. Lanc.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Lancaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of the detachment of the forward section of the battery near Givenchy on 9th April, 1918. Under very heavy shell and rifle fire he did excellent work in carrying wounded men from the battery position to the dressing station a quarter of a mile distant. Later in the day he carried an important message back to brigade headquarters near Le Preol, and then returned at once to his section through very heavy shell fire. By his pluck and determination orders of vital importance to our successful defeat of the enemy were conveyed to the guns.

15745 Cpl. J. Kirk, 8th Bn., R. Lanc. R., T.F. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Minges on the 4th May, 1918. He was in charge of wagons going through the village with S.A.A. bombs and rations, when the enemy opened up intense shell fire on the road, enveloping the whole of the transport in gas, H.E., and brick dust. He took each limber to different places for safety, and then went back to find two missing men and two mules that had been hit. In going back he was wounded in the leg, but found the men and mules, and took the former to the aid post.

72228 Dvr. H. Kitchen, A./46th Bde., R.F.A. (Huddersfield).

As driver of the cook's cart he has on many occasions driven through heavy area shelling, and has never failed to deliver his loads. On two occasions he has had his cart destroyed by shell fire, but he continued to show the same devotion to duty and disregard of personal danger.

10082 Sjt. F. Knapp, 2nd Bn., Sco. Rif. (Hackney Wick).

For continuous good work as Signalling N.C.O. He came to France with the battalion in November, 1914, and has been with it since in all actions. During the fighting from 21st March to 2nd April, 1918, acting as Battalion Signalling Serjeant, he kept up communication whenever it was possible. At Voyennes, when no communication could be kept up and there was a shortage of men, he was with the troops in the front line, and showed the greatest courage, collecting stragglers of all units and rallying them in the front line, encouraging them to hold on.



374413 Sjt. A. E. J. Knight, 163rd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Brighton).

On 21/22nd March, 1918, on Arras Front, when in a forward position at Guemappe, he did splendid work as A./Sjt./Maj. to the Detached Section. On these dates the section was under continuous shell fire. On 22nd March orders were received to pull out and withdraw by 4 a.m. By his valuable help and entire disregard for danger he enabled his Captain to get away all stores, guns, and 1,000 shell. This N.C.O. exposed himself continuously, encouraging the men and set a fine example to the remainder of the battery.

240811 Cpl. G. T. Knight, 1/5th Bn., Som. L.I., T.F. (Highbridge). (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 10th April, 1918, during the operations about Rafat, when his company was in an exposed and isolated position, and cut off from communication from Battalion Headquarters, he went through a heavy barrage to establish communications. Throughout the period under review he has rendered valuable service and has shown a splendid example to the signallers in the battalion.

10515 Sjt. (A./R./S./M.) H. Knight, 2nd Bn., R. Dub. Fus., attd. "Anson" Bn., R.N.V.R. (Cork).

He, whilst acting as R./S./M., has done excellent work in the battalion. Whilst in the line his gallantry and devotion to duty are very marked, and an excellent example to all junior officers and men in the battalion. During heavy fighting in March and April, 1918, he showed great courage and determination in organising of ammunition parties, so that at all times, under most trying conditions, the firing line was continually supplied with ammunition.

21033 Pte. (L./C.) J. Knoble, 1st Bn. (now Depot), R. Sco. Fus. (Ayr).

For gallant service and devotion to duty whilst employed on the Brigade Wiring Party. After the active operations at Locon in April, 1918, the sector had to be placed in a state of defence. Night after night he went out in charge of a wiring party, and through his untiring energy and coolness under fire he successfully carried out his task. On one occasion at Locon he carried out a difficult reconnaissance of the wire on the whole brigade front, and the report he subsequently rendered materially assisted the early completion of this important work.

200024 C./S./M. (T./R./S./M.). A. H. Laidler, 1/4th Bn., R. Berks. R., T.F. (Newbury). (ITALY)

He has always performed his duties with conspicuous ability. During the enemy attack on 15th June, 1918, near Mount Lemerle, Asiago Plateau, he showed great gallantry and set a fine example to the N.C.O.'s of the battalion. His consistent good work and organisation in the line has been of the utmost value to the C.O.

19/291 Sjt. G. H. Laing, 19th Bn., North'd Fus. (South Shields).

As Transport Serjeant since January, 1916, he has shown great devotion to duty throughout. In charge of convoys carrying

R.E. stores to positions under heavy shell fire he has shown coolness, initiative and resource. Throughout the period he has never lost an animal killed by enemy shell fire, and the prompt delivery of stores in most difficult circumstances has been of invaluable assistance in operations.

L./5074 Sjt. H. T. Lamb, D./153rd Bde., R.F.A. (Stockwell, S.W.).

For continuous good work, gallantry and devotion to duty. On 24th August, 1918, near Bailleul, he was blown over by a shell. Nevertheless he was one of the last to leave the gun position when orders were given to abandon it, and in a pause in the hostile bombardment he returned alone to the gun position, and endeavoured to salve some boxes of S.A.A., which had been ignited. Later in the day he was again blown over by a shell, but remained at his post. He invariably sets a fine example by his courage under fire.

292354 Sjt. T. Lamb, 133rd Hy. By. R.G.A. (Bootle, Liverpool).

For over two years' continuous and zealous service with the battery as No. 1. His fearless conduct and coolness under fire have been conspicuous several times during the last six months, especially during the retreat in March, 1918, and during the recent operations from 26th August to 6th September.

50582 Sjt. V. L. Lamplugh, No. 8 Coy., Imp. C.C. (Hull). (EGYPT)

At Amman, on 27th March, 1918, he showed great gallantry in leading his men under heavy fire; and set a fine example.

3/12172 C./S./M. H. D. B. Land, 4/5th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F. (Dover).

For continuous good work and devotion to duty during the last six months. While performing the duties of company quartermaster-serjeant previous to his appointment to present rank, he has shown marked coolness and gallantry under shell fire while bringing up the rations to the troops in the line. During the operations near Buzancy between 22nd July and 2nd August, 1918, when all routes forward were under heavy shell fire, he never failed to deliver rations to his company at the appointed hour, in spite of casualties to men and animals on the way up. He has invariably set a very fine example to those under him.

354015 Q./M./S. (T./S./M.) G. W. Langford, 2/3rd (E. Lancs.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Manchester).

For self-sacrificing devotion to duty and the very excellent services rendered at all times as serjeant-major during the past six months. During the retirement from 21st to 26th March, 1918, he showed great gallantry. He worked unceasingly for six days, organising and supervising the evacuation of wounded from the forward area, working without rest, and setting a splendid example to the men under him.

383324 Sjt. F. Langham, No. 1 (R. Mon.) Sge. Coy., R.E. (S.R.) (Hopkinstown).

He has done conspicuous and consistent good work for nearly four years with the company since it came out on 2nd Novem-

ber, 1914. His unfailing cheerfulness and courage when working under shell fire has greatly contributed to the efficiency of his section, to whom he has set a splendid example. His hard work and coolness during March and April, 1918, particularly when continually under shell fire in charge of working parties in Fampoux, Feuchy and Telegraph Hill, was invaluable.

L/3955 Sig. Cpl. W. D. Langley, 9th Lrs. (Garboldisham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 22nd March, 1918, at Carpeza Copse, when the company was ordered to fight its way back to the Brown Line, he volunteered to take charge of the covering party, as most of the officers had become casualties. With about twenty men he covered the retirement of the company and held up the advancing enemy for a sufficient time to allow the resistance of the Brown Line to be thoroughly organised. Throughout the day he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to all ranks.

613375 Sjt. W. H. Langlois, 2/19th Bn., Lond. R. (Kensal Rise). (EGYPT)

For devotion to duty. During the attack on Makkar-Ed-Derbasi, on the 30th April, 1918, when all communication had failed, he went forward repeatedly over 1,200 yards of open country, swept by machine gun and rifle fire and enemy artillery, to repair telephone wires. He stood out amongst his comrades by his gallantry and self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.

546721 Cpl. H. G. Latarche, 512th (Lond.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Stepney Green, E.).

On the evening of the 28th August, while the enemy still held part of Croiselles, he entered it by the main road in search of road mines. A surface mine was discovered on the road near the centre of the village, which he disconnected and removed under machine gun and snipers' fire. After reporting the road clear of traps, he, with two sappers, spent the greater part of the night carrying wounded to the A.D.S. Throughout the operation he showed marked courage, and did first-rate work in removing six traps east of Croiselles on 29th August.

253433 Cpl. S. J. Lathwood, 2nd Bn., Lond. R. (Catford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His conduct has been consistently excellent, and has on many occasions been brought to notice, especially for work on patrol, wiring parties, etc. He has done excellent work.

56980 B./S./M. T. Laverick, R.F.A., attd. A/307th (S. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Sunderland).

On the morning of 21st March, 1918, during the enemy offensive he brought up ammunition wagons to a forward section east of Holnon Wood under heavy shell fire. After the wagon teams had left a gun was hit and put out of action. He saw this, and immediately galloped after the teams, dropped a wagon body and brought back the last limber and team to the position. On the way back the centre driver was killed and two horses wounded; these had to

be cut out of the team. Notwithstanding the heavy shelling and machine gun fire, the gun was successfully got away. He behaved most gallantly.

11783 C./S./M. A. E. Leach, M.M., 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Wellingborough).

On the night of 5th/6th March, 1918, on the Arras Front, north of the Scarpe, the battalion raided the enemy trenches. Under very heavy bombardment he toured the line continually, inspiring one and all by his utter disregard of his own personal safety. Later in the night the enemy succeeded in entering one of our front posts. He promptly organised and led forward a few men and bombed the enemy out of the post. He showed marked gallantry and initiative.

30831 Sjt. T. Leadbetter, 54th Div. M.G. Bn. (Smethwick). (EGYPT)

He has shown ability and devotion to duty on all occasions. He has been with his unit in all actions, since and including the first battle of Gaza, and in every case he has done very good work as a section serjeant. His powers of leadership and coolness in action have always been of the highest order.

240131 C./S./M. C. H. Leake, 1/5th Bn., Norf. R., T.F. (East Runton). (EGYPT)

He has served continuously with the battalion since its original embarkation for service in July, 1915, and during the whole of this period has shown great devotion to duty and done excellent work. He has been constantly in action.

34492 Sjt. E. J. Lee, 81st Sge. By., R.G.A. (Fulham).

During the attack from 26th August to 6th September, 1918, he was in charge of No. 5 gun. While in position at Wancourt, Guemappe and Cagnicourt he did excellent work at the gun, setting a splendid example of steadiness and coolness under shell fire worthy of the best traditions. He has been in France with the battery since March, 1915.

9221 C./S./M. J. Leedham, 3rd Bn., Worc. R. (Birmingham).

For excellent service throughout the campaign in all ranks from Lance-Corporal to Company Serjeant-Major. On more than one occasion during the Champagne operations in May and June, 1918, he rendered most valuable assistance in the rank of Company Serjeant-Major. He at all times, under circumstances of peculiar difficulty, displayed courage and resource of a high order. His indifference to danger and his unvarying cheerfulness under fire were an inspiring example to all ranks.

5558 L./Sjt. T. Leeming, 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Adlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and consistent good work both in and out of the line, particularly during March, 1918, when he had to take over command of a platoon, his officer and serjeant having both become casualties. With great ability he led the platoon in a counter-attack through the village of Bucquoy, and, on reaching the first objective, he skilfully organised its defence and obtained touch with the battalion on his flank.

96429 Sjt. W. C. Lees, 352nd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For devotion to duty and repeated acts of gallantry 25th February-16th September, 1918. Thanks to his courage and energy, his gun is always the first into action and fires most rounds, and that in a battery which is well known for its rapidity of getting in and out of action. Throughout the enemy attacks at Kemmel, under very heavy concentrations of high explosive and gas, his gun was first in everything. At one time he got off 107 rounds in fifty-three minutes. He is of great value to his battery.

28455 Sjt. R. W. Legg, 493rd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Chaldon, near Dorchester).

For continuous good work, especially in August, 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux, Vrely, and later at Dury, as No. 1 of a 12-in. howitzer on road mounting. He has continually shown marked courage, energy and initiative under all conditions, and set a fine example.

68703 Sjt. P. L. Lelliott, 119th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Hastings).

He has shown great courage and devotion to duty at all times; he has behaved with the greatest coolness under fire, carrying on at the gun and setting a splendid example to his men. He has on several occasions gone to the assistance of wounded men at other guns under heavy shell fire, and at all times of danger has behaved in a most praiseworthy manner. 25th February to 16th September, 1918.

17009 Cpl. T. Lennox, 110th Hy. By., 67th Bde., R.G.A. ([E] Glasgow).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty in front of Lens. His conduct under heavy gas and shrapnel fire was exemplary. His work as telephonist has been excellent; as linesman he has frequently repaired lines and maintained communications under the most difficult conditions. February to September, 1918.

32963 Sjt. A. Leonard, M.M., 119th By., 27th Bde., R.F.A. (Mildenhall).

For consistent good work, devotion to duty and gallantry in action, particularly during the operations near the Forest of Nieppe in April and May, 1918, and the recent operations near Bapaume. On many occasions he has displayed courage of a high order; notably on 25th August, 1918, when an 8-in. shell burst near his gun and he and his detachment were carried some yards by the force of the explosion and knocked down. Some of the men were very shaken, but he rallied them all, took them back, and continued firing the gun.

201197 Sjt. H. Letts, 1/4th Bn., North'n R., T.F. (Rushden). (EGYPT)

For continuous good work as platoon commander. He has taken his platoon on several patrols, and shown great gallantry, skill and resource. He has been a model of good spirits to his men.

3009 Sjt. E. A. Leverton, 17th Bn., M.G. Corps (Nottingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the past six months. During the enemy offensive of March and our offensive of September he has distinguished himself by his coolness under fire and efficiency in action at all times. He has seen service in the field for the past 31 months.

510505 Spr. (A./2nd Cpl.) A. G. Lewis, 58th (Lond.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Leamington Spa).

He has always set a splendid example to his men while working in the forward area. His steadiness and control of men while under heavy fire have been admirable. The gallantry and devotion to duty of this N.C.O. have contributed largely to the success of communications during offensive operations.

W/2774 Sjt. E. Lewis, C/122nd Bde., R.F.A. (Cardiff).

For consistent good work and repeated gallant conduct. On the night of August 25th, 1918, when going into action west of Pozieres, the battery came under very heavy shell fire on the main Albert-Pozieres Road. One team sustained a direct hit, the No. 1 and one driver being killed and the other driver badly wounded. He at once went back, removed the wounded driver and got the road clear of dead horses, though the place was still being heavily shelled. He showed great courage and coolness, and set a very fine example to the men.

17685 Sjt. F. A. Lewis, 14th Bn. (now Dépôt) Welsh R. (Swansea).

For consistent good work and devotion to duty as regimental serjeant-major during the last six months. When in the line his devotion to duty and punctilious carrying out of his various duties, under both shell fire and gas bombardments, have been a most excellent example to all. By his courage, consistent hard work and attention to detail he has greatly helped to keep up the efficiency of the battalion.

818 L./C. (A./Sjt.) F. C. V. Lewis, M.M.P., attd. 42nd Div. (Tylers Green).

For fearless devotion to duty and continuous good work as S.S.M. of unit during the period January, 1918, to date. Also for the example set to his men and total disregard for his personal safety during the active operations from 21st March to 5th April, 1918, near Bucquoy.

3155 C./S./M. F. E. Lewis, 41st Bn., M.G. Corps ([E] Hounslow).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has served continuously as C.S.M. to his company. At all times he has been an invaluable help to his company commander and has on several occasions performed the duties of an officer during a temporary shortage. His conduct, gallantry and devotion to duty in action at all times has been a good example to all N.C.Os. and men of his company.

59029 Sjt. G. W. Lewis, R.F.A., attd. X/59th T.M. Bty. (Chatham).

For consistent good service during the period under review. He has always fought

his mortars with initiative and courage, in spite of shell fire, and his conduct throughout operations has been a fine example to all ranks.

53723 C./S./M. H. J. Lewis, M.M., 9th Bn., Welsh R. (Abergavenny).

He has always set a fine example of keenness and courage to the men of his company. In the successful operations near the La Basse Road in September his dash, cheerfulness and contempt for danger were a fine example to all. On two separate occasions, although badly shaken and bruised by the bursting of a shell, he refused to leave his company.

7920 Pte. T. Lewis, 2nd Bn., Leic. R. (Leicester). (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations on the 28th/29th May, 1918, he worked untiringly the whole time under fire. He persistently volunteered for any particularly dangerous work, and by daylight held a detached sniper's post for two days, putting many of the enemy out of action. He has previously done excellent work on many occasions during four years of practically continuous service, and is always cool and reliable in any action.

5158 Sgt. A. Lilley, 189th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Hebburn, Sth. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 21st March, 1918, to 17th September, 1918. As No. 1 of a gun he shows always an utter disregard of personal safety, and his example always steadies his team. In particular he deserves mention for the excellent performance of his gun at Chaulnes on 25th March. Having no recoil scotches he improvised a ramp of bricks and timber, and during an S.O.S. got off 70 rounds in an hour. He then, in spite of a damaged and weakened caterpillar, got his gun off the spot in twenty minutes.

120896 Sgt. J. H. C. Lindfield, A/112th Bde., R.F.A. (Crawley).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations in August and September, from Albert to Moislains, he has been twice wounded but refused to leave the battery. He has commanded his gun under heavy shell fire, particularly on the evening of 3rd September, near Le Forest, when during a bombardment the enemy put a barrage down on the battery. His conduct has been most gallant.

M2/222711 Cpl. A. Lindley, R.A.S.C., att'd. 202nd Sge. By., R.G.A. (New Kent Road, S.E.).

On 20th April, 1918, at La Neuville, west of Corbie, when a heavy concentration fell on the battery, causing several casualties, he with marked courage and coolness withdrew the three F.W.D. tractors and three lorries, and waited till all was clear and then returned. His own second driver was killed next to him, but he managed to withdraw the transport intact, which, had it been left, would undoubtedly have been destroyed. By his courage and skill in driving he has been quite indispensable during gun moves:

280422 C./S./M. J. Lindon, 1/7th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Pendleton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 17th September, 1918. He carried out some very excellent daylight patrols whilst the battalion was in the La Basse sector. Since his promotion to C.S.M. he has worked extremely hard, and has done excellent work both in and out of the trenches. On the 22nd July, whilst his company was carrying out an attack on the enemy, he did very good work reorganising parties under heavy shell fire.

731082 Sig. (A./L./Bomdr.) A. D. Lindsay, 390th By., 37th Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (East Ham). (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 12th March, 1918, in the attack on Diurah, he was one of the forward observing officer's party with the attacking infantry. Owing to hostile machine gun fire, the F.O.O. was compelled to leave the mule carrying the telephone wire under cover, and to push on. A further supply of wire being required, he volunteered to fetch it under heavy machine gun fire, and so enabled communication between the battery and infantry to be maintained, which was of vital importance to the success of the operations.

G/51084 Sgt. F. G. Linggood, 24th Bn., R. Fus. (Walthamstow).

He has been transport serjeant to the battalion for two years. During that time he has done excellent work. He has never failed to bring his limbers or pack animals up to the battalion in the line with supplies, although frequently he has had to pass through heavy shell and machine gun fire. On many occasions where fire has been heavy he has delivered his rations, ammunition, &c., further forward than the transport of other units, thus saving an enormous amount of irksome labour to the fighting troops and undoubtedly casualties as well.

138 Cpl. J. Lloyd, 2nd Bn., Lan. Fus. (Liverpool).

For consistent good work and devotion to duty since coming to France in August, 1914. He is on battalion headquarters signals. He has served with the battalion continuously since the beginning of the war, and has never missed a big action that the battalion has been in. He has always shown marked courage and devotion to duty under fire whether company or battalion signaller or linesman. His work has always been thoroughly and efficiently done, and he has set a very fine example to his subordinates.

448002 C./S./M. T. Lloyd, 436th Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Llanelli). (EGYPT)

For gallantry in action, conspicuous good work, untiring energy, and high ability as company serjeant-major. He has always rendered valuable services.

41148 A./Sgt. J. Lockhart, 9th Bn., R. Ir. Fus. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work in the line during the past year, including the following engagements:—St. Quentin,

March, 1918; Kemmel, April, 1918. He has at all times shown great devotion to duty, and a splendid example to his company. He has shown great keenness in carrying out minor enterprises, and showed great gallantry in leading a bombing party, when his company carried out a raid in July, 1918.

65392 Sjt. G. F. Long, 134th A.T. Coy., R.E. (Woolwich).

For continuous gallant and most capable service with the forces in the field both in Gallipoli and on the Western Front since July, 1915, particularly during the Ypres battle of 1917. He possesses in a most marked degree excellent powers of command, organisation and capability for getting work done in most difficult circumstances, and his example and courage have on many occasions given the greatest encouragement to his men.

64477 B./S./M. S. A. Long, C/114th Bde., R.F.A. (Manor Park). (SALONIKA)

For consistent good work and gallantry under shell fire. On the night of the 26th August, 1918, when his battery was being shelled, some bushes close to No. 3 Gun Pit caught alight, endangering camouflage and ammunition. At great personal risk he went out from the signal pit and extinguished the fire with buckets. He has shown a fine example to the men. On active service with the original expeditionary force and has served continuously since.

240259 Sjt. W. Longmore, 1/6th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Birmingham). (ITALY)

For continuous good work during the period under review and devotion to duty, especially during a raid by his company on night 29/30th April, 1918, when, although severely wounded in the arm outside the enemy wire and unable to hold a rifle, he led his platoon to its objective.

203482 Sjt. C. Loomes, 1/5th Bn., Notts & Derby R., T.F. (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry in action and consistent good work and devotion to duty since August, 1914 to date, first as Platoon Serjeant and latterly as Acting C./S./M. He has set a very fine example to those under him.

240003 C./S./M. (T./R./S./M.) G. H. Lovett, 1/5th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Loughboro).

For the past year he has been R./S./M. He has throughout shown great keenness, courage and initiative, particularly in organising the supply of ammunition in difficult circumstances and under fire. His services in this respect were worthy of special praise during the recent advance at Richebourg. Prior to his appointment as R./S./M., he served for six months as C./S./M., being seriously wounded in 1915 at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, an action in which he took command of his company with great gallantry when all the officers became casualties.

275270 Cpl. H. Low, 1/7th Bn., Argyl & Suth'd Highrs., T.F. (Montrose).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as N.C.O. in charge of battalion com-

munications during the last six months. He has invariably shown a fearless spirit and determination. Chiefly owing to him during the battles at Cambrai in March, at Locon in April, and south of Rheims in July, communication forward to companies was well maintained.

99733 Sjt. H. Lowe, C./59th Bde., R.F.A. (York).

He displayed conspicuous gallantry and marked devotion to duty on the 9th, 10th, and 11th April, 1918, near Vermelles, when the battery was subjected to a continuous and concentrated gas bombardment. He carried on throughout this period, and was the only N.C.O. at the gun line who was not evacuated. On former occasions as a battery Signaller, both on the Gallipoli Peninsula and in France, he carried out his duties excellently, many times under heavy shell fire. He has set a very fine example to his comrades.

15381 Cpl. W. Luke, 12/13th Bn., North'd Fus. (Broompark, Durham).

For very gallant conduct and skill while in charge of transport and mules, in getting troops in the front line supplied with food and stores. He has handled his echelon with great judgment and fearlessness in the face of severe hostile shelling.

26107 B./S./M. A. Lunn, 267th Sge. By., R.G.A., now 2/1st S.A.R.B. (N. Kensington).

At Contalmaison, on 27th August, 1918, he was in a bivouac with three other men, when it received a direct hit from a shell, wounding all four. Although severely wounded he at once went under shell fire to obtain assistance for his comrades. He refused to have his wounds dressed until the other three had been attended to. During the whole time he showed great disregard for his own personal safety. He has done extremely good work while with this battery, and has always shown great coolness under fire.

H./230452 L./C. (A./Cpl.) C. Lye, 1/1st Dorset. Yeo. (Trowbridge). (EGYPT)

On 17th June, 1918, during a reconnaissance in the Jordan Valley, he set a good example by his coolness under sharp fire after his Troop Leader had been killed. Throughout the period that the regiment was in the valley, he was always very reliable and keen to be sent on any patrol. He has been present at every action in which the regiment had been engaged since it left England in April, 1915, and he has always behaved with coolness and initiative.

42057 C./Q./M./S. J. J. Lynn, 68th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Hyde Park, W.).

He has constantly displayed the greatest ability and devotion to duty. He has always personally supervised the delivery of stores and rations to the forward sections, frequently under great difficulty owing to heavy shelling and gas bombardment. By his coolness and cheerfulness under all circumstances he has had a splendid influence over men under him.

77441 Sig. V. Maguire, 28th Bty., 9th Bde., R.F.A. (Altrincham).

Has shown greatest coolness and contempt of danger in maintaining communica-

tions under heavy fire as Battery Signaller, and especially during the recent open fighting when he has spared no effort to maintain the line, frequently under heavy shell fire.

463116 Sjt. D. O. Main, 50th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from February to June, 1918. Throughout this period this N.C.O. has performed most valuable work in organising and controlling the communications of his brigade, and on several occasions, by his coolness under heavy fire, he has enabled information of great importance to be sent back. At all times he has set a very fine example to his men.

42762 Sjt. T. F. W. Mallard, 120th Hy By., R.G.A. (Duston, near Northampton).

During the months of August and September, 1918, he has performed exemplary work as No. 1 of his gun, under almost continuous shell fire. He has set a fine example of pluck and devotion to duty. When his detachment had been reduced to two men, he continued to keep his gun in action day and night, doing most of the work himself. A reinforcement of T.M. gunners helped with the manual labour only. He was twice badly affected by gas, and once blow over by a shell, but stuck to his work.

323037 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. Malloch, 323rd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Glasgow).

During April, 1918, at Gonnehams, July, at St. Venant, August and September, on the Arras front, he has continuously displayed great courage and devotion to duty, and has set a very fine example of gallantry and cheerfulness in adverse conditions and under heavy shell fire, to the men under him. He has on several occasions saved ammunition from destruction while shells have been exploding and charges burning around him, particularly on 28th July, 1918, at St. Venant.

8389 Pte. A. Mallock, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Dundee).

He has served continuously with the battalion since the landing in Gallipoli, 25th April, 1915. For two and a-half years he served in a company in the firing line, during which time his coolness under fire was an example to the younger soldiers in his company. His work at all times was of the highest order. Latterly employed as a storeman on the quartermaster's staff, his devotion to duty and work in connection with the welfare of the battalion has been of the utmost assistance to his superiors.

57084 C./S./M. B. J. Marlow, 78th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Hounslow).

He has acted as company serjeant-major for the last eighteen months in a most exemplary manner; and the efficiency and discipline of his company is due in great measure to his personal example and command of men. He has always shown great gallantry under enemy fire, and his conduct especially stood out during the retirement on 21st March last and following days.

12565 R./Q./M./S. B. Marmion, 10th Bn., Sco. Rif. (Liverpool).

During period February-September, 1918, his conduct as regimental quartermaster-serjeant has been exemplary. On many occasions he has conducted rations to the line under heavy shell fire, and in ordinary routine work he has worked untiringly for the welfare of the battalion. He has filled the position of quartermaster several times with great energy and resource, and on 22nd March, 1918, under continual shell fire for several hours, during which the quartermaster was killed, his coolness and example enabled all stores to be removed to another area quickly and without loss.

110568 Gnr. A. Marriott, C/91st Bde., R.F.A. (Northampton).

For the last three years he has worked untiringly as a signaller, and has performed more than once most gallant work in company with forward observation officers during enemy attacks, under the most trying and difficult circumstances. During the retirement from St. Quentin in March, 1918, when the guns were being limbered up at a critical moment he showed great pluck when he was knocked over and sustained a broken leg. His devotion to duty throughout has been magnificent.

21004 2nd/Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. S. Marshall, 25th A.T. Coy., R.E. (Worcester).

For conspicuous good service at all times, and particularly for his gallantry and devotion to duty at Remy on 3rd and 4th September, 1918, while in charge of a party erecting a forward water-pumping station. They were heavily shelled, and the machine was damaged, but they succeeded in fixing the machine and supplying water in the required time.

339006 Q./M./S. (T./S./M.) D. G. Martin, 98th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Liverpool).

For consistent courage and devotion to duty as serjeant-major of his field ambulance since its arrival in France in November, 1915, during which period his untiring energy and zeal has been an example to all ranks. He did excellent service under fire at the Somme in July and October, 1916, and at Arras, April, 1917, and Ypres, August, 1917. At Vaux, in 1918, during the retreat when the ambulance headquarters and walking wounded post were being heavily shelled, it was principally due to his energy and gallantry that the wounded were cleared without disaster.

G/4269 Pte. L. Mason, M.M., 7th Bn., E. Kent R. (Aston, Birmingham).

He has performed invaluable services as a battalion signaller from 25th February, 1918, onwards. He has displayed a consistently high standard of coolness and gallantry. During the operations 21st March-6th April he performed very valuable work in maintaining communications, constantly repairing breaks in the wire under extremely heavy shell fire. He has set a fine example to those with him.

11007 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) W. C. Mason, 19th Bn., Durf. L.I. (Shildon).

This W.O. has, from August, 1917, served continuously with this battalion, and has rendered yeoman service, especially in the line. On many occasions he has displayed great gallantry under fire, and his skill, initiative, and gallant bearing have been a splendid example to all ranks. He has served continuously with the B.E.F. in France since August, 1914.

14721 C./S./M. G. R. Mathie, 12th Bn., R. Scots. (Glasgow).

He came out with the division in 1915, and has been through nearly all the fighting since then, at all times showing a splendid example of gallantry and untiring energy. During the fighting in the last five months he has distinguished himself, especially near Kemmel, on 25th April, 1918, when he led his company after the officers had become casualties, displaying initiative and gallantry under very trying circumstances.

9544 C./S./M. L. A. Matthews, M.M., 1st Bn., Gord. Highrs. (Aldershot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a long period of service in France. He has rendered invaluable service, both in and out of the line. At Hinges, during a night attack on 4/5th May, 1918, he was C.S.M., and when heavy casualties were suffered he led his platoon forward to their objective, and was instrumental in the capture of forty-two of the enemy. Again, near Gomiecourt, from 21st to 23rd Aug., when all the officers, with the exception of one, were wounded, he helped with the organisation of the company, and by his courage and ability inspired the men.

G/11571 Sjt. F. May, M.M., 1st Bn., R. Fus. (Dover).

As a Platoon Serjeant and as a Platoon Commander he has proved himself a very gallant and able leader of men. His high courage and indomitable cheerfulness in action are the life and soul of his platoon, an never fail to inspire his men with a great desire to come to grips with the enemy. His platoon is pre-eminently the fighting platoon of the company very largely due to his personality.

16662 Sjt. H. V. May, M.M., 63rd (R.N.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Gosport).

He has done consistent good work while with this company. During the retreat in March, while the column was under shell fire, he kept the men together and steadied them, inspiring confidence in them by his utter disregard of danger. At Henin, while the column was being heavily bombed, he did splendid work extricating the wounded and getting them to a place of safety. It was entirely due to him that the cable sections were reorganised and sent forward at a critical moment for work on important communications, contributing largely to the success of the operations.

786389 Sjt. S. W. Maycock, D/115th Bde., R.F.A. (Brixton, S.W.).

During the period under review—i.e., 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has on many occasions carried out his duties with conspicuous ability and gallantry under fire.

52531 Pte. G. Mays, 14th Bn., Worc. R. (Hadfield).

On 20th July, 1918, near Beaussart, a battery was being shelled. One shell crushed a dug-out and buried a number of men. The Battery Commander sent for assistance, and he at once rushed to the spot. He was mainly responsible for the rescue of five men, the dug-out being filled with gas. He worked gallantly for four hours, during which time the bombardment continued. He has always shown coolness and gallantry in his work as a stretcher bearer.

7813 Sjt. A. McAllister, 14th Coy., Lab. Corps (Stevenson).

For gallantry and devotion to duty at Fins, on 22nd March, 1918, in charge of section maintaining light railways to and through ammunition dumps. He and his section repaired and filled in shell holes under very heavy shell fire, thus enabling the supply of ammunition to be maintained. He kept his men intact and at work all the time, and by his good example and cheerfulness and encouragement kept his men well under control, and their work was invaluable.

24220 C./S./M. D. McCarthy, 19th Bn., Welsh R. (Cardiff).

He has served continuously in France as C.S.M. since December, 1915. He has shown on repeated occasions, both in action and in billets under shell fire, great personal courage. On one occasion, when his company was subjected to intense enemy shelling, he remained exposed at great personal risk until he had ensured that every man of his company was under cover, although himself wounded at the time. He has ever set a splendid example to those under him.

42922 Sjt. T. McCormack, 145th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Ardsallagh, co. Waterford).

He has done continuous good work during the last six months, and his courageous conduct and devotion to duty have set an outstanding example to his detachment. He has frequently kept his gun in action during heavy bombardments of shell and gas; he is energetic and resourceful.

14555 Sjt. J. McCullough, M.M., 9th Bn., R. Ir. Fus. (Portadown).

As signalling serjeant to the battalion he has always shown great gallantry and devotion to duty in the field. During heavy fighting in March and April, and again later, the battalion was without a signalling officer. He never failed to perform all the duties which fell upon his shoulders with the most conspicuous efficiency and success. His cheerfulness and total disregard of fatigue and danger under most trying circumstances proved a splendid example to all who have come in contact with him.



265661 C./S./M. O. McDermott, 1/6th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Skipton).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, especially between 10th and 21st April, when the battalion was fighting near Nieppe and Bailleul. He displayed good leadership, and showed great initiative in taking out a patrol immediately after an attack had been repulsed, capturing several prisoners and two light machine guns. He has done consistent good work since 1915.

204286 C./S./M. M. McDonald, 4th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Torridon).

For conspicuous gallantry during the operations extending over a period from the 28th August to 3rd September, 1918. His fearless manner has always been a splendid example to his men throughout his long service with the battalion.

18392 B./S./M. C. McDonough, A./86th Bde., R.F.A. (Jarrow-on-Tyne).

For consistent gallantry and valuable services. He specially distinguished himself during the withdrawal in March, 1918, and the successful operations of August and September. He set a splendid example of coolness and courage when withdrawing guns from positions which had been held to the last possible moment before the advancing enemy. During the latter operations he was wounded, but insisted on returning to his duty after his wounds had been attended to. To his energy and resourcefulness the efficiency of the battery is largely due.

690342 Cpl. W. McEvoy, 3/4th (W. Lancs.) How. Bde., R.F.A., T.F., attd. No. 5 M.M. By. (Putney, S.W.). (EGYPT)

On 29th May, 1918, he was in charge of No. 8 gun of a battery in position north of Arsuf. He was engaging an enemy machine gun as a target, immediately prior to our infantry's advance. An enemy shell burst just beside him, blowing off his steel helmet, and slightly wounding him in the neck. Realising the importance of his task, he bound up his neck and carried on firing. Although he was badly shaken, his shooting was very steady and effective. His work has always been noticeably good.

4822 C./S./M. W. MacFarlane, 5th Bn., Cam. Highrs. (Polton, Midlothian).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout he has performed his duty with exceptional ability. In the line his courage and cheerfulness under all conditions set a splendid example to all. Out of the line he is a splendid disciplinarian.

M2/099963 Sgt. A. McIntire, R.A.S.C., attd. 214th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Montrose).

For consistently good and gallant work, and especially for the display of great courage and coolness at a critical moment, when delivering ammunition near Villers Bretonneux just prior to the attack on the 8th August.

418027 Sgt. T. B. MoIver, 52nd (Low.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Auchterader).

For exceptionally good work laying and maintaining telephone lines to batteries. On the 24th August, at Mercatel, he climbed a

telegraph pole and made a road crossing in the face of very heavy shell fire by 4.2 and 5.9 mm. Howitzer. It was entirely due to his work and example that communication was maintained. By his untiring energy and utter disregard of danger he set a fine example to his section, and throughout the operations rendered invaluable service.

502237 Sgt. J. MacKay, 31st Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Springburn, Glasgow).

For gallantry and devotion to duty under shell fire 25th Feb. to 16th September, 1918. During the six months under review he has been in charge of a cable section, which he has continuously worked in the forward area. It was entirely due to his fearlessness and able commanding that lines have been not only laid during heavy shelling, but maintained under periodical barrages on numerous occasions. He set a very fine example to those under him.

10757 Pte. G. McKimm, 1st Bn., R. Innis. Fus. (Dover).

His behaviour in the line has always been worthy of high praise. During the withdrawal from St. Quentin, March, 1918, he frequently carried ammunition to the front line, and carried messages under heavy fire. On a more recent occasion, during the occupation of the St. Jans Cappel sector, he carried out most daring personal reconnaissances in daylight, bringing back most valuable information. His conduct at all times has been a fine example to all ranks.

7169 R./S./M. G. McLean, 2nd Bn., K.O.S.B. (Berwick-on-Tweed).

He has been R./S./M. of the battalion for twelve months. Throughout the operations at Nieppe Forest and Bapaume from April, 1918, to date he has performed his duties in a most exemplary manner. His excellent organisation of the ammunition supply during action has never failed to keep the battalion well supplied, and his personal gallantry in supervising the supply under fire has largely contributed to the success of these operations. In other spheres his work has been of a very high order.

93603 Sgt. D. McLeod, B/58th Bde., R.F.A. (Glasgow).

From 8th April to 10th April, 1918, the battery was very heavily shelled with mustard gas shells near Hulluch. There were many casualties in the battery, nearly 50 per cent. of the men being sent to hospital. Although suffering from the effects of the gas he stayed on at the gun line, setting a fine example to all ranks by his cheerfulness and energy. On many other occasions since coming to France he has shown great courage and resource under the most trying circumstances.

4426 Sgt. W. McLeod, C/157th Bde., R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and continuous devotion to duty from April 18 to September, 1918, particularly during the enemy attacks in Flanders in April. He was the senior N.C.O. at the guns. On 25th April the battery was very heavily shelled. Two guns were knocked out and about eight gunners killed and wounded. He got the wounded away under very heavy shell fire.

Though wounded himself he continued his work and personally saw all guns and every bit of equipment off the battery position when he had to retire.

474245 Sjt. P. McNally, 529th (W. Rid.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Hull).

He came out to France in September, 1915, and has always shown great devotion to duty, particularly during the operations of 21st March, 1918, near Henin-Sur-Cojeul. He also showed great coolness and pluck whilst carrying out wiring in front of the La Basse Canal near La Pannerie on 19th June, 1918, under heavy fire, and it was largely due to his splendid example and devotion to duty that this work was successfully carried out.

240465 C./Q./M./S. W. McRae, 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F. (Newton-Stewart).

He has consistently done good work during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. In front of Percy Tigny in July and near Beugneux on 1st August he showed remarkable coolness and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire in superintending the issue of rations nightly. In all circumstances he has shown himself steadfast, reliable and determined to carry out what he has been set to do.

265214 Pte. A. McRobbie, 6th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F. (Insch, Aberdeenshire).

He has been with the battalion for forty months, and, during the whole of that time, he has been employed as a linesman. In that capacity he has been continually exposed to heavy shell fire, and he has never failed to maintain communication where it was possible to do so. In the many battles he has taken part in he has shown himself to be a remarkably gallant soldier, and has rendered magnificent service to his battalion.

57341 Pte. D. McWalter, 2/1st (Ang.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Dundee). (EGYPT)

He has always acted under fire on numerous occasions with extreme gallantry and devotion to duty.

755690 Whlr. J. McWilliam, A./251st (N'bn) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Hull).

For conspicuous devotion to duty and gallantry in action during 3½ years' continuous service in the field. During the recent fighting he carried on his work under very trying circumstances, and his gallantry and coolness were a fine example to all ranks.

552158 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. J. Mead, 521st Fld. Co., R.E., T.F. (Battersea, S.W.). (EGYPT)

For conspicuous good work, coolness under fire and exemplary service during period March to September, 1918.

265649 Sjt. I. Meadows, 1/12th Bn., N. Lan. R., T.F. (St. Helens).

For gallant conduct on numerous occasions when this battalion has been working in the forward area during the advance, on which occasion his company has been subjected to considerable shell fire. He shows great coolness under fire, and by his example has materially assisted in the successful carrying

out of work on the forward roads. He has at all times done extremely good work, and can always be relied upon in any emergency.

320119 Cpl. A. Mennie, R.A.M.C., T.F., att'd. 5/6th Bn., R. Scots, T.F. (Aberdeenshire).

This N.C.O. has rendered very fine services on many occasions since 26th February, 1918, as R.A.M.C. corporal. At all times when his battalion has been in action his gallantry has been the finest. He has also always shown great skill in the training and subsequent organisation of the stretcher-bearers and the medical staff, and it was largely owing to his efforts that such a large number of wounded were saved at Parvillers on 11th August, 1918, and on many previous occasions.

265554 L./C. A. Menzies, M.M., 6th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F. (Aberfeldy).

This N.C.O. has rendered valuable services on many occasions, when in charge of battalion runners, in maintaining communication between battalion headquarters and companies during the battle. At all times he has set a splendid example to all under him by his courage and devotion to duty under fire.

9115 Sjt. W. Michie, 1st Bn., K.O.S.B. (Hawick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has acted as transport serjeant to the battalion for a long period. During this time he has on many occasions succeeded in bringing up rations and ammunition to the battalion in the line under most difficult conditions and heavy shelling. He has never failed to get his transport through. His fine spirit and determination have at all times been outstanding, whilst his personal gallantry and skill in dealing with difficult situations have been most marked.

353184 Cpl. E. W. Mildenhall, 11th Bn., R. Scots (Clapham).

During the withdrawal on the Somme he showed exceptional gallantry in the way he fought his Lewis gun. He had it on the parapet and kept it in action all day, in one case defeating the attempt of the enemy, who tried to advance. He also showed a splendid example, walking about encouraging the men when all the officers and senior N.C.O.s had become casualties.

45297 2nd/Cpl. (A./Cpl.) J. M. Millar, 84th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Broadloan, Renfrew).

For gallantry and good work in command of working parties under fire, and consistent devotion to duty during the past three years. During the withdrawal in March, 1918, when his section was holding up the enemy and fighting in conjunction with the infantry, his section officer was wounded and the situation was critical, he displayed great gallantry, and, by his fine example and disregard for danger, assisted to keep the section together, and it was mainly through his energy that the wounded officer was brought back and did not fall into the hands of the enemy.

715018 B./S./M. J. P. Miller, 210th (E. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Mary Port).

For continuous gallantry and devotion to duty during 1918, especially on the night 29th/30th August, 1918, near Le Barque. The enemy shelled the gun and wagon lines heavily, causing many casualties and a general stampede of horses. About 2.30 a.m. the battery had to move forward. With great skill and coolness under heavy shell fire he collected horses and made up teams to replace casualties, thus enabling the guns to get forward into action. His splendid example inspired all ranks, and was of the utmost value at a critical moment.

5000 A./R./S./M. G. Millington, Shrops. L.I., attd. 1/1st Bn., Here. R., T.F. (Fordesley, Salop).

Since 25th February, 1918, and especially during the operations south of Soissons in July and August, and east of Kemmel in September, he has displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of the battalion dumps he always ensured a constant supply of ammunition, going up to the front line throughout these periods, in spite of several casualties among his personnel. He has invariably proved a tower of strength to the morale and discipline of the battalion.

55293 Cpl. P. G. Millins, 1st Bn., Worc. R. (Weston-Turville, near Tring).

He carried out his duties on the Aisne in May and June, 1918, with conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Jonchery, under very heavy machine gun and shell fire, he carried forward an important order. Later, on the Bouleuse Ridge, when the position of the front line had changed, he went forward and established communications. This was effected by him under heavy trench mortar and shell fire.

49486 B./S./M. A. Mills, 11th Bty., R.F.A., attd. 315th (N'bn) Army Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Preston).

For devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 17th September, 1918, especially on 31st August at St. Leger, when the officer firing the battery was killed during a barrage. He carried on the barrage under heavy fire until relieved by another officer, setting a splendid example to the men of his battery and showing the utmost contempt of danger.

24308 Sjt. W. Mills, A./175th Bde., R.F.A. (Tooting, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, particularly on the night of 7th/8th August, 1918, when his battery was covering the attack on Morlancourt, and on 4th/5th September, near Fampoux. He has throughout the period set an excellent example under heavy shell fire, and displayed great disregard for personal safety.

H/300062 Sjt. J. T. Millward, 1/1st Staff. Yeo. (Brockmoor, Staffs.). (EGYPT)

Has always acted under fire, on numerous occasions with extreme gallantry and devotion to duty.

85173 C./S./M. V. W. Minter, 208th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Norwich).

For exceptional services in action and marked gallantry under fire on many occasions during the period 25th February, 1918; to 16th/17th September, 1918, and especially throughout the thirteen days' withdrawal from Armentieres in April. When nearly all the company officers had become casualties, he carried out the duties of an officer in taking charge of working parties and in moving the company several times under severe shell fire. His services throughout were of inestimable value to his company.

265405 C./S./M. F. Mitchell, 6th Bn., Ches. R., T.F. (Mossley).

For conspicuous gallantry and general good service covering the period from November, 1914, onwards. At all times his conduct in action has been worthy of praise. He took part in the operations of March and April, 1918, at Ypres, and by his fearless disregard of danger rendered most valuable assistance to his company during the critical conditions of these operations. He is a fine example of a good soldier.

109023 Gnr. W. Mitchell, 83rd By., R.F.A., attd. H.Q., 11th Bde. (Leith).

For excellent work and devotion to duty as brigade runner from 25th February, 1918, onwards. Throughout the operations in which the brigade took part he never failed to deliver messages under the most arduous conditions of shell fire and weather. Particularly during the heavy fighting in the north during April and May, when no communication except by runner was possible owing to the consistently heavy shelling, he was largely responsible for keeping up communication between brigade and batteries under the most trying conditions. Consistently he showed courage and determination.

291173 Sjt. E. Mogg, 127th Hy. By., R.G.A. (St. George, Bristol).

He has been in charge of a gun for a year and a half, and throughout that time has proved himself to be a man of exceptional courage, judgment and efficiency. On many occasions he has kept his gun in action under heavy shell fire, and by his personal example has proved of the very highest value not only to his own detachment, but also to the whole battery.

S/2917 R./Q./M./S. W. Moir, 8th Bn., R. Highrs. (Montrose).

During the continuous and heavy fighting in the withdrawal from Gouzeaucourt to Dernancourt, on the Somme, from 21st to 28th March, and around Wytschaete from 10th to 26th April, 1918, he displayed marked courage and initiative in getting rations and water delivered to the battalion each night, invariably under heavy harassing artillery and machine-gun fire. The tireless energy shown by him throughout these periods contributed not a little to the efficiency of the battalion as a fighting unit.

G/S/385 Sjt. C. F. Moody, M.M., 8th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Crofton Park, S.E.).

He has been signalling serjeant of the battalion since its formation in 1914. It is entirely due to his untiring efforts that the signalling personnel of the battalion is so efficient and competent at carrying out their work. He is out all hours of the day and night superintending the communications of the battalion, and at all times shows the greatest disregard for his personal safety under fire. He is a splendid example of keenness, efficiency and determination to those with him.

5/14508 Sjt. (A./C./Q./M./S.) J. Moore, 5th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Neath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty since the outbreak of the war. His services have been invaluable in pioneer work, where he has set a fine example of courage and self-sacrifice.

L/12878 R./S./M. A. Morgan, 12th Lrs. att'd. 1/5th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Dumfries).

(EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He has proved himself to be most zealous and hard-working. The conscientious and tireless manner in which he performs his duties, and the marked ability he displays in their execution, has been of the greatest value. Though a man past the prime of life, his high sense of duty carries him successfully through all trials, and he is to all ranks an inspiring example of the soldierly spirit.

50459 Sjt. T. G. Morgan, 2nd Bn., H.Q. Coy., Imp. C.C. (Pembroke). (EGYPT)

At Amman on 27th to 30th March, 1918, and on all occasions has shown a splendid example in and out of action to the men under his command. As signalling serjeant to the battalion he has always kept up a high state of efficiency.

49235 L./C. H. Morris, 54th Div., M.G. Bn. (Paddington). (EGYPT)

He showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations at Mejdal Yaba, on the 12th March, 1918, in carrying a wounded man under shell fire to a place of safety. He has served with ability on many occasions, and as the No. 1 of the gun team has distinguished himself by his excellent work.

L/14346 Sjt. J. Morris, 4th Bn., Middx. R. (Kilburn, N.W.).

For continuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period under review. He has served continuously in France with his battalion since the outbreak of war, and has rendered exceptionally good service as Platoon Serjeant. His coolness and determination in action have at all times been very marked, and latterly he has performed the duties of C./Q./M./S. in a very able manner, particularly as regards distribution of rations in front line, often under heavy shell fire.

200220 Sjt. T. H. Morris, 2/4th Bn., O. & B./L.I., T.F. (Oxford).

As Signalling Serjeant he has shown marked gallantry, skill and initiative, combined with consistent devotion to duty. During the operations east of Kobecq, on 12th, 13th and 14th April, 1918, he rapidly established and firmly maintained visual and telephonic communication between the front line and Battalion Headquarters, greatly assisting his C.O. in the appreciation of difficult and fluctuating situations. During the day-time on the above dates he himself superintended the location and repair of breaks in his lines under heavy fire. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

42119 Cpl. W. Mothershaw, 56th Bn., M.G. Corps (Newcastle).

For constant good work during the last six months. He has constantly displayed remarkable courage in the line, especially during the operations at Croisilles and Bullecourt, 23rd to 31st Aug., 1918. His coolness under fire has become a by-word in his company, and his disregard of self has given the greatest confidence to those with him.

L./19153 Sjt. H. A. Moulden, D./159th Bde., R.F.A. (Haggerston).

During the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918, he has done valuable work as N.C.O. i/c Battery Signals. He has thoroughly supervised the work of the signallers under him, and has throughout the above period kept his staff in excellent order. He has on very many occasions repaired telephone wires under heavy shell fire and a great personal risk.

250991 Sjt. J. Muir, 1/6th Bn., Argy'l & Suth'd Highrs., T.F. (Neilston).

He has done consistently good work as Platoon Serjeant and has displayed a high degree of courage and devotion to duty at all times while working under fire, showing a fine example to all ranks, particularly during operations in front of Nieppe Forest and in the neighbourhood of Achiet-le-Grand, where he was wounded.

79348 Spr. J. Mullen, 181st Tun. Coy., R.E. (Wigan).

For gallantry and skill and general good work in connection with the construction of M.G. positions and shelters. On the 7th June, 1918, near Adinfer, he and other sappers went to the rescue of a R.G.A. Officer and man who had been buried in an O.P. He worked from 6 p.m., 7th June, 1918, until 3 a.m. 8th June, 1918, often under heavy shell fire; the burning timber and the heavy ground made the work particularly difficult and dangerous.

13519 Spr. (A./Sjt.) A. Mullin, 4th Fld. Sur. Coy., R.E. (Mitchelstown).

He has been engaged on surveys of various kinds for the past three years. He has done excellent work, often under most difficult conditions and under fire, showing at all times qualities of resolution and disregard of danger as well as technical skill of a high order.

7750 C./S./M. J. Murray, 1st Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Dublin).

Since 1914 he has shown the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when isolated he carried on under heavy shell fire, and successfully maintained the position against hostile attacks. His conduct has been an inspiring example to the men of his command.

50265 L./C. W. A. Murray, No. 7 Coy., Imp. C.C. (Prestwick). (EGYPT)

At Musalabeh, on 11th April, 1918, during a very heavy, important bombardment by the enemy, the telephone wires were all broken. At great risk he caught up the wire and repaired it at six different places between the firing line and headquarters.

37708 Sjt. L. R. Naimby, 9th Bn., North'd Fus. (Seaton Sluice).

When in command of a daylight patrol on 18th August, 1918, near Merville, he showed marked gallantry and initiative. With six men he went forward and entered a wood where an enemy machine gun post was located. Working behind the enemy post they rushed it, taking the gun and four prisoners. This enabled the whole line to move forward. He always shows great courage when leading men, and is always cool in tight corners. He sets a very fine example to all round him.

121612 Sjt. J. Naughton, 185th Tun. Coy., R.E. (Clown, Derby).

He has been a section serjeant for the past 14 months; during this period he has set an excellent example to his men under fire, and has at all times, under most trying conditions, done sterling work. He has materially raised the efficiency of his section and the morale of the men under him.

412007 C./S./M. H. Neilson, M.M., 409th (Low.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Airdrie).

He has shown conspicuous and consistent gallantry and devotion to duty, and on many occasions his example of coolness under fire has been of the utmost value. His initiative and gallantry were particularly marked at Annequin and Le Quesnoy in April, 1918, and again in operations before St. Quentin in September, 1918.

121806 Sjt. W. Nelson, M.M., 252nd Tun. Coy., R.E. (Hexthorpe).

He has consistently shown fearless devotion to duty from 21st August, 1918, to 12th September, 1918, during the advance from Puisieux to Metz. He has invariably been on the ground for the purpose of searching for traps at the earliest possible moment, and has materially helped in finding safe cover for the troops by removing traps and mines. During the retreat from 21st-24th March he did excellent work, on one occasion going to demolish a large dugout whilst under machine gun fire at Grevillers on 24th March, 1918.

205105 C./Q./M./S. L. Neville, 1/7th Bn., Midd'x R., T.F. (Hampton Hill).

He has done invaluable work with the battalion whilst C./Q./M.S. On many occasions, but especially during the recent

fighting round Bullecourt and Croisilles in August his perseverance and gallantry under shell fire, when delivering rations to his company, were alone responsible for their safe conduct and distribution among the men. At all times his keenness in the welfare of his company and personal disregard of danger have been admirable.

295261 Sjt. B. Newman, 12th Bn., Som. L.I. (Bournemouth).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He is transport serjeant, and during the recent operations (2nd September-23rd September), between Moislains and Hargicourt, owing to the absence of the transport officer, has every night brought rations and water, also ammunition when required, repeatedly under heavy shell fire. The fact that he has always arrived with rations, &c., and not had a casualty during his journeys is undoubtedly due to his fine judgment and leadership.

11100 Cpl. H. Newman, 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Brighton).

Throughout the fighting from the 21st March until the end of April he showed an exceptional example of coolness and gallantry under adverse circumstances. When in charge of a L.G. section he did conspicuous good work on several occasions covering the withdrawal of his company in accordance to orders. His cheerfulness throughout the prolonged fighting was an example to all.

9347 C./S./M. J. W. Newman, 2nd Bn., Manch. R. (South Hampstead, N.W.).

For gallant and consistent good work and devotion to duty. He has always shown remarkable efficiency in carrying out his duties frequently under heavy shell and machine gun fire. It is mainly due to his remarkable coolness and discipline, both in and out of the line, that his company has been kept up to a high standard of smartness and efficiency at all times. He has never spared himself, and has been of enormous value to his commanding officer during the recent fighting, 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918.

G/3590 Sjt. A. J. Newnham, 9th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Dane Hill, Sussex).

For conspicuous gallantry on 21st March, 1918, when in charge of regimental transport. He went up five times in the day to brigade headquarters at Hesbecourt through heavy gas and H.E. bombardments. There were many casualties on the road and many vehicles were prevented from getting up, but by his gallant and skilful example he succeeded in getting his transport up on every occasion. During the subsequent retreat his handling of the transport was infallible.

15/684 Sjt. P. Nichol, 15/17th Bn., W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For constant devotion to duty during the last nine months. He has proved himself to be very capable and thoroughly conscientious. He has shown conspicuous gallantry in active operations. On several occasions he has been called upon to act as platoon commander, and has always justified the confidence placed in him.

7951 C./Q./M./S. J. Nicholson, 2nd Bn., E. Lan. R. (Blackburn).

He has at all times shown fearless devotion to duty, and exceptional energy in the interests of his company. During the withdrawals in April, and on the Aisne in May, 1918, he was untiring in his successful efforts to deliver rations, etc., to the front line. His coolness and contempt for danger under most trying conditions were a fine example to those with him, and he always refused to leave the front line until satisfied that all the wants of the men had been met.

550579 Spr. J. Nicoll, 521st Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Upper Kennington Lane). (EGYPT)

For conspicuous good work and devotion to duty under fire, under all conditions, from March to September, 1918, and particularly during bridging operations across the River Jordan.

S/3043 Sgt. J. Noble, 8th Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Nairn).

He has been in charge of the battalion signalling section, and for some time there was no battalion signalling officer. In the execution of his duty his fearless and untiring efforts were invariably successful. Throughout the enemy offensive in March, 1918, near Arras, he was able to maintain touch in a most remarkable way, superintending the laying and mending of the lines, to a great extent personally. At Buzancy, July, 1918, he maintained the advanced visual signal station under heavy shell fire. His section has always been remarkable for keenness and efficiency, mainly due to his own efficiency and energy.

B/203683 Cpl. A. L. Norman, 7th Bn., Rif. Bde., attd. 33rd Bn., Lond. R. (Forest Gate).

He has on many occasions rendered very valuable service. During the retreat in March he showed exceptional gallantry in the destruction of an enemy machine gun. He has at all times shown great endurance and courage, and has taken part in many battles. His services have also been invaluable as a Lewis gun non-commissioned officer.

10330 C./S./M. J. Norton, 4th Bn., G. Gds. (Battersea).

He showed conspicuous gallantry in March in the fighting round Ervillers. He was commanding the men of battalion headquarters, which came under very heavy shell fire for some hours, and severe casualties incurred. He superintended the removal of the wounded men under this heavy fire, and greatly helped in their removal. By his gallantry and devotion to duty he set an inspiring example to all ranks, and his conduct throughout nine days' heavy fighting was magnificent.

L/8291 T./R./S./M. A. Oakham, 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R. (Fulham).

From 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918. During the period under review he has carried out his duties in a most efficient manner. In the recent operations undertaken by the battalion he has been in charge of the ammunition supply. He has organised parties as ammunition carriers, and has many times led up these parties under heavy shell and rifle fire; and although his parties have

sustained numerous casualties he has never failed to deliver the quantity which was urgently required. His cheerfulness and disregard of danger on these occasions were a great example to those under him.

7989 C./S./M. J. O'Brien, M.M., 2nd Bn., Leins. R. (Cork).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Merris and at Hill 63. He has always set a very fine example to all ranks and displayed exceptional powers of command, leadership and initiative. He was severely wounded at Hill 63 at the head of his company as the objective was reached.

25855 Sig. Cpl. (A./Sjt.) R. Old, 406th By., 172nd Bde., R.F.A. (Farnborough, Hants.). (EGYPT)

On the 9/10th April, 1918, he was a signaller with the F.O.O. of his battery at El Kefr. On many occasions during these days he mended the line under extremely heavy machine-gun fire, showing great courage and sense of duty, and it was through his devotion to duty that much invaluable information was able to be transmitted at critical moments.

M2/099425 Pte. C. Oliver, 23rd Div., M.T. Coy., R.A.S.C., attd. 69th Fd. Amb. (Potters Bar). (ITALY)

During the period 26th February, 1918, to 14th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His work as a motor-ambulance car driver was frequently performed under shell fire, and he has invariably displayed marked coolness, courage and absolute disregard for his own personal safety. On the 21st August, 1918, when conveying wounded from Cesuna to Magnaboschi, his car was damaged by enemy shell fire, and although the road was being shelled at the time, he repaired the car and proceeded with the evacuation of wounded.

L/304 Cpl. H. Ormerod, C/157th Bde., R.F.A. (Burnley).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has shown great gallantry and devotion to duty, and has done most excellent work, particularly when his battery was heavily shelled at Poelcapelle on 25th February, 1918, he showed the utmost disregard of his own safety, controlling his gun detachment and keeping his gun in action. Again on 26th March, near Bray, he was left in charge of a gun, fighting a rearguard action. Though under heavy shell fire he continued in action until he had finished his ammunition, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and then retired as ordered.

L/3620 Gnr. (L./Bdr.) J. Orton, C/148th Bde., R.F.A. (Newcastle).

He has displayed conspicuous courage and devotion to duty during the offensives of this year. He has constantly repaired his lines under heavy shell fire. At Dickebusch, in April, he had to go through an exploding dump to get at the test-box, which he succeeded in doing, after two attempts, and got communication with the brigade.

142919 Spr. L./Cpl. A. Ottoway, 7th Fld. Sur. Coy., R.E. (Hildenborough).

(EGYPT)

Continuous good work in a sound ranging section on the front where he has been constantly exposed to shell fire.

5030 C./S./M. J. Owens, 1st Bn., attd. 2/7th Bn., L'pool R., T.F. ([E] L'pool).

For most consistent good work during active operations, both in and out of the line. Besides his normal duties, he has often organised and supervised carrying parties, under heavy shell fire—and has carried out his duties in an admirable way, however difficult the circumstances. He has always set a splendid example of putting duty before everything, and has worked untiringly for the good of the battalion.

30408 S./M. A. Oxley, 136th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Tinsley).

For gallantry, devotion to duty and conspicuous service during active operations on the Somme from the 21st-25th March, 1918, and on the Lys between the 9th and 12th April. During the periods named he worked continuously in sending out stretcher parties and attending to the evacuation of wounded. He set a most excellent example to the men under very heavy shell fire, and it was largely due to his efforts that no wounded were left behind to fall into the hands of the enemy.

240078 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. J. Oyler, 5th Bn. (P), R. Suss. R. (Rye). (ITALY)

As Serjeant of the Divisional Observers he has performed much valuable work for the division, in the observance of enemy movement and the transmission of information to Div. H.-Q. His work has been frequently carried out under heavy shell fire. His conduct under these conditions has been gallant and absolutely fearless at all times, and no N.C.O. could have set a better example of courage and determination than he has done.

65878 Sjt. H. Page, 204th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Sawston).

During the period December, 1917, to September, 1918, he has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions under shell-fire, and has always set a magnificent example to the men under him. In addition he has shown great initiative and the power of getting work out of his men under adverse circumstances of hostile fire.

71593 B./Q./M./S. H. A. Page, 14th Div. Amm. Col., R.F.A. (Faversham).

At Flavy-le-Martel, on the 22nd March, 1918, this Staff Serjeant was employed at an ammunition dump at railhead, supervising the loading of ammunition into battery wagons. The dump was under heavy hostile fire. Lorries arrived to salve ammunition, and by his personal example and active assistance, often being in extreme danger from hostile shell bursts, a considerable amount of ammunition was saved which would otherwise have fallen into the hands of the advancing enemy. He has

throughout shown great devotion to duty and disregard for personal danger.

630844 B./S./M. C. Palmer, 255th (High.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 17th September, 1918. In April, near Robecq, he organised a party which held off the enemy with Lewis guns and rifles, and in all the operations of this year he has shown great coolness and disregard for danger.

876649 Gnr. J. Palmer, A/95th Bde. R.F.A. (Manor Park).

He has since March, 1917, been orderly between brigade headquarters and D/95 without any break. During the above period he has on many occasions had to pass through continuous heavy shell fire in order to carry important orders to the battery, particularly at Basieux, April, 1918, near Mont Des Cats in May, Marne in May, and recently. Though his battery has frequently moved, he has never failed to establish connection with brigade headquarters. He has at all times shown great gallantry and devotion to duty, and set a splendid example to all ranks.

13503 Pte. C. J. Parker, 7th Bn., S. Staff. R. (Birmingham).

For continuous devotion to duty and consistent gallantry during the past two years as brigade headquarters orderly. He is a pathfinder of the first order, and during the whole of his service has shown a fine example to all other runners. He is most cool under fire, and has never failed to deliver messages no matter how adverse the conditions were.

9570 C./Q./M./S. H. Parker, 1st Bn., R. Lanc. R. (Ipswich).

For continuous devotion to duty from April to September, 1918. His work has always been of the highest order. During the most difficult times he has never failed to deliver his rations and stores to the company in the line. During the operations against the Drocourt-Queant line in September he had to contend with the most difficult country, guides who hardly knew the ground, and also gas and very heavy shelling; yet he always completed the journey. His coolness and example were admirable.

720444 Sjt. J. H. Parker, 66th (E. Lancs.) Div. Amm. Col., R.F.A., T.F. (Burnley).

For good service and devotion to duty during the past six months. Whilst in the neighbourhood of Villers Bretonneux, in March, 1918, he displayed the greatest coolness and gallantry. He never failed to deliver his ammunition to the guns, in spite of heavy shelling and confusion on the roads. He has always shown great initiative and ability in handling a difficult situation and set a very fine example to all ranks.

687291 B./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) W. Parker, No. 2 Sec., 53rd Div. Ammn. Col., R.F.A., T.F. (Sheffield). (EGYPT)

He has during the recent operations shown gallantry under fire, worked with unfailing energy, and has been of great assistance to his section commander.



240664 Cpl. W. E. Parker, 1/6th Bn., L'pool R., T.F., attd. 165th T.M. Bty. (L'pool).

For gallantry and distinguished service during the last six months. He has invariably shown great coolness and initiative under fire, and on several occasions, when in isolated positions, has proved himself a very useful commander of men. His work at all times has been admirable, and in particular during recent minor operations he has rendered very valuable service.

800845 Sjt. G. Parkinson, B/295th (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Boston).

For courage and devotion to duty during the period under review. He has always, under heavy hostile shelling, kept his section together, and his conduct at all times has been a fine example to all ranks.

202760 C./S./M. R. Parry, 1/4th Bn., R. Lancs. R., T.F. (Moston).

Since January, 1917, for meritorious service, energy and enthusiasm displayed as company serjeant-major. He has always rendered valuable assistance to his company commander in and out of the trenches by his ability and devotion to duty. In action he has distinguished himself by coolness and courage. He has acted as regimental serjeant-major with success, and by his example has always inspired his subordinates with confidence.

60454 Pte. (A./Sjt.) H. J. Peacock, 113th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as N.C.O. in charge of all bearers at rear aid posts and relay posts. He has repeatedly done fine work under shell fire, especially during enemy bombardments. On the morning of 21st March, 1918, at Villers Faucon he was in charge of a party who dug out four men who had been buried. This he carried out during very heavy shelling, with total disregard of personal danger.

6 C./S./M. A. Pearce, 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Bristol).

He has served as company serjeant-major since August, 1915, in the field, and has always shown the greatest keenness and devotion to duty. On the 25th February, 1918, at Roëux he displayed the greatest gallantry and initiative in taking forward under cover of darkness a Lewis gun into No Man's Land, and at dawn opening fire on an enemy machine gun which had been causing great annoyance to our working parties. His fire was so heavy and accurate that the enemy were forced to relinquish their post and retire over the open, five of them being shot whilst doing so.

36711 Gnr. W. Pearson, C/189th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Heaton Mersey).

For consistent courage and devotion to duty, particularly during May near Mericourt L'Abbe, and on August 9th near Harbonnières. He is a battery signaller, and has constantly kept his battery in communication with brigade and observation posts under very heavy fire. The very high state of efficiency of the signallers of the battery is largely due to his example and fearlessness. Even in the heaviest hostile bombard-

ments he has not let his battery be out of communication for more than a few minutes at a time.

22316 Sjt. (A./Q./M./S.) H. E. Peet, 17th Bn., M.G. Corps (Peckham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the past six months. During the enemy offensive of March and our offensive of September he has distinguished himself by his coolness under fire and efficiency in action at all times. He has had thirty-seven months of active service in the field, and has done excellent work.

L./5663 R./Q./M./S. H. Perkins, 11th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Wandsworth).

For period 22nd February to 16th September, 1918. As R./Q./M./S. to the battalion he has at all times shown great gallantry when under fire. When going up to the front line with rations the transport has repeatedly been shelled, and by his coolness and initiative he has helped to get the transport through the shelled area. His conduct has always been of the highest order.

W./374 Sjt. J. Perkins, M.M., B./122nd Bde., R.F.A. (Bridgend).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On 26th August, 1918, when the battery echelon came under heavy shell fire, it was largely due to his initiative and coolness that the teams were got clear without sustaining casualties. On 1st September, 1918, he again distinguished himself delivering ammunition supply to the guns, when the battery position came under shell fire. Throughout this offensive his example to those under him was of the highest order.

116573 Sig. D. Pestell, B./92nd Bde., R.F.A. (Brynmaur).

He acted as Battery Commander's Signaller during the operations between 21st March and 29th April, 1918. Throughout this period he showed great disregard of danger and great initiative and resource. During enemy attack on Montdidier, owing to enemy shelling, communication could only be kept up by lamp. To do this he lay out in full view and, under heavy fire, maintained communication until forced to retire. The information he got back during this period was of the greatest value.

6383 C./Q./M./S. W. Philip, 12th Bn., M.G. Corps (Elgin).

For conspicuous good work and gallantry over a long period, especially during the operations of August and September, 1918, when he personally supervised every night the delivery of rations to front line troops under difficult and dangerous conditions. Ration Transport has frequently been shelled, but, owing to his coolness and determination, rations have never failed to reach their destination.

88012 Ftr. S./Sjt. G. A. Phillipson, 1/1st (Essex) By., R.F.A., T.F., attd. "A" By., 271st Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Manor Park).

(EGYPT)

For efficiency, coolness under fire, and continuous good work in the capacity as Staff Serjeant Fitter with his battery.

L./30208 B./Q./M./S. O. J. L. Pidwell, D./190 Bde., R.F.A. (Exeter).

Has been Battery Q./M./S. since the battery was formed. His conduct at all times, often under heavy fire, has been admirable. His fine work was particularly noticeable during the retirement after 21st March, 1918, when it was almost entirely due to his enterprise and initiative that the gun line was supplied with food and water; he personally bringing up supplies. His example at all times has had a steady influence on all ranks.

240277 Pte. (L./C.) H. G. A. Pike, 1/5th Bn., Glouc. R., T.F. (Cheltenham).

(ITALY)

For consistent gallantry and good work as Stretcher-Bearer on numerous occasions, and notably on 15th June, 1918, during enemy attack near Mte. Lemerle, Asiago Plateau. When it became impossible to carry away more wounded he carried messages under heavy fire, and later took charge of a rifle section and handled it with conspicuous ability.

37831 C./S./M. G. Pine, 12th Bn., Glouc. R. (Bristol).

During most of the period he has been acting as C./S./M. and he has throughout shown the highest example of keenness and devotion to duty at all times. His courage under fire has been a very fine example to the men. On two occasions, when all the officers of his company had become casualties, he has taken command and led his company in the attack, afterwards successfully consolidating the position won, the success of his company being largely due to his ability and pluck.

71737 A./Bdr. J. Pinkney, M.M., A./112th Bde., R.F.A. (Crook).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty, 25th February to 17th September, 1918. He has maintained his battery communications under intense shell fire and on several occasions under machine-gun fire. He set a fine example to the battery signallers. On 12th September, 1918, it was only through his courage and devotion to duty that observed fire could be brought to bear upon a hostile trench, which eventually enabled our men to capture the trench without a casualty.

14322 B./Q./M./S. C. Pitt, 3rd Bde., Ammn. Col., R.H.A. (Newbridge, co. Kil-dare).

He has shown great courage, ability and devotion to duty throughout the war. During the retreat in March, 1918, under most difficult and often dangerous conditions, the fact that the supply of ammunition to the guns was unfailingly kept up was largely due to the resource, energy and courage shown by him. He has always set a splendid example of hard work and devotion to duty.

445079 T./R./S./M. E. C. Pittam, 2/10th Bn., Lond. R. (Woodford Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the active operations at Sailly Laurette, Chipidey, Maricourt, Maurepas and Saulcouet he organised and controlled the forward distribution of ammunition and

stores with exceptional ability. This and his example of coolness and disregard of personal safety under shell and machine-gun fire very materially contributed to the success of these operations, and encouraged a vigorous fighting spirit particularly among the junior N.C.O.'s and men.

8892 C./S./M. H. J. Plumb, 1st Bn., E. Surr. R. (Putney).

For gallant actions and exceptionally good work on many occasions since he joined the battalion. He did very valuable work in the operations on 20th May and 28th June, 1918, West of Merville. He has always set a very fine example in action and inspired his men by his disregard for danger and his great cheerfulness under most adverse circumstances. Both in and out of the line he has shown the utmost energy and keenness and has always been the greatest assistance to his officers.

L./19851 Sgt. G. H. Pointon, D/155th Bde., R.F.A. (Retford).

He was for nearly two years Signalling N.C.O. During this time he displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty on numberless occasions, personally mending lines under hostile shell fire. In the past year he has been No. 1 of a sub-section, in which capacity he has done excellent work, at all times setting a high example to his detachment, frequently under shell fire.

735008 B./S./M. H. G. Pollard, "A" By., 265th Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Chester).

(EGYPT)

For continued good work as Batty. Sgt.-Major from 1st March to 11th September, 1918. In particular during the operations leading up to the captures of Taiyebah, Kefr Malik, &c., in March, 1918, when this W.O. showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

WR/267050 Cpl. P. R. Pontifex, Rly. Operating Coy., R.E. (Guildford).

He has for a considerable time been working on the Scarpe Valley line with guns on railway mountings, and has on many occasions shown conspicuous devotion to duty and gallantry under enemy shell fire.

85519 Bdr. A. V. Poole, A/62nd Bde., R.F.A. (King's Lynn).

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has acted as brigade runner, and has consistently displayed great courage and determination in carrying messages between brigade headquarters and the batteries. At all hours of the day and night he has carried out his work, often under very heavy shell fire. He has distinguished himself on many occasions by his exceptional coolness and cheerfulness, and has never failed on any occasion to promptly deliver his messages.

L./12922 Sgt. W. Poole, 2nd Bn., Middx. R. (Wandsworth).

For continuous good service and devotion to duty in action. He has served continuously in France since November, 1914, and since November, 1916, has been employed as regimental transport serjeant. Throughout this period he has carried out his duties in a most efficient and satisfactory manner. On the Somme and Marne, March-June, 1918,

he was daily employed in taking up convoys with rations and ammunition to the front line, a most difficult and dangerous task owing to the enemy's rapid advance. By his coolness and courage under fire he has rendered valuable service.

132196 Sjt. A. S. Pooley, 251st Tun. Coy., R.E. (Barncoose).

He has been in charge of the company mining stores and explosives for the past 34 months, and has performed his duties in a most praiseworthy manner. On 12th April, 1918, when a division was without explosive, he made three trips under shell fire from Oblinghem to the company magazine one mile east of Bethune and salvaged 8,000 lbs. of explosive which was urgently required. His fearless devotion to duty and determination have made his services invaluable to the company.

50233 Sjt. S. J. Porter, 87th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Plaistow).

For excellent work and exemplary conduct under fire on many occasions during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, inclusive; in particular during the operations on the high ground between Bouzincourt and Aveluy from 30th June to 2nd July, 1918, he showed great determination in handling his wiring parties and getting away his wounded.

275034 Sjt. W. E. Pratt, 1/6th Bn., Essex R., T.F., att'd. 161st L.T.M. Bty. (Plaistow). (EGYPT)

He has done good work with the battery, especially when the brigade was in the line at Mejdal Yaba on the 13th May, 1918, when he was in charge of two guns in the left subsection, and assisted in repulsing an enemy attack estimated at 300 strong; also on the 21st May, 1918, when the enemy again attacked. He worked his gun in a most cool and efficient manner, and was of considerable assistance in breaking up the enemy's attack.

30211 Cpl. F. Prentice, R.F.A., att'd. X/12th M.T.M. Bty. (Belfast).

For gallantry, continuous good work and devotion to duty as No. 1 of his detachment from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. This has been most marked during the operations carried out since September 1st, 1918. On many occasions his work has had to be carried out under very difficult conditions. He has been conspicuous throughout for his coolness and disregard of danger in carrying out his duties under fire, and his fine example has had excellent influence on those under his command.

9302 Sjt. G. D. Price, 1st Bn., Norf. R. (Poplar).

He has taken part in all the active operations of the battalion during period 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918. His conduct in all these operations has been most gallant, and a splendid example of devotion to duty. During the operations in Nieppe Forest between 12th April and 6th August, 1918, and again between August and September, he commanded a platoon with marked ability. Throughout the operations his gallant conduct and good leadership were of the greatest value.

11017 A./Sjt. J. E. Price, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R. (Brading, I. of W.).

He has done conspicuously good work as a signaller for three years on active service. As signalling serjeant he has shown marked ability and very conspicuous devotion to duty in superintending the laying of and repair of lines under fire. His behaviour was very remarkable during operations near Passchendaele, where communications were long and became disconnected five or six times a day. He behaved with marked gallantry during the operations round Bailleul.

W.R./125481 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. J. Price, 8th (Rly.) Coy., R.E. (Chatham).

He has shown great personal courage and devotion to duty, often under heavy shell fire, thereby inspiring his men to work continuously and steadily repairing shell breaks in the Mines Area, thus ensuring the output of coal and mine earth under exceptionally difficult circumstances.

13594 C./Q./M./S. W. Pridding, 9th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Holt).

Under most difficult conditions and enemy barrage he has not failed on a single occasion to bring up his rations intact. At Wytschaete, on the 10th April, he arrived to find his officers casualties and the company in charge of very junior N.C.O.s. He immediately dealt with the situation, and carried out a most important withdrawal that had been ordered and rendered complete and correct reports of his action. He has at all times shown cool courage and marked devotion to duty.

59843 Sjt. W. Pritchard, A/15th Bde., R.F.A. (Cardridge, nr. Botley).

For gallantry and continuous devotion to duty. He has kept his gun in action throughout very trying periods, and has always displayed great fortitude which helped his detachment to carry on. Near Favreuil, on 30th August, 1918, the flank of the battery was heavily shelled; he was in charge of the gun on the shelled flank and continued sorting his ammunition and setting fuses, thereby setting an example of cool courage which was of considerable assistance to the remainder of the battery.

10476 C./Q./M./S. W. J. C. Proctor, M.N., 2nd Bn., Sea. Highrs. (Elgin).

The work of this N.C.O. during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, has been most valuable, and he has shown great courage and devotion to duty under very trying circumstances. On one occasion during the attack on the Drocourt-Queant line at the beginning of September, he remained two days and nights with his company's rations under heavy shell fire trying to get in touch with ration parties which had missed their way. He is a most valuable and reliable N.C.O.

66136 Gnr. W. Puddefoot, A/106th Bde., R.F.A. (East Ham).

He has served with the brigade since its formation, and during three years' service in France has done consistently good work as a signaller, layer and limber gunner. During the fighting of the 21st and 22nd March last

he showed great gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying two messages from brigade headquarters to the battery under heavy shell fire at a time when all other means of communication had broken down.

117767 Gnr. J. Pybus, 142nd Sge. By., 34th Bde., R.G.A. (Doncaster).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially during the advance in the Bapaume area in August and September. He has frequently maintained telephonic communication under very heavy fire, his coolness and gallantry being a fine example to all.

915772 Bomdr. P. Quinnell, R.F.A., T.F., attd. No. 5 M.M. By. (Rainham). (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. On 8th June, 1918, he was in charge of No. 3 gun at a post just north of Arsuf, and was shooting on to an enemy's machine gun when a splinter struck him on the head and penetrated his steel helmet and stunned him. After a very brief interval he continued firing and eventually was successful in blowing the machine gun some 100 yards away from its emplacement and killing its crew. His work has always been highly commendable, and he is exceptionally reliable and trustworthy.

57684 Gnr. H. C. Ralph, R.H.A., attd. H.Q., 4th Bde. (Coulsdon).

On the 21st March he was in charge of a forward exchange at Jeancourt when the enemy bombardment commenced. He went out repeatedly under very heavy shell fire and repaired the wires. On the telephone pit being destroyed, he was despatched to group headquarters at Hervilly, and on the way he was wounded in the leg and for a short time rendered unconscious by the explosion of a shell. Nevertheless, he remained at duty, and did invaluable work under Harbonnières on 26th March and Villers Bretonneux on 4th April. Throughout the operations from 21st March to 9th April his cool courage and devotion to duty were most marked.

197972 2nd Cpl. E. Ramsay, 170th Coy., R.E. ([E] Harrogate).

N. of La Basse Canal, between 25th April and 2nd May, 1918, while with a demolition party on the canal bridges. Throughout this very trying period he frequently, under heavy shell fire, repaired the leads to the charges and showed the greatest courage and devotion to duty.

18332 Sjt. T. Ratcliffe, 11th Bn., E. York. R. (Nuneaton).

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has on many occasions during the last six months distinguished himself in action. He has constantly shown extraordinary coolness under fire, and has always set an example of pluck and endurance to his men. He is a splendid leader and has rendered excellent service to the battalion.

24380 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. A. Rate, 3rd Div. Sig. Co., R.E. (Northampton).

For conspicuous and gallant conduct. On 18th September, 1918, during the enemy

attack on the sector N.W. of Havrincourt, he was untiring in his efforts to maintain communication with battalion headquarters, repeatedly mending the lines himself under a heavy gas and H.E. barrage. On previous occasions (Locon, 11th April; Courcelles-le-Comte, 21st August) he has shown a high standard of devotion to duty, laying and maintaining the lines, often under heavy fire. His work during the past 2½ years has been excellent.

94675 Cpl. H. L. Rathbone, 248th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Coseley, near Bilston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions, especially on the 21st March, 1918, in the neighbourhood of Gouzeaucourt; all battery communications were cut at the commencement of the hostile bombardment. He immediately went out on the lines on his own initiative, and succeeded in establishing communication, in spite of intense hostile shell fire. He has on numerous other occasions since done very fine work in speeding up communications during hostile shell fire.

82213 Sjt. J. Rawlings, 172nd Tun. Coy., R.E. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry on 21st March, 1918, between Villecholes and Maissemy. When the enemy attacked, he and his section were called in to man the trenches in the battle zone. He set a splendid example throughout the day under very heavy shell fire. In the middle of a barrage he rescued, dressed, and evacuated an R.F.A. officer and N.C.O. He was in charge of a party carrying forward rations, and S.A.A. at critical times.

27187 A./B.S.M. W. Rawlinson, 75th Bde., R.F.A. (Rickmansworth).

During all recent operations he has shown great courage and skill in bringing up ammunition to the gun line under heavy shell fire. His coolness and resourcefulness have inspired confidence in those under him. His devotion to duty has been beyond praise. When dangerous work has to be done he is selected to do it.

31412 Sjt. W. Rayner, 22nd Hy. By., R.G.A. (Royston).

Near Caestre during the month of April, 1918, he displayed great courage and devotion to duty by remaining on his gun day and night without rest for three days though suffering from blisters caused by mustard gas. On 19th April he was wounded in the back, but still carried on with his gun, and set a splendid example of self-sacrifice to his detachment.

56262 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) D. J. Reardon, No. 9 A.A. S'light Sec., R.E. (Northfleet).

For conspicuous good work and devotion to duty since the beginning of April until 16/17th September, 1918. The lights both at Chocques between 5th and 24th April, and since then at Gouy, have been frequently bombed and machine-gunned, but have never been put out. He behaved in a gallant manner on night of 22nd/23rd May at Gouy, when E.A. dropped four scatter bombs within twenty yards of the light. He was

wounded, but kept the E.A. in the searchlight beam and remained at his post until E.A. activity ceased three hours later.

132390 Gnr. (L./Bomdr.) G. Reddick, "A" Bty., 103rd Bde., R.F.A. (Leatherhead).

(ITALY)

During the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, the behaviour of this N.C.O. has been exemplary, particularly on the 15th June at Mte. Langabisa, when he kept his gun in action under a heavy fire after the gunpit had been hit several times. On another occasion he put out fires in ammunition dumps when the position was being shelled. He has shown a shining example to all other young N.C.Os. on all occasions.

65933 Pte. P. A. Reed, 133rd Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Clapham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions during a period of two years and six months' active service. By his courageous devotion to duty he has invariably set a splendid example to his fellows. His conduct at Moisains on 23rd March, 1918, when during intensified hostile bombing attack he rescued many wounded from the burning buildings and continued to dress fresh cases with the greatest coolness till ordered to evacuate the position, was admirable.

75922 Mech./S./Sjt. J. Rees, 2nd Bn., Tank Corps (Abercynon).

For conspicuous gallantry and valuable services rendered in action as mechanist staff-serjeant during operations from March to September 16th, 1918. Near Beugny, on 22nd March, he greatly assisted in driving away a damaged tank under heavy machine gun fire; otherwise it would have fallen into enemy hands. During the August, 1918, operations east of Villers-Bretonneux, he followed up the advance and did a large part of his work under shell fire. At all times he set a very fine example to those with him.

67680 Sjt. L. E. R. Reeve, 27th Bty., 32nd Bde., R.F.A. (Forest Gate, E.).

For consistent good work at the guns, and especially for great gallantry during the enemy attack on Arras on the morning of 28th March, 1918. He was senior serjeant of a detached section in action half a mile north of Feuchy, and was heavily shelled. He organised and maintained the ammunition supply from dumps about 50 yards from the guns, and kept on S.O.S. lines while his section officer was forward endeavouring to ascertain the situation.

16912 Sjt. J. Reid, A./77th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Fulham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period under review, especially on the night 22nd/23rd April, 1918, at Englebelmer, when in charge of twelve ammunition wagons. The road was heavily shelled, and a direct hit on one of the wagons killed all the horses and wounded the drivers. He showed great initiative and gallantry in extricating the wounded, and by his ready grasp of the situation cleared the road for traffic, and got his remaining

wagons out of the shelled area. He has repeatedly shown great gallantry and devotion to duty.

223724 Spr. (A./Cpl.) J. Richardson, 7th Fld. Surv. Coy., R.E. (Wealdstone).

(EGYPT)

He has performed valuable work on the front which has involved exposure to fire. He has taken photographs on occasions where it was necessary to focus the camera on the parapet.

18781 C./S./M. A. G. Ricketts, 2nd Bn., Dorset. R. (Yeovil).

(EGYPT)

For meritorious service and for prolonged and continuous devotion to duty. He has done consistently good work as company serjeant-major, and has always shown marked coolness in action. His conduct and bearing generally has been such as to set a very fine example to those serving under him.

201597 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) J. Rigby, 2/5th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Ratcliffe).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty as C.S.M. during the last ten months. In July this year his dugout was blown in by an enemy shell, and although partially stunned, he succeeded in digging out several wounded men, and remained at duty after receiving treatment at the aid post. His coolness and fine example under shell fire have, on many occasions, been of the greatest value.

492262 Spr. (A./L./C.) F. Riley, 59th (N. Mid.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Newcastle, Staffs.).

He has for the last ten months performed his duties as a linesman with marked gallantry. On many occasions, notably at L'Homme Mort, near Ecoust, on 21st March, and forward of Bailleul, on 15th April, he has by great gallantry and devotion to duty kept his lines through in spite of their being repeatedly cut and the repairs having to be effected under heavy shell fire.

15817 Cpl. G. H. T. Robbins, M.M., 2nd Bn., Devon. R., att'd. 23rd L.T.M. Bty. (South Molton).

He has throughout a long period shown gallantry and devotion to duty of a very high order. At Villers-Bretonneux in April, 1918, he fought his gun from a room in a house to the last, finally escaping by climbing out of the window as the enemy broke in through the door. On the Aisne in May he fought his gun until surrounded, and though the other men of his team gave up hope and surrendered, he at the last moment made a dash for his liberty and escaped.

200043 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) D. Robertson, 1st Bn., Tank Corps (Perth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 20th April to 26th April, 1918, near Villers-Bretonneux. When the company was submitted to unusually heavy gas shelling in Bois L'Abbe he showed marked coolness and courage in reorganising crews for action owing to casualties, thereby rendering invaluable assistance to his company officers. The thoroughness of his work

and his constant care for the men, has been a great help to the fighting efficiency of his company.

81050 Sjt. D. Robertson, 206th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Limerick, Perthshire).

He has shown marked gallantry and the highest standard of leadership from February to September, 1918. Through a long period of night work in the Arras sector in March, April and June he superintended a very great amount of most important work on consolidation of trenches and wiring of the forward system under heavy fire and the most trying conditions. During the period 1st to 5th September, 1918, he supervised the work of his section on bridging the Somme under continuous shell fire, and throughout set a splendid example to those with him.

69051 Sapper Lance-Corporal Albert Edward Coy., R.E. (Liverpool).

For coolness and resourcefulness during operations in the month of September, including those east of Longavesnes and Villers Faucon. He has throughout shown marked ability in the field, grasping difficult situations accurately, and by his conduct setting an example to all ranks under fire. He succeeded in establishing Report Centres for the brigade as the advance proceeded, keeping in constant touch with attacking battalions and the supporting artillery. This was entirely due to his initiative and energy under difficult conditions.

14958 R./S./M. A. Robson, M.C., 8th (S.) Bn., York R. (Seaton). (ITALY)

During the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, he has shown an unrelaxing keenness in the execution of his duty. Both in the line and out his personal example has imbued all the N.C.O.s and men with a great regard for *esprit-de-corps*, courage and devotion to duty. Since joining this battalion in August, 1914, he has never missed one day's duty, and has held the following appointments:—C.S.M. until August, 1916, R.S.M. since August, 1916, to present date.

47277 Farr. S./Sjt. W. Robson, 37th Bty., 27th Bde., R.F.A. (Stoke Newington, N.).

For continuous gallant conduct and invaluable work during the recent operations near Bapaume in supplying ammunition to the battery. He performed his duties most efficiently, and it was mainly due to his energy, courage and power of command over the drivers that, although the battery moved constantly, the ammunition supply never failed.

9339 Pte. J. Rochford, 1st Bn., Conn. R. (Clara). (EGYPT)

When his captain was wounded while commanding a day patrol in front of Jiljulieh on 25th July, 1918, he rendered first aid under heavy rifle fire, and then helped the wounded back to the River Auja. He showed coolness and judgment in avoiding being cut off by some of the enemy patrol who tried to outflank the party.

785538 Sjt. F. Roper, 312th (W. Rid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Sheffield).

For consistently good and gallant work, especially during the operations from the Ancre to the Nord Canal from 24th August to 5th September, and at Havrincourt from 11th to 16th September, where, as No. 1 of his gun, he displayed high qualities of leadership, and showed marked courage and devotion to duty under constant shell fire.

2101 C./S./M. A. B. Rose, 15th Corps Cyc. Bn., A.C.C. (Oxford).

From 25th July, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. By his consistent good work and devotion to duty he has contributed to the efficiency of the company to an extent it would be impossible to exaggerate. His conduct during the enemy attack in April, 1918, and again when the company were in the line, from 15th July until 1st August, near Vieux Berquin, was excellent. Not only did his remarkable efficiency and thoroughness in handling his work add materially to the men's comfort, but his coolness and courage under fire were admirable. He set an excellent example to all ranks on all occasions.

15977 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) S. Rose, 10th Sig. Coy., R.E. (Limerick). (EGYPT)

His services have been largely responsible for the efficiency and smooth working of the signal company. His influence over the men is remarkable, and the high standard of duty that he sets them has proved of the greatest value. In action, when the work of the signal company is particularly arduous, he has always set a fine example to those under him:

L/10801 Sjt. W. Roskilly, 1st Bn., Midd'x R. (Enfield).

He has served in France continuously since 11th September, 1914, with this battalion, taking part in all operations during that period. He was wounded at Polygon Wood, September, 1917. Throughout this period he has shown great gallantry and devotion to duty. As a section commander and later as a platoon sergeant he has shown conspicuous leadership and coolness under fire. He is an ideal platoon sergeant, who had the complete confidence of his men.

76400 Sjt. G. A. Ross, K.K. Cable Sec., R.E. (Sidmouth Junction, Devon). (EGYPT)

For exceptionally good work in maintaining communication between corps and brigade and in extricating his detachment without loss under rifle and machine gun fire when the 4th Aust. Light Horse Regt. retired on 2nd May, 1918, east of the Jordan.

660487 Sjt. J. Ross, 1/3rd (Low.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F., att'd. "A" By., 262nd Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Clydebank). (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 6/7th June, 1918, the enemy heavily shelled the battery lines. He and a few men succeeded in releasing unwounded mules, tended wounded animals, collected line gear and material, and commenced to

prepare a new horse-line some distance away under cover. By his coolness and initiative he undoubtedly saved many animals.

72294 Sjt. M. Ross, A/87th Bde., R.F.A. (Paisley).

For good work and gallantry throughout, especially so during the early part of June in Champagne (near Sarcy) when, whilst withdrawing to a new position, the sub-section under him was heavily shelled. By his skill and coolness he set a splendid example to his men and got his guns away.

8456 Sjt. J. Rowe, 1st Bn., Bord. R. (St. Pancras).

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th Feb. to 17th September, 1918. He has commanded a platoon or been acting Coy. Sjt.-Maj. during this period. He has at all times, when under fire, shown great gallantry and set a very fine example to the men, especially during the Lys and Outtersteene battles. His work throughout has been of a very high standard.

L/19872 Sjt. S. Rowe, D/161st Bde., R.F.A. (Tickhill).

For conspicuous gallantry and good work as No. 1 of a sub-section from February to September, 1918. He has on all occasions shown courage of a high order and inspired all his comrades by his gallant bearing in action. During June his battery was in action in a position which was continually under very heavy fire. On one occasion, when the Officer in charge was seriously wounded, he carried on in a most praiseworthy manner under heavy fire. His work in the gun line has always been of the highest order.

D/1091 Sqdn./S./M. H. Rowlatt, 4th Dn. Gds. (W. Hartlepool).

For devotion to duty and gallantry in action, which was most conspicuous in the recent operations east of Amiens in August. He has invariably been the greatest help to his squadron commander, and has shown great initiative and foresight in the placing of his squadrons' led horses when all officers have been absent in dismounted action. By his skilful choosing of cover he has undoubtedly saved many horses, and by his complete disregard of personal danger he has at all times in action given a fine example to the men of his squadron.

121813 Sjt. J. Roy, 250th Tun. Coy., R.E. (Windygates, Fifehire).

For the last three years he has shown consistent gallantry and devotion to duty during a long period of active mine warfare, when employed on the erection of concrete pill-boxes and in the search for enemy land-contact mines. On 25th June, 1918, he, with six sappers, loaded and transported over 30 tons of concrete to a required site and unloaded. During this operation the party was subjected to particularly severe machine gun fire. It was entirely due to his personal example and determination that the emplacement was erected in time.

28212 Sjt. H. Royal, 1/5th Bn., Bord. R., T.F. (Brandon, Suffolk).

From 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918. Throughout active operations he displayed skill and determination as a platoon serjeant, personally organising patrol work and sending in valuable reports. During the whole period of active operations, for part of which time he was temporarily in command of a platoon, he set a fine example of dash and fearlessness to his men.

200569 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) F. H. S. Royals, 1/7th Bn., Worc. R., T.F. (Kidderminster): (ITALY)

For the period under review has carried out the duties of medical officer's orderly with unfailing energy, gallantry and devotion to duty. He has been twice wounded in action, and both in and out of action has rendered valuable services to the battalion.

17/9014 Sjt. G. Royle, 17th Bn., Manch. R. (Stockport).

Since November, 1915, he has acted as signal serjeant. In addition to his technical skill, which is of the best, he has proved himself in action to possess cool courage and devotion to duty, notably when mending lines in the Douve and Menin Road sectors, and maintaining communications during the battle of St. Quentin in March, 1918. From April until July, 1918, he performed the duties of signal officer most successfully.

L/14236 C./S./M. F. Runcorn, 24th Bn., R. Fus. (Poplar).

He came to France with the original Expeditionary Force in August, 1914, and with the exception of short intervals of convalescence in England after successive wounds he has served continuously with an infantry battalion at the front ever since. He joined this battalion in December, 1916, and since then, by his keenness at his duty, through grasp of his work, and fighting spirit he has set a standard to those under him of courage and devotion to duty which has been of the greatest value to the battalion.

48267 Sjt. A. J. Runnacles, 46th Bty., 39th Bde., R.F.A. (North Finchley).

For repeated acts of gallantry. He has frequently been placed in sole charge of an advanced sniping gun, and by his coolness and judgment when under heavy hostile shell fire he has shown a very fine example to those under him. He is an N.C.O. who can on all occasions be relied upon, and by his inspiring bearing he has proved invaluable to his battery.

32760 Sjt. A. J. Russell, M.M., 129th Bty., R.F.A. (Lewisham, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell fire between 21st March and 16th September, 1918. On 25th March, at Neuville Vitasse, he kept the O.P. wire through under heavy hostile shelling. On 12th April at Locon he carried a most important message through a heavy hostile barrage. On 23rd August, at Sapignies, he kept visual communication through from the O.P. to the battery, having to



stand up with no cover under a heavy hostile barrage. He has done continuous good work.

L/21215 Gnr. C. R. Russell, C/77th Bde., R.F.A. (Forest Gate, E.).

For continuous good service and consistent courage and devotion to duty, especially on the night of 5th April, 1918, at Aveluy Wood. He was one of the signallers with the liaison officer when the enemy attacked. The barrage destroyed all communication between battalion headquarters and the artillery, and it was necessary to send back a message to artillery brigade headquarters. He volunteered to go, and took the message successfully through the barrage, and returned. He eventually went through the barrage three times with messages after all the other signallers had been killed.

36603 Pte. C. Ryder, 75th Div. M.G. Bn. (Barrowford). (EGYPT)

For continuous good work as No. 1 of his gun team, and in particular for conspicuous gallantry, initiative and resource on two occasions during the operations near Rafat.

48265 B./S./M. A. Sage, C/94th Bde., R.F.A. (Colchester).

For consistent gallant work over a long period. He has set a fine example on several occasions under difficult and dangerous circumstances, notably when the wagon lines were shelled near Pevy in May, 1918, when the enemy were advancing. On this and on several subsequent occasions, by his initiative and devotion to duty, he extricated wagons and horses under shell fire. He has set a fine example to the men of the battery.

G/21330 L./C. T. F. Salmon, 2nd Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.). (ITALY)

He has been in charge of the water-carts and water supply generally for the battalion since April, 1917. He has never missed bringing up a supply whenever possible, whether active operations were in progress or not. Frequently in France he has had to face heavy shelling and barrage fire to reach his destination, and again latterly in Italy he has performed his duties in face of considerable danger. He works extraordinarily hard, and never rests till his work is finished. His work and energy have been of the highest order at all times.

112286 Pte. R. Sandford, 11th Bn., Tank Corps (Barrowford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 26th August, 1918, in fighting round Monchy le Preux. He had driven his tank continuously for over nine hours across difficult country at night. When his tank became ditched he made tremendous efforts to get the tank out, though subjected to heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. Finally, when the effort was abandoned, though in a fainting condition, he volunteered and took a message from the line to battalion headquarters under heavy machine-gun fire, and by so doing helped to clear up the situation, which was of the greatest value.

201326 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. Savage, 2/4th Bn., S. Lan. R., T.F. (Warrington).

During the period under review he has done continuously well in the line, and has always been of the greatest assistance to his company commander. He was mainly responsible for repelling a strong enemy raid on our lines, and has always set a high example of courage and devotion to duty to the N.C.Os. of the battalions. He came out with the battalion to France in March, 1917, and his work has always been of the highest standard.

2/10415 Sjt. E. A. Scarborough, 5th Bn., S.W. Bord. (Eastbourne).

As a platoon commander he has shown conspicuous courage and good leadership, and instilled the best spirit into the men under him. His services are as valuable in training as they are under the fire of the enemy.

240079 R./Q./M./S. L. Schwarz, 5/6th Bn., R.W. Fus., T.F. (Holywell). (EGYPT)

For devotion to duty. For eight months he has performed the duties of quartermaster to the battalion with conspicuous ability and success. He has been ceaseless and tireless in his endeavours to promote the welfare of the men of the battalion, and all ranks feel a deep sense of gratitude to him for his efforts on their behalf.

13570 Cpl. T. Scott, 15th Bn., R. Ir. Rif., attd. 107th L.T.M. B. (Dromore, Co. Down).

As acting quartermaster-serjeant since 1916, in which capacity he has given the greatest satisfaction. Whenever any battalion of the brigade was in the trenches his battery was there too, and every evening he brought up rations to the line. On many occasions the ration limbers have been used for bringing up detonated ammunition to the guns in the line, a hazardous duty when subjected to shell fire. He has consistently shown courage and great devotion to duty.

8235 Sjt. H. Scrivener, 2nd Bn., North'n R. (Barking).

For distinguished services as battalion gas N.C.O. during the past eight months and during the actions of March, April and May, 1918, on the Somme by Villers Bretonneux and the Marne. His courage and devotion to duty have been an example to all ranks. He has never once hesitated to enter evacuated areas with a view to ascertaining whether clear of gas or not, and, despite being frequently gassed himself, has always remained at duty.

5973 Sjt. F. W. Scutcher, 37th Bn., M.G. Corps (Beckenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He has set an example of gallantry and coolness under fire to the men that it would be difficult to surpass, and has at all times given the utmost assistance to his officers. He has served in France continuously for 2½ years, and in the absence of an officer has frequently been given command of a section in action.

9703 C./S./M. T. U. Selway, M.C., 1st Bn., Rif. Bde. (Wimborne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the last six months he has set a very fine example of gallantry, devotion to duty and energy to all. On 22nd April, 1918, when during the successful attack at La Pannerie all the officers of his company has become casualties, he took command and reorganised under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Again, on 30th August, 1918, he was wounded in two places by a shell, but carried on, refusing to go back until ordered to do so by his C.O. some three hours later.

680596 Sjt. T. G. Shepherd, 2/22nd Bn., Lond. R. (Bermondsey). (EGYPT)

He has had command of his platoon in all operations. He has carried out his work with the utmost skill and efficiency. His devotion to duty, keenness and power of command have always been most marked.

60891 Sjt. Dr. T. P. Shepherd, 8th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Cricklewood).

For gallantry and coolness under fire. He has done continuous good work with his company both in the line when on numerous occasions he has shown courage of a high order, and out of the line as a Lewis gun instructor. In August, 1918, at Loos, during a raid on the enemy lines, his control of the Lewis guns, which were firing a barrage from the enemy front line, enabled a raiding party to reach the enemy support line and secure an important identification.

S/7808 Pte. W. Shepherd, 2nd Bn., Gord. Highrs. (Oakley). (ITALY)

He is a runner of most conspicuous courage, determination and initiative. On every occasion he has shown an absolute disregard for danger and seems to revel in overcoming obstacles that seem impossible. On 16th May, 1918, in Italy, his example and single-handed work were beyond all praise. Always volunteering for the most difficult and dangerous jobs, he did excellent work. He proved himself a splendid active-service soldier.

291003 Sjt. R. J. Sheringham, 126th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Guisboro', Yorks.).

For continuous good service and devotion to duty in the field and for conspicuous gallantry during the period March to July, 1918. During the enemy attack on 21st March, 1918, he assumed command of the battery wagon lines and got all the wounded safely away to the dressing station at Ruyal-court, besides saving several horses. During the retirement 21st to 24th March, he organised the whole of the falling back of the battery wagon lines, maintaining touch with his unit, under great difficulties. Throughout he set a fine example to those under him.

20/142 Sjt. J. W. Sherriff, 20th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Elano Lane, Co. Durham).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918 he showed a fine example to the men. During the retirement on the Somme he carried out the duties of platoon commander in a highly satisfactory manner. On the 4th September his conduct was again

of the highest order. He repeatedly exposed himself when encouraging the men and directing fire.

961717 B./S./M. J. Shields, R.F.A., T.F., att'd. A. By., 302nd Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Kirkcaldy). (EGYPT)

For conspicuous ability and devotion to duty. His work in and out of action has been invaluable to his battery.

WR/253075 C./Q./M./S. J. W. Shinn (Rly.) Opg. Coy., R.E. (Munnow, Cambs.).

He has carried out his work satisfactorily under conditions which have often been difficult. He showed great devotion to duty and disregard of danger during the retreat in March last, when he was acting as one of the station masters in the Arras area. He remained behind at Arras Station, and was on duty continuously for several days while the station and precincts were being heavily shelled. He helped to save 250 wagons from the sidings in the vicinity.

18/175 Sjt. W. Siddle, 18th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Sunderland).

From 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. He has throughout his service in France showed marked courage and initiative while in charge of transport proceeding to the line, and especially during hostile operations at Ayette in March, 1918, where rations and stores were brought up under heavy shell fire. At Meteren, in May, 1918, when the transport was disorganised by heavy gas shelling, and was compelled to scatter, he collected his wagons, reorganised the convoy, and completed the delivery of rations. He has done consistent good work.

31794 Sjt. W. Sigstone, 39th Bn., M.G. Corps (Malton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during heavy fighting S.E. of Mer-ville in April, 1918. He was in charge of a sub-section of machine guns when the enemy attacked on the 12th April. He kept his guns in action until the enemy had almost surrounded his position. By his cool courage he inspired all under his command, and by his sound tactical handling of his guns the enemy advance in the direction of Pacaut Wood was checked. He has habitually done good work.

202343 C./S./M. A. J. Simkins, 4th Bn., Worc. R. (Shrewsbury).

For gallantry and continuous good work, 25th February to 16th September, 1918. At La Motte, in May, 1918, when the enemy made a local counter-attack, he volunteered and took a party forward with S.A.A. to the front line, in spite of the heavy enemy artillery fire. On many occasions he has also been largely responsible that rations, S.A.A., etc., were safely delivered from the dump to the front line companies. His fine personal example and total disregard of danger in all operations has in many ways been responsible for the efficiency of his company.

17608 Sjt. J. N. Simmons, 8th Bn., N. Staff. R. (Brierley Hill).

For constant devotion to duty during a period of two years with the battalion. He has always shown the best qualities; and, to quote one instance, on the 6th June, at Bligny, he took up the duties of C.S.M., and reorganised his company under heavy shell fire. Later, in a successful counter-attack, he showed great courage, and was first to reach the enemy position, causing many casualties by his intelligent use of the Lewis gun. He has always shown great initiative, and set a fine example to those under him.

P/862 L./C. (A./C.S.M.) A. Simpson, M.F.P. (Portsmouth).

At Amiens, from 23rd March to June, 1918, he performed his difficult duties under continuous shell and bomb fire with a complete contempt of danger. He rendered valuable assistance in the direction of traffic on the night of 23rd March, when an ammunition train was blown up at Longueau, while on the night of the great air raid on 26th March he visited all the posts and patrols, showing a fine example of courage to his men. The efficiency of the Amiens detachment during months of almost constant shell and bomb fire was largely due to his coolness and untiring devotion to duty.

305613 Pte. T. Simpson, 2/7th Bn., R. War. R., T.F. (Birmingham).

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Calonne on 12th April, 1918. He took charge of a Lewis gun team, and took them forward to engage hostile machine guns to enable two batteries of field artillery to draw out when the enemy was within 250 yards of the batteries. This was successfully accomplished. He did splendid work.

13183 C./S./M. G. W. Sismey, 6th Bn., North'n R. (Old Fletton).

For gallantry and devotion to duty, and continuous good service. He is fearless in the line and absolutely reliable, and sets a splendid example to the men. In operations near Hangard he did particularly good work in helping his company commander to organise and keep control of the company under the most trying conditions. This necessitated his coming under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire. He is a good disciplinarian.

L/6530 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) W. T. Skeer, R.W. Kent R., att'd. 2/20th Bn., Lond. R. (Chart).

For distinguished service as A./R.S.M. over a period of two years and three months' active service in France, Salonica, and Palestine. In action he has repeatedly shown qualities of great gallantry, initiative and resource.

291392 Sjt. W. Skinner, 128th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Sandridge, near St. Albans).

For conspicuous good work and fearless devotion to duty during thirty months' active service, and particularly between 25th February and 16th September, 1918, on the Oise and Somme fronts, when he showed great gallantry and coolness on

many occasions. During periods when communications were being heavily shelled, he frequently took teams and wagons up to the battery himself, three or four times a day. Also on the several occasions when the horse lines have been heavily shelled, he has displayed utter disregard of danger, and invariably set a fine example to those under him.

12177 Pte. (L./C.) G. A. Skippen, 9th Bn., Essex R. (Chelmsford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, and especially in August during the recent advance. As battalion signaller, on many occasions when communication was broken between his battalion and brigade headquarters by shell fire, he went out and repaired the lines and re-established communication at times when it was most important that communication should be maintained. Throughout this period he has set a very fine example to all those around him.

30727 Sjt. (A./B.S.M.) E. H. Skipper, 258th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Hoxton).

As gas N.C.O. he has taken many risks in seeing the gas precautions carried out, when positions were being shelled. Near Hendecourt (April to August) he showed great coolness in getting wounded away under heavy shell fire. As No. 1 of his gun in March, 1918, the skill with which he got his gun away was most noticeable, the enemy being at one time only 500 yards away, and it was entirely due to him that the gun was saved. As acting B.S.M. he has shown constant energy and courage with a high sense of duty.

841155 Gnr. E. T. Skull, C/311th (W. Rid.) Army Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Wooten Bassett).

For consistent gallantry, especially at Blangy on 25th May, 1918, when his battery was being heavily shelled, this gunner carried an urgent message to the group headquarters, the telephone wires having all been cut. To do this he had to proceed twice along a road which was being heavily shelled. During 12 months as battery runner he has never failed to deliver his messages promptly, very often under the most trying conditions.

200068 C./S./M. C. W. Slater, 1st Bn., Lond. R. (Paddington).

For the past two months he has been acting as R.S.M. and performed his duties in a very able manner. During the recent operations near Croisilles and Bullecourt he was in charge of the supply of ammunition and bombs, which by his unfailing energy made a great success. Later, his initiative and resourcefulness were invaluable in the organisation of various parties for supplies and keeping the men together. His courage and coolness have been a fine example to all.

200036 C./Q./M./S. F. Slaughter, 4th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Arundel).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has carried out his duties with the greatest energy and zeal. During operations near Grand Rozoy, and in the line, he has superintended the distribution of rations to his company often

under heavy fire, setting a fine example of devotion to duty. On one occasion near Kemmel in September the driver of the limber on which he was taking up rations was wounded by a shell. Though unaccustomed to animals, he mounted and drove the limber himself, bringing the rations to his company.

8485 Sjt. A. Sleight, M.M., 6th Bn., Linc. R. (Scunthorpe).

Both as an organiser and as a fighting N.C.O. throughout a long period of continuous service in the field he has proved his excellence, and is a most valuable and reliable N.C.O. As company Lewis gun sergeant he has trained his Lewis gunners to a high state of efficiency. His constant cheerfulness and readiness to volunteer for any dangerous work have been a great example and incentive to the men of his company, to which he is a great asset.

30861 B./S./M. G. S. Sloan, 53rd By., 2nd Bde., R.F.A. (Ballincolly).

For services in action and many examples of devotion to duty under fire between 25th February and 18th September, 1918, especially during the retirement in March, 1918, and the enemy offensive near Kemmel in April, 1918, when his cool courage and efficiency under fire always maintained the fighting efficiency of his battery at a high standard.

142368 Sjt. (A./B./S./M.) W. Slough, 12th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Brockley).

At Bertrancourt, on 5th April, 1918, the battery position and billets were very heavily shelled, two men being wounded. He dressed their wounds, carried them to a large shell-hole near by, and stayed with them until the shelling subsided a bit, and then got them away to a dressing station. He showed great gallantry in getting water for these two men while the shelling was at its height. He has always commanded his detachment with marked gallantry under fire.

322725 Cpl. G. E. Smale, 366th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Plymouth).

For continuous good service and gallantry in action. On the occasion of the retreat of the 9th April, 1918, on the La Gorgues-Estaires front, he was in charge of the detachment on a railway mounting gun. After preparations had been made to destroy the gun, he undertook and superintended the rebuilding of the necessary track, notwithstanding hostile shelling and machine-gun fire. His energy and example to the detachment were in a large degree responsible for the saving of the gun.

8427 C./S./M. A. G. Small, 2nd Bn., Devon. R. (Wellington).

He has served with the battalion since 1914, and on frequent occasions has shown himself to be a fine leader and an example of gallant behaviour to all around him. This was particularly noticeable during the heavy fighting on the Somme and the Aisne this year. During all these operations he exposed himself in the most fearless manner, and by his cool bearing and behaviour inspired all

around him. On several occasions his soldierly actions have saved a critical situation.

4601 C./Q./M./S. B. J. Smith, 19th Bn., M.G. Corps (Acton).

For continuous good work during enemy offensives in 1918. He by his personal courage never failed to deliver ammunition and rations to all his gun teams. On one occasion, when a driver was wounded, he took the wounded man's place and delivered much-needed ammunition. Subsequently it was largely due to this N.C.O.'s personality and utter disregard for personal danger that the company's teams were kept together at a very critical period. His marked soldierly ability to duty is a noble example to all ranks.

13428 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) E. A. Smith, 4th Bn., Bedf. R. (Hemel Hempstead).

During period 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918 for gallantry and devotion to duty in the preparation for and during the course of an attack. He has at all times shown great coolness and power of control under fire and in difficult situations. His cheerfulness, disregard of personal safety, and persistent efforts for the well-being of his men have had a very beneficial effect on the men of his company.

200105 C./S./M. G. Smith, 1/4th Bn., E. York. R., T.F. (Wincomlee).

For gallantry in action and exceptionally good services for a long period, notably in March, April, and May, 1918. Under all circumstances he has set a splendid example in esprit de corps and discipline.

L/16662 L./Sjt. G. C. Smith, 21st Bn., Middx. R. (Worcester).

During the operations in the vicinity of Fleurbaix from 9th to 13th April, 1918, he did valuable work on several occasions. He several times cleared up obscure situations and brought back valuable information regarding the position of units whose locality was doubtful. He is absolutely fearless, and can always be relied upon to carry out successfully any mission, however dangerous or difficult, upon which he is sent. He has proved himself a most valuable N.C.O.

59102 Sig. Sjt. G. D. Smith, 221st Sge. By., R.G.A. (Tunstall, Suffolk).

During the period 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918, for consistently good work under frequent shell fire when laying telephone lines and maintaining communication from battery to forward observation posts. His example of personal courage and devotion to duty has been most beneficial to the signalling section and the efficiency of the battery in action.

966 B.S.M. G. G. Smith, M.M., "I" By., 7th Bde., R.H.A. (Southampton).

He has constantly found himself in charge of the battery wagon lines. In the running fighting in which the battery has been engaged, these lines have been shelled, often severely, in nearly every position taken up. When this has occurred his power of command and coolness have been invaluable. His gallantry in action has been conspicuous

on many occasions; particularly was this the case throughout the retreat in March, when his fearless example was often instrumental in inspiring confidence and ensuring steadiness among those with him.

776900 Sjt. H. Smith, C/245th (W. Rid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Leeds).

During the withdrawal from the Ypres sector in April, 1918, and the subsequent fighting in May and June last, he maintained the communications of the battery continuously, which were repeatedly being broken by shell fire. Throughout the whole of a very trying period he displayed great courage and devotion to duty, and set the men under his command a very fine example.

800221 Whlr. H. Smith, A/230th (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Sutton, Lincs.)

For gallantry in action and splendid devotion to duty. On night 7/8th April, at Lievin, near Lens, he was in charge of an ammunition wagon, and was taking up ammunition from a dump to the forward section. He had only just started when a heavy gas shell bombardment was put down all round the position, but he continued doing journey after journey. His lead driver was hit, but he got him away safely, and then himself got up in the lead and completed his task, displaying all the time the greatest gallantry with a dogged determination, and setting a fine example to the men under him.

33723 Gnr. H. Smith, A/70th Bde., R.F.A. (Grundisburgh).

A very gallant gunner, who has always displayed the greatest coolness and contempt for danger while under hostile shell fire, setting a splendid example to all his comrades in the gun line.

14571 Sjt. H. S. Smith, 8th Bn., R. Berks. R. (Kenilworth).

For gallantry and marked devotion to duty. He has served as Orderly Room Clerk since the battalion first came to France in 1915. On 21st March, when he was in the line with the battalion, and when the enemy were rapidly approaching battalion headquarters, he stayed with the Adjutant and destroyed all secret papers, in spite of the fact that the enemy was already entering the headquarters' dug-outs. He then made his way back through the enemy advanced waves with certain papers it was considered necessary to keep.

201736 Sjt. J. Smith, 1/5th Bn., Manch R., T.F. (Eccleshill).

For conspicuous devotion to duty and consistent good work from 25th February to 17th September, 1918. He has been particularly active in organisation of sniping. As a leader of offensive patrols he has always shown courage and initiative of a high order.

806771 Dvr. J. W. Smith, B/296th (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Peterborough).

For most gallant conduct and devotion to duty, especially at Ecoust on the 21st March, 1918. Almost immediately after the enemy barrage was put down communications between the outpost and the battery were cut. He was at once sent out to repair

the line. He did so many times under heavy enemy fire. Only by his unflinching devotion to duty was the battery able to get any information as to the whereabouts of the enemy.

17618 B./S./M. R. B. Smith, 86th Bty., 32nd Bde., R.F.A. (Wood Green, N.).

For continuous good and energetic work during the period under review, especially during the recent operations on the Dro-court-Queant line, when he practically worked every night bringing up ammunition to the gun positions under shell fire. On one occasion one of the teams was hit, and he showed cool courage and initiative while clearing the other horses and drivers. He rendered his battery commander most valuable support throughout.

33125 Cpl. R. C. Smith, 10th Bn., Essex R. (Market Harborough).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. At Rouez on 23rd March he volunteered to assist in carrying up ammunition to the front line, and to accompany an officer who was going forward to ascertain the situation, which at the time was very obscure. After delivering the ammunition and during the reconnaissance the officer was very severely wounded, and he succeeded in carrying him to a place of safety under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire.

200437 Sjt. W. Smith, 1/4th Bn., Leic. R., T.F. (Leicester).

For devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry. He has commanded his platoon with exceptional ability on all occasions. He has shown at all times great initiative, and courage of no mean order. He has set a splendid example to the men under his command.

319033 Dvr. W. Smith, 131st Hy. By., R.G.A. (Herts).

On 21st March, 1918, when this battery was in action near Ecoust, the enemy concentrated a heavy fire of 5.9 in. howitzer on the battery from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most of the ammunition was stored under cover at about 100 yards from the battery. He with a G.S. wagon and one pair of horses was detailed to keep the guns supplied from this dump. He worked all day under very heavy shell fire, and kept the guns supplied. By his marked gallantry and devotion to duty he very materially assisted in keeping the guns in action.

131462 Sjt. A. E. Snowden, 234th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Stockton-on-Tees).

For conspicuous gallantry during the period 21st to 30th March, 1918, east of Amiens. For nine days he was almost continuously employed in the construction of forward defence lines, and although often under heavy fire, he never failed to complete the task allotted to him. During the last three days of the period, when his company was employed as infantry under very severe artillery and machine-gun fire, he set a fine example to all ranks by his fearlessness. He

has shown great devotion to duty during the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918.

24606 Sjt. T. W. Soulsby, 35th Bn., M.G. Corps (South Shields).

For great gallantry, sound judgment, and initiative in the skilful handling of two machine guns at Maricourt, Somme, on 24th March, 1918. He kept his guns firing on advancing enemy in spite of severe casualties to his gun detachments. He also organised small parties of infantry in the defence of this position. His splendid work on this occasion undoubtedly smashed two very serious attacks lasting over a period of three hours. His cheerfulness and example at all times has been a splendid incentive to all ranks.

15061 Pte. J. Southall, 1st Bn., S. Staff. R. (Dudley). (ITALY)

He has served continuously with the battalion since 1914. He has acted as company commander's runner during all the Somme battles, Croisilles-Bullecourt, and has always done his work with the utmost contempt of danger, and with unfailing success. He has always proved himself an admirable example of reliability and gallantry, and has at all times set his comrades a magnificent example.

C/9529 C./S./M. A. W. Spain, 20th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Silvertown, E.).

He has always shown most exceptional keenness and ability in carrying out his duties with never-flagging energy and zeal. In particular, whilst the company was billeted in Chocques on 29th May, 1918, during heavy hostile shelling he showed marked coolness and gallantry in getting the men to a place of safety and looking after the wounded. His work in the line has always been excellent, and his coolness under fire has always been a very fine example to all ranks.

M2/153811 Pte. J. F. Spalding, R.A.S.C., att'd. 25th (1/2nd Wessex) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Dumfries).

On the River Aisne, on 27th May, 1918, when the enemy attacked in great force, he was in charge of an ambulance-car working between the main dressing-station and at advanced dressing-station at Gernicourt. He drove his car to and fro under heavy shelling between Gernicourt and the main dressing-station, mending it when hit by shrapnel, thereby displaying great coolness and gallantry, and rendering invaluable service in the evacuation of the wounded. His admirable behaviour saved a large number of wounded from falling into the enemy's hands.

16735 Sjt. C. Sparrow, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps (Newmarket).

For untiring zeal, initiative, and gallantry in the field. During the operations at Meteren (April, 1918), whilst in charge of the battalion pioneers and artificers, he worked with the greatest energy and devotion under most trying and difficult circumstances. He organised wiring parties, and night after night conducted them in front of

our outposts, placing obstacles to impede the advance of the enemy. By his cheerfulness and fine example he has always obtained the maximum of work from the men under his command. He has served for over three years in the field, and has been wounded.

207030 Sjt. W. H. Sparrow, 11th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Lowestoft).

For continuous good service in action and devotion to duty for period 22nd February to 16th September, 1918. He has at all times shown great coolness and power of command under shell fire, and has set a very fine example to the men under him.

8864 Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) J. C. Spence, 2nd Bn., C. Gds. (Bayswater, W.).

He has been employed as a signalling sergeant. His work in this capacity has always been of the highest order. During the recent advance the work which has fallen to his lot has been of a particularly arduous nature, but his courage, energy and devotion to duty have overcome all obstacles and have been an example to all ranks. During the operations on 27th August, 1918, near St. Leger, he twice went out personally in a very heavy barrage to mend wires which had been cut by shell fire, and which it was essential to put right.

L/1351 Farr. Sjt. W. E. Spencer, 9th Lrs. (Blackwater).

He has served continuously with the regiment since the beginning of the war, and has always shown marked gallantry and coolness in action and the highest efficiency and devotion to duty. During the operations east of Amiens, 8th and 9th August, he displayed great courage under fire while carrying out his work. He has at all times set a fine example to all ranks.

27278 Pte. T. J. Spooner, 13th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion reached its objective at La Boisselle, on 23rd August, 1918, he immediately got into signal communication with battalion headquarters under very heavy shell fire. Shortly afterwards a shell burst near him, and his lamp was blown away. He moved his station to a flank and, though still under heavy shell fire, he once again established communication with battalion headquarters. This line was the only one which was maintained between the front line and battalion headquarters during the action. Since the above date he has been untiring in his energies to keep up communications between battalion and brigade headquarters.

TZ/2063 Lea. Sea. T. Stanwix, Hood Bn., R.N.V.R. (Silloth).

This man has on three occasions shown the most daring devotion to duty while under shell fire, on two occasions remaining at his post though wounded. As an A.B. at Welsh Ridge, on 30th December, 1917, he rendered invaluable service by getting up Stokes mortar shells through a heavy barrage. While in the line at Englebelmer on 5th April, 1918, he was wounded getting up

S.A.A. and rations, but carried on and delivered them in the most gallant manner. He has shown consistent courage.

311672 Sjt. C. O. Staples, Sig. Sec., R.E., att'd. H.Q., 89th Bde. (Wimbley).

A very zealous and gallant N.C.O. During the retirement in March, 1918, he worked unceasingly and most excellently in establishing communications quickly between brigade headquarters and batteries during the various rearguard actions. In the advance on the Somme during August and September he did excellent, arduous and valuable work under heavy fire as N.C.O. in charge of signals of a special mobile sub-group.

266348 Cpl. W. Stebbing, 11th Bn., Som. L.I. (Gt. Yarmouth).

He has continuously carried out his duties as a signaller with great coolness and gallantry in action. On the 28th August, 1918, during the advance to Lestrem he kept up communication between his company and battalion headquarters in spite of heavy shell and machine gun fire. He has on other occasions shown a conspicuous example of gallantry and skill, conducing largely to the efficient working of the signal service of the battalion.

265012 C./S./M. (A./R.S.M.) F. Stembridge, 7th Bn., W. Yorks. R., T.F. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times, especially at Wytschaete from the 11th to 16th April, 1918. On 16th April, when all but one of his officers had become casualties, he reorganised the men of his own and two other companies, organising a line of defence. It was greatly owing to his courage and energy that the position was held for six hours in face of the enemy's determined attack. Again, on 25th April, during the fighting near Kemmel, he was as R.S.M. of the greatest assistance to the battalion.

66924 Sjt. J. Stephens, 171st Tun. Coy., R.E. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst constructing dugouts south of Passchendaele during February and March. The party was daily exposed to severe enemy shelling, and it was almost entirely due to his personal example that the work was carried through to a successful conclusion. He has been working in the Ypres salient since June, 1915, and has always shown the greatest pluck and endurance in the presence of the enemy both under and above ground.

82457 Sjt. W. H. Stevens, D/173rd Bde., R.F.A. (Howden).

He has always shown consistent gallantry and devotion to duty while he has been in the battery, which includes the period 25th February, 1918, to 17th September, 1918. On the night 10th/11th September, 1918, at Neuve Eglise an ammunition wagon and team were hit by shell fire. Two of the three drivers were wounded and also their horses. He went down the road by himself under heavy fire and unhooked the leaders and centres and rearranged the team, bringing it up to the battery position, himself acting as wheel driver.

7079 Sjt. W. Stevenson, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Bermondsey, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He came out with the battalion in August, 1914, and has served with it continuously since. He has on many occasions displayed marked gallantry, and his work as an N.C.O. has been of the utmost value. He has taken part in every action in which the battalion has been employed.

23019 B./S./M. A. Stewart, A/82nd Bde., R.F.A. (Edinburgh).

From September, 1917, onwards he has greatly distinguished himself by his energy and devotion to duty. He has maintained the supply of ammunition to the guns, often under heavy fire and the most difficult conditions, and his services have been invaluable in the wagon line.

224944 Pnr. W. T. Stirling, "E" Spec. Coy., R.E. (Bishop Briggs).

He has always shown himself an example to his comrades by his readiness to volunteer for any dangerous piece of work. On the night 12th/13th September, 1917, a gas bomb burst in its gun prior to the time for discharge, rendering part of the projector position exceedingly dangerous. Thanks to him the guns were discharged at zero, though he became a casualty as the result of his efforts. On another occasion, night 19th/20th March, 1918, when heavy enemy shell fire had cut the wires of several batteries of guns, he volunteered to repair the connections, and succeeded in doing so, in spite of the continued shelling.

305097 C./S./M. W. Stokes, 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Old Basford, Notts).

For conspicuous good work from March, 1915, to date first as platoon serjeant, and since March, 1917, as C.S.M. He has throughout carried out his duties in a most efficient manner. He has spared no effort to maintain a high standard of efficiency, and has shown consistent courage and devotion to duty under fire on several occasions.

40529 Sjt. L. Stone, 110th By., 24th Bde., R.F.A.

For consistent cool courage and determination under fire. He came out with the battery in September, 1914, and during year 1918 he has come to the front as a particularly zealous and keen N.C.O. On several occasions, notably during the severe fighting in March, 1918, during the withdrawal east of Ypres, and again during the enemy withdrawal north of Kemmel he has set a fine example under shell fire, whether in charge of his sub-section or when bringing up wagons under fire to replenish ammunition.

64415 Cpl. H. R. Stow, 15th Bn., York. L.I., att'd. 120th T.M. By. (Sladesgreen, Erith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during attacks against enemy positions. On 27th August, 1918, he was in charge of a Stokes gun supporting the left flank of the attack. Following close behind the infantry he observed them held up by enemy machine guns. Under heavy fire he succeeded in getting his gun through and opening fire on enemy posts. Later, on his own initiative,



he covered the withdrawal of our forward posts by maintaining a steady fire along enemy positions.

635443 Cpl. R. Strachan, M.M., 256th (High.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Arbroath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 17th September, 1918, and in particular on 21st March, 1918, when he continued to fire his gun under very heavy hostile shell and machine-gun fire, and destroyed it before retiring. He has repeatedly shown the greatest courage and coolness throughout this year's operations.

446309 Sgt. J. C. Stredder, 439th (Ches.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Birkenhead).

For gallantry and continuous good service and devotion to duty. On the night of August 22nd, 1918, while bridging the River Lys, he and his men were subjected to an intense bombardment of high explosive and gas shells; notwithstanding having to leave the bridge several times and having to wear gas masks continuously he continued the work. It was entirely due to his coolness and determination that the bridge was completed.

196048 Ftr.-S./Sgt. K. Stretton, 70th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Fleckney, nr. Leicester).

During the period April-September, 1918, he has been in several difficult positions in shell-swept areas; notably in the operations in the vicinity of Wytshaete and Kemmel. Whilst in position at Westoutre on 29th April, four No. 1 became casualties, and he not only assisted in moving them to a place of safety, but also acted as one of the gun numbers at a very critical period. He has, throughout, by his unfailing courage, energy and devotion to duty, been able to maintain the whole six guns of the battery in action continuously, thus enabling the maximum fire to be maintained when it was most needed.

69570 Sgt. T. Strother, 141st A.T. Coy., R.E. (Bowsden, Berwick-on-Tweed).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and soldierly example in carrying out work on Ypres defences from 16th April to 24th April, 1918, under heavy gas and high explosive shell-fire. Also for good work on second position defences from June to September, 1918.

111922 Cpl. (A./Sgt.) G. T. Sturt, 196th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Pevensey Bay).

From 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry, good work and initiative. He is an exceptionally good No. 1, and imparts his energy to his subsection. He did especially well during the enemy offensive at Arras, on 28th March and onwards, when the battery was in action continuously for several days under trying circumstances, and the work was very heavy, and later when the position was badly gassed. He has always set a fine example by his cool courage under fire.

9000 C./Q./M./S. A. A. V. Sumner, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Barking).

He has been C.O.M.S. for three years and six months, and during that period he has

shown unfailing devotion to duty. By his courage and determination he has invariably succeeded in getting the rations up to the front line in spite of heavy high explosive and gas shelling, particularly during the operations on the Ypres front last year. He has served in France continuously since October, 1914, and has been untiring in his efforts for the comfort of the men of his company.

241061 A./Cpl. G. E. Swift, 1/5th Bn., S. Lan. R., T.F. (St. Helens).

He has shown consistent courage in the face of the enemy. On the night of the 18th/19th June, 1918, near Festubert, he maintained his Lewis gun in action under hostile artillery and heavy machine-gun fire to cover the withdrawal of a raiding party. On the morning of the 11th June, 1918, near Festubert, the enemy attempted to surprise a post under his command. It was largely due to his boldness and determination that the attack was completely repelled with loss to the enemy.

23827 Sgt. W. G. Tallwin, A/110th Bde., R.F.A. (Hackney Wick, N.E.).

He has served as a serjeant for nearly two years. Throughout this period he has shown marked gallantry under fire and set a fine example to his men. On 21st March, 1918, near Beugnatre, he kept his gun in action to cover the retirement of the remaining guns of the battery until the enemy were within 500 yards of his gun, which he eventually withdrew under heavy shell fire. Later in the retirement, after holding up the advancing enemy infantry over open sights, he showed great coolness in destroying his gun after having been ordered to abandon it.

805642 L./Bdr. T. H. Tams, B/231st (N. Mid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Hanley, Staffs.).

Period 1st May to 17th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry in repairing telephone lines on several occasions during heavy shell fire. On 23rd August he maintained communication with forward section when the area through which lines ran was being continuously shelled by 12" and 5.9" cutting the line several times. He also showed gallantry as F.O.O.'s linesman on several occasions.

15546 Cpl. (A./Sgt.) W. Tant, 11th Bn., Essex R. (Neasden).

He has served continuously with the battalion since its formation. As battalion transport serjeant he has always shown marked gallantry and devotion to duty. His conduct under shell fire set a fine example to all ranks. He has taken part in all the following operations:—Somme, September and October, 1916; Loos and Hill 70, 1917; Cambrai, November, 1917; and through the enemy offensive west of Bapaume on 21/22nd March, 1918.

48462 Cpl. (A./S./Sgt.) F. A. Tarling, 131st Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Aberavon).

For courage, consistent good work and devotion to duty in face of danger. During the last six months he has been almost constantly employed as N.C.O. in charge of a group of stretcher-bearers in the forward area. On one occasion during an infantry

attack he was responsible for the clearance of wounded from the line. He organised his stretcher-bearers, led them repeatedly through heavy enemy fire, and by his skill and endurance cleared over 200 cases.

WR/26236 A./L./Cpl. A. Taylor, 341st Road Con. Coy., R.E. (Dorchester).

For courage and exceptionally good work in keeping the road open at Guemappe and Wancourt during the advance which commenced on August 26th last. Although over 50 years of age, he, by his example and encouragement to his men, was instrumental in carrying on the work under heavy shell fire. On one occasion he was blown over by a shell and partially buried with debris, and although badly shaken, rallied his men and immediately made good the damage, although casualties were taking place all round.

21/785 Sjt. H. Taylor, 21st Bn., W. Yorks. R. (Halifax).

During the time the battalion was in the Robecq sector, he, by consistent work and courage on all occasions, showed a fine example to all his men, particularly during the digging of a trench in front of Hinges on 20th April, 1918, when his platoon officer was killed and other casualties were incurred under heavy shelling, he, by his personal courage and initiative kept his men under perfect control and carried on the task allotted to the platoon, thus enabling an important piece of trench to be completed.

7454 Sjt. Dr. S. W. Taylor, 1st Bn., N. Staff. R. (Stafford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations on the Somme in March, 1918. From 23rd March-6th April he was in charge of a platoon, and carried out a number of difficult rearguard actions most skilfully. Although greatly outnumbered he, with his platoon, frequently held up the enemy and successfully covered the withdrawal of other units. By his gallantry and devotion to duty he set an inspiring example to his men.

434011 Sjt. W. E. S. Taylor, 1/2nd (S. Mid.) Mtd. Bde., Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F., attd. 10th Cav. Bde., Com. Fd. Amb. (Stony Stratford). (EGYPT)

He has shown conspicuous ability and devotion to duty. For the greater part of the period under review he was the senior N.C.O. among the medical personnel of the 10th Cavalry Brigade Field Ambulance. During three months in the Jordan Valley, in which casualties from sickness were extremely heavy, he showed great devotion and unflagging zeal in carrying out the organisation of the medical work of the field ambulance, contending throughout with great difficulties.

8162 Pte. W. J. Taylor, 2nd Bn., R. Berks. R. (Newbury).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. During the enemy offensive in March, 1918, in the fighting round Villers-Bretonneux, and again between the Aisne and the Marne in May and June, 1918, he displayed great determination in assisting the transport

officer to deliver rations, etc., to the battalion in the line. On many occasions this necessitated crossing areas swept by artillery and machine gun fire, and it was largely owing to his gallantry and fine example that rations were always delivered to the place ordered.

62949 L./Bomdr. A. Teagle, 102nd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Bedminster).

On the night of July 4th at Au Couverain the battery being heavily shelled and an S.O.S. call being received, it was largely due to his good work and invaluable assistance that his No. 1 was able to keep his gun in action. Later, while the battery was still under shell fire, he organised a party to carry the wounded away from the position. Throughout the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, his courage has been conspicuous.

35818 Sjt. J. Tenwick, B/117th Bde., R.F.A. (Blackfriars, S.E.).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. On 9th August, 1918, at Robecq, he took charge of a section after his officer had been wounded, and in spite of his being severely shaken, he displayed great coolness, and succeeded in putting out a fire in the ammunition pit caused by shell fire. By his prompt action a large amount of ammunition was saved.

242520 Pte. G. H. Thomas, 1/6th Bn., S. Staff. R., T.F. (Hednesford).

He has served with this battalion continuously for over two years, and during the last six months has shown great initiative and daring on patrol both by day and by night. He has the qualities of a good leader, and is a fine example to his section.

392345 Sjt. D. P. Thomas, 9th Bn., Lond. R. (Bayswater).

For continuous good service. He has always shown great courage in handling his platoon, and has proved himself a very efficient patrol leader. On two occasions when his company suffered many casualties, his knowledge of first aid proved invaluable, and he personally attended to many of the wounded under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

41214 Farr. Sjt. A. Thompson, B/91st Bde., R.F.A. (Bolton).

For the past two years he has done particularly well. During the retirement from St. Quentin in March, 1918, he was in charge of the gun limbers and showed great coolness and courage in handling his teams when the enemy were within a few hundred yards on several occasions. Again at Villers-Bretonneux on 24th April, 1918, it was mainly due to him that the ammunition supply never failed, in spite of their being only one approach to the battery position, which was under constant heavy shell fire.

M2/082632 Sjt. R. Thompson, R.A.S.C., attd. 71st (S.A.) Sge. By., R.G.A. (Saffron Walden).

For marked gallantry on several occasions near Bethune during April and May, 1918, in connection with the delivery of guns and

ammunition to the battery under very heavy shell fire. On 11th April, 1918, at Beuvry, by his prompt action he saved a lorry which had been hit from total destruction by towing it from the danger zone, although the road was being heavily shelled. On 19th May, at Saily Labourse, he pulled away burning camouflage, extinguished burning cartridges, and saved a whole dump.

84144 Sjt. T. M. Thompson, 199th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Harehills).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on all occasions when his battery is in action. He has himself always been the first to volunteer for any dangerous duty in connection with the laying or repair of lines under shell fire. On the 21st March, 1918, a Vault, when owing to the proximity of the enemy the gun detachment had been ordered to withdraw, he, with an officer and another N.C.O., remained behind to work the gun, and continued to do so until compelled to retire by heavy rifle and machine gun fire.

241579 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) G. Thomson, 1/5th Bn., K.O.S.B., T.F. (Lockerbie).

He has continuously shown great courage and initiative. In particular at the action of Beugneux, on 29th July, he showed marked gallantry and leadership of men, and when all his officers had become casualties, he brought the company out of action.

8107 Sjt. F. Thorley, M.M., 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus. (Crewe).

For conspicuous gallantry, devotion to duty and ability during the period February to September, 1918. When in command of his platoon during the operations north-east of Albert between 23rd August and 15th September he at all times led his men into action with great determination, and showed much initiative. On the night of 23/24th August he himself, with fine courage, rushed and captured an enemy machine-gun post which was holding up his platoon.

64096 Bomdr. H. J. Tinsley, C/71st Bde., R.F.A. (Nottingham).

He has throughout, and especially during the active operations near Soissons in July and August, 1918, and at Arras in August and beginning of September, 1918, carried out his work at the guns in a very gallant manner, and has on occasion taken charge of his sub-section with great credit, displaying resource and fearlessness of a very high order.

12573 Cpl. B. Tongue, 217th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Bristol).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty covering a long period, particularly at Annezin on 28th June, 1918. The battery was shelled with gas and several boxes of cartridges were set on fire. Utterly regardless of danger he rushed among the blazing cartridges, and, with the assistance of several gunners, he got all the cartridges and fuzes away. He set a fine example of courage to all ranks.

8857 Sjt. C. W. Topping, 1st Bn., Sco. Rif., att'd. 19th T.M. By. (Kentish Town).

He has served continuously since August, 1914. He has been attached to the 19th T.M. Battery since February, 1916. During the above period he has taken part in all the actions with the brigade, and has invariably proved himself a gallant and reliable soldier. In the recent fighting at Meteren and Dickebusch, he rendered conspicuously good service, and his work in charge of barrage mortars in connection with a recent raid has been specially brought to notice.

L/5749 C./S./M. A. Towner, 1st Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Hackney Wick).

He has served for three years in the field, and has at all times distinguished himself in action, especially at Meteren, from 12th to 14th April, 1918. He has on all occasions set a fine example of soldier-like conduct and bearing.

66631 C./Q./M./S. H. W. Townsend, 39th Bn., M.G. Corps (Chipping Norton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during heavy fighting east of Amiens from 21st March to 1st April, 1918. He succeeded in delivering ammunition and rations to his company under circumstances of extraordinary difficulty and danger. The enemy had forced a continuous retirement of our line, thus causing the location of sections to change hour by hour. Despite this, he got supplies to them daily with unfailing regularity, and delivered them personally.

200756 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) J. W. Townsend, 1/4th Bn., S. Lan. R., T.F. (Newton-le-Willows).

For devotion to duty over a long period. He came out to France in February, 1915, as a private, and has served continuously with the battalion, working up to his present rank by virtue of his qualities and exemplary conduct. He has been with his company through numerous active operations, and has repeatedly set a very fine example of coolness and gallantry under shell fire and machine-gun fire. He is one of the hardest working and most conscientious men the battalion has ever had. His record is an outstanding one of gallant and devoted service.

65281 Sjt. W. J. Treadwell, 289th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Lightbourne, nr. Warwick).

(ITALY)

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 26th February to 14th September, 1918, during which time he has shown the most unfailing devotion to duty, and has commanded his sub-section conspicuously well. He has never failed to encourage his men when under shell fire, and this was particularly noticeable on the 15th June, when on the Altipiano his battery was exposed to an intense and protracted enemy bombardment, both of gas and high explosive. His coolness and personal gallantry were such as not only to inspire his own detachment to continue the service of their gun accurately and well, but also to set an example to the entire battery.

9826 Sjt. E. C. Troman, M.M., 2nd Bn., R.W. Fus. (Birmingham).

For exceptional good work as platoon commander during the last seven months. He has at all times displayed great courage and initiative, and has set a very fine example to the remainder of his men whenever his platoon has been in action. During the operations north of Albert on the night of 23rd/24th August, 1918, he led his platoon against an enemy machine-gun post with great skill and determination, and succeeded in capturing the post.

244688 Spr. (A./2/Cpl.) P. Tunnicliffe, 6th Fd. Sur. Coy., R.E. (Coventry). (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of an O.P. on Mt. Lemerle on 15th June, 1918. In spite of heavy shelling he continued to man the O.P., and sent through most valuable information for the artillery. When the telephone line was cut he went out under very heavy shell fire and endeavoured to repair the breaks and keep in communication with his group headquarters. His example as N.C.O. in charge of this post has inspired all ranks under him.

148539 Cpl. J. M. Turnbull, 184th Tun. Coy., R.E. (Edinburgh).

During March he was in charge of a party constructing concrete observation posts near Wytschaete. The sites were in view of the enemy, and were frequently subjected to H.E. and gas shell fire. It was almost entirely due to his gallant bearing and disregard of his personal safety that the work was successfully completed. He has been in France since October, 1915, and has always displayed similar gallantry and devotion to duty.

238198 Sjt. B. Turner, 13th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F. (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous courage, gallantry and devotion to duty in all actions in which he has taken part with this battalion. On several occasions he has maintained communication under most trying conditions during the temporary absence of the signalling officer. He has personally mended wires under very heavy barrages, and by his fearless conduct has set an excellent example to all men under his charge.

785007 B./S./M. J. W. Twilley, C/150th Bde., R.F.A. (Sheffield).

For exceptionally good services rendered during the period 27th Feb. to 13th August, 1918. He has at all times shown a splendid example to the other N.C.O.'s and men of his battery. At Bonnav, near Albert, when slightly gassed and afterwards wounded in the throat he remained at duty after having been advised by his officer to rest in a dug-out.

14804 Sjt. A. Underwood, C/47th Bde., R.F.A. (Newport, Yorks).

On 4th April, 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux he was in charge of a forward wagon line. Although the roads were under heavy shell fire, and many casualties occurred among the teams, he kept the battery supplied with ammunition the whole day, riding

to and fro constantly between the guns and the dump, setting a great example to the men by his courage and coolness, and thus enabling the guns to keep in action. He has constantly shown marked devotion to duty.

397274 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) G. H. Unsworth, 5th (R. Anglesey) Fld. Coy., R.E. (S.R.) ([E] Beaumaris).

When in charge of his section he showed great gallantry on night of 8/9th August and again with his officer on 9/10th August, 1918, during advance near St. Floris, in reconnoitring for suitable sites for infantry bridges across old Lys river, in front of our outposts and under shell fire. He has previously done good work.

13758 C./Q./M./S. A. V. Unwin, 9th Bn., R.W. Fus. (Chirk).

For courage and devotion to duty. On several occasions, when it seemed that his company was cut off by the hostile barrages or the isolation of their position, he never failed to deliver his rations correctly. On the 23rd March in particular, at Morchies, he spent several hours reconnoitring in an area swept by hostile machine gun fire, and afterwards made several journeys with his storeman only, succeeding in bringing up the rations entire. It was a fine example of devotion to duty and personal gallantry.

9125 Sjt. R. Ure, 1st Bn., S. Gds. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served continuously with the battalion since April, 1915, and prior to that for two months in 1914. He has at all times shown most marked gallantry and powers of leadership. He has taken part in almost every action the battalion has been engaged, and his courage and example as an N.C.O. has been of the greatest value to his battalion.

27940 Sjt. A. Urquhart, 5th Bn., M.G. Corps (Buckie).

During the operations north-west of Mer-ville and east of Bapaume he has consistently done most useful and courageous work and shown great devotion to duty. He has always been regularly with his section, and has always been in charge of a sub-section of guns. On every occasion he has handled them with great success. During the attack on Epinette, on the 28th June, he successfully took his sub-section forward to the final objective in spite of heavy casualties. Later in charge of the whole section he did excellent work.

510816 Sjt. C. Usher, 1/14th Bn., Lond. R. (Highbury Park).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has both as a section commander and a platoon sergeant shown the highest qualities of leadership and initiative. He has invariably volunteered for any dangerous patrol mission, and has on many occasions led patrols with great success. The splendid fighting spirit of this N.C.O. has been a fine example to those under his command, and has frequently been the means of causing casualties to the enemy.

17/170 Sjt. W. E. Vagg, 17th Bn., North'd Fus. (York).

A platoon serjeant who has on many occasions commanded a platoon in the absence of his platoon officer, and has shown marked ability in handling men and coolness under shell fire, especially near St. Julien between 25th February and 3rd March, 1918, and again in front of Vieux Berquin on 15th April, and on 27th August 1918, near Henin, at which places his platoon was subjected to particularly heavy shell and machine gun fire.

114080 Whlr. Cpl. G. H. Vanner, B/162nd Bde., R.F.A. (Ryde, I. of W.).

For his untiring work, great gallantry and initiative during the three years he has served in France. He has constantly distinguished himself, most especially near Kemmel, on 25th April, 1918, when under heavy shelling he took a fresh wheel up to a gun that had received a direct hit and had to be temporarily left, and thereby enabled it to be withdrawn when it was dusk.

56495 Sjt. (A./C./Q./M./S.) J. H. Vaughan, 53rd M.G. Bn. (T.F.). (Welshpool). (EGYPT)

For consistently able and gallant work in the field during the period under review. He has frequently commanded a section with marked skill and personal gallantry, and has always set a high standard among N.C.Os. and men.

15201 Sjt. H. W. Vernon, 2nd Bn., S. Lan. R. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous and consistent gallantry and devotion to duty during the period February, 1918, to date. His fine work, often under heavy fire, enabled communication always to be maintained. His conduct has always been admirable, and his cheerfulness under the most trying conditions has been a splendid example to his men in the signal section.

10534 Sjt. W. Voisey, B/187th Bde., R.F.A. (Millwall).

He came to France with the division, has frequently acted as Battery serjeant-major, and invariably displayed marked gallantry and resource, particularly during the retirement after 21st March, 1918, when the battery sustained many casualties from hostile fire. His fine example and disregard of danger contributed largely to the withdrawal of men and guns. Has always set a fine example of courage and cheerfulness to all ranks.

7195 C./S./M. A. Waddel, 2nd Bn., H.L.I. (Portobello).

For continuous good work and devotion to duty. His company has always been the smartest and best turned out in the battalion. He especially distinguished himself during the heavy fighting at the end of March, 1918, and at Hermies on 11th September, 1918, when acting as regimental serjeant-major. At Hermies, when battalion headquarters were heavily and continuously shelled, he kept the dump replenished and in good order, and personally paraded all working parties.

43237 Sjt. A. Wager, 13th Bn., Midd'x R. (Wood Green, N.).

He has done particularly good work during the past two years. He exhibited the utmost coolness at Vimy, Messines and Ypres in 1917 and during the active operations in March this year. By his continued devotion to duty he has set a very fine example to his men.

5910 Sjt. F. Wain, 2nd Bn., Ir. Gds. (Rugby).

He has served with his battalion continuously since 1915, and during that period, the most part of which was spent as a platoon serjeant, his conduct has been exceptional. In every battle fought by his battalion, never missing a tour in the line, he has always set an example of coolness and courage of the highest order.

320739 Pte. S. Wakefield, 12th Bn., Norf. R., T.F. (Wisbech).

During the attack on Vieux Berquin on 19th August, 1918, he made two journeys, carrying up thirty-two magazines under shell and machine gun fire. He then with a Lewis gun silenced a hostile heavy machine gun which was shortly afterwards turned on the enemy with good effect by the company serjeant-major. When objectives were taken, he worked hard in the consolidation; he helped to construct two Lewis gun emplacements, took over the two platoon Lewis guns and posted them. Throughout the operations he showed marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

51789 B./S./M. A. Wakelin, D/15th Bde., R.F.A. (Carrigerlane).

He has performed the duties of battery serjeant-major with marked gallantry and ability, particularly when the battery was in action near Beugnatre in August, 1918, when he had to take ammunition through a heavy barrage. Halting the wagons some distance from the position, he personally conducted each carriage through the barrage, thus setting an inspiring example to the whole of the battery, and greatly assisting in the operations, as ammunition was running low.

494851 Pte. C. H. Wakeman, K.R.R.C., posted 2/13th Bn., Lond. R. (Nutfield). (EGYPT)

At all times, both in action and out, he has performed his duties with untiring energy and zeal, and has proved himself altogether reliable.

4140 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M) F. Walker, 10th Bn., Essex R. (Walthamstow).

For consistent courage and devotion to duty. At Remigny, on the 21st March, he organised several carrying parties, and eventually succeeded in removing ammunition and rations in close proximity to the enemy although the journeys necessitated crossing a gas-shelled area. Again, on 23rd March, 1918, at Rouez, when the C.O. was severely wounded, he took command, dislodged the enemy and held a ridge until after dark, when he received orders to withdraw. He set a very fine example to all until severely wounded on the 12th April, 1918.

160820 Bdr. N. Walker, 504th Bty., 65th Bde., R.F.A. (Macclesfield).

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially during the Somme retirement on 21st March. This signaller N.C.O. has always been very reliable. His cheerfulness and disregard of personal safety when maintaining communication has set a very fine example to the other men.

35155 Pte. C. J. Wallace, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Gylfach, Glam.).

At Thiepval, on 24th August, 1918, two platoons became detached during the advance from the rest of the company. As the enemy were in vast preponderance of numbers the situation was critical. After various attempts he succeeded in single-handed fighting his way through the enemy's nests of dug-outs at dawn to these two platoons, whom he succeeded in establishing in touch with the rest of the company, with the result that resistance on the enemy part was immediately reduced and the capture of the village immediately effected. He showed fine courage and determination.

L/32721 Sjt. A. E. Wallington, C/170th Bde., R.F.A. (West Norwood).

During the retirement from 21st March to 1st April, 1918, south of Arras, he displayed great tact and disregard of personal danger on many occasions. His cool courage and untiring energy during the whole of above period was an excellent example to all. At the end of the retirement he was acting No. 1 at a forward section in the Douchy Valley, which was heavily gassed, the officer in charge and several men becoming casualties. Although suffering from gas he remained at duty and maintained the guns in action during a most trying period.

WR/250294 Sjt. A. C. Walters, 295th (Rly.) Coy., R.E. (Wokingham).

During the spring operation he was the N.C.O. responsible for evacuating the 12in. howitzers on the Doune Valley line on April 10th, 1918. He accompanied the engine to the gun spurs, coupled up the guns himself, and saw them safely housed before returning to camp. This evacuation was carried out under very heavy enemy shell fire, and the work done by him on this occasion and later in connection with demolition work was splendid.

317320 Gnr. (A./Bdr.) F. T. Walters, 227th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Faversham).

On 21st March, 1918, at St. Emilie, he was in charge of a gun, and by his determination and absolute disregard of danger whilst the battery was being heavily bombarded with high explosive and gas, kept his gun in action under the most difficult and trying circumstances until the enemy was within a few hundred yards of the guns.

44264 Sjt. T. E. Walters, 41st Bn., M.G. Corps (Heaton).

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has been section serjeant to his section. At all times he has been an invaluable help to his section officer and at periods has skilfully commanded his section

in the forward area. In action he has always displayed gallantry under fire and devotion to duty, and by his example has done much to inspire the men of his section at all times.

59182 B./S./M. F. H. Ward, C/83rd Bde., R.F.A. (Colchester).

During the retirement commencing 21st March the wagon line near Montescourt was being heavily shelled, and owing to the coolness and courage of this N.C.O. the battery was extricated with very few casualties to men and horses. Again, on 8th August, and the days following, while in charge of teams on their way to the gun line, he was frequently shelled, but in spite of this his duties were always carried out to the full. Throughout he set a high example of gallantry and devotion to duty to those under him.

L/19481 Sjt. J. S. Ward, C/168th Bde., R.F.A. (Wakefield).

For exceptional good work and gallantry in action from February to September, 1918. He has shown a very fine example of cool and resolute courage on the numerous occasions when the battery has been under fire. His work as a No. 1 of a sub-section has always been of the highest order, and his gallantry in action a fine example to all his men. When men in the battery have been wounded he has always been the first to render aid, often under heavy shell fire.

5702 Sjt. A. Wardle, M.M., 1st Bn., K.R.R.C. (Birmingham).

In the many actions in which the battalion has been engaged since May, 1915, he has shown marked skill, resolution, and courage in the execution of his duty. He has repeatedly maintained and restored communications in the most difficult and dangerous situations, in the face of heavy and continuous enemy fire. His work throughout has been excellent.

780253 Gnr. F. Wardle, B/311th (W. Rid.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Brighouse, Yorks.).

For consistent gallantry during the period under review, especially at Vadencourt on the 22nd March, 1918. He assisted his officer to withdraw two guns under close and heavy shell and M.G. fire. One of the teams was hit, having two horses wounded. He promptly went to their assistance, and very materially contributed towards their withdrawal, thereby saving the guns.

571124 C./S./M. J. R. Warnchen, 2/17th Bn., Lond. R. (St. George's in the East).

For consistent good work, coolness, and personal gallantry during the period February to September, 1918. He was a source of enormous assistance to all platoon commanders. His cheerful disposition in all difficulties always inspired his men. In the trenches his organisation was excellent, saving his men endless fatigue. He did admirable service.

14926 B./S./M. J. Warnes, D/286th (W. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Wickham, Herts.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Fleurbaix on 9th April, 1918.

When bringing up limbers to withdraw the guns the convoy was compelled to pass through a very heavy barrage. Horses became temporarily out of control, the officer was wounded, and the situation was critical. He took charge, and collected what remained of the scattered teams, finally reaching the position and bringing out three of the four guns. He afterwards assisted in man-handling the fourth gun from the position. His work as a Battery Sjt.-Maj. has at all times been of a very high order.

318237 Sjt. H. L. Warren, 1/2nd (Lond.) Hy. By., R.G.A., T.F. (Tufnell Park, N.).

For continuous good work during the past six months while in action. He has always shown great coolness under shell fire, and his behaviour has been an excellent example to all.

11784 B./S./M. J. W. Waters, 48th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Fareham).

For continuous good services in action and devotion to duty since 25th February, 1918. He has been on active service since 16th August, 1914, and has served in the following battles:—Mons, Marne, Aisne, Ypres (1st and 2nd), Loos, Somme, Arras, 3rd Ypres. He has recently done very good work under hostile shell fire with the section to which he was attached, and has set a very fine example to all ranks.

438069 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) W. Waterworth, 427th (E. Lancs.) Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Ashley, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in his capacity as C.S.M. during 1918, especially during the period of the enemy offensive in March and April, 1918, when his gallant bearing was a great encouragement to all the N.C.O.s of the company. About this time the company was used largely for fighting purposes in front line and in support to the infantry.

444027 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Watmough, 66th (E. Lancs.) Div. Sig. Coy. R.E., T.F. (Hulme).

For conspicuous good service. At Villers Bretonneux in April, 1918, and during the Somme retirement, he displayed untiring energy and ability. As Commander on the Cable Detachment he maintained communication in spite of manifold difficulties. He inspired his detachment by his unflinching cheerfulness under shell fire, and it was largely due to his technical skill and the able handling of the men that the tactical situation was successfully dealt with.

235488 C./S./M. H. R. W. Watson, 1/5th Bn., Lan. Fus., T.F. (Walker-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and continuous good work during the period 25th February to 17th September 1918, especially during March and April, when commanding a platoon during the enemy offensive E. of Gomicourt. Later, as C.S.M., his conduct was at all times most inspiring to all ranks. When L. Gns. were short in the company owing to casualties, his energies in repairing

stoppages and keeping guns in action were undoubtedly the cause of many losses to the enemy.

70287 Cpl. F. J. Watts; No. 6. (Pack) Wireless Sec., R.E. (Finchley). (EGYPT).

For excellent service in charge of a Camel Wireless detachment, especially during the Es Salt operations, when by his coolness under fire he successfully extricated his section from a difficult situation.

7321 C./S./M. J. Watts, 56th Bn., M.G. Corps (Buckingham).

For excellent work during the past six months, both in the line and when the company has been out training. He, by his untiring energy and coolness under fire, has set a high standard of discipline and efficiency throughout his company. During the recent operations at Croiselles and Bullecourt he was in charge of the ammunition supply for the sixteen guns of his company, and owing to his coolness and good judgment under the most trying circumstances he managed successfully to keep up the supply throughout the operations.

P/3155 L./C. T. Watts, M.M.P.; attd. H.Q., 34th Div. (Chertsey).

For consistent devotion to duty during the period 26th Feb. to 16th Sept., 1918, and particularly at St. Leger during the enemy attack in March, where he did most valuable work in collecting stragglers and assisting wounded, while in charge of three straggler posts. The cool courage, judgment, and endurance which he displayed on this and other occasions under heavy shell fire have been most marked.

23790 Sjt. J. S. Webster, 147th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Bepfil).

For gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 of a gun in the Ypres salient since 29th April, 1918. He has performed invaluable work in the battery during the whole of this year his coolness and courage under shell fire have been most marked, and have had an inspiring effect upon all. His conduct under heavy shell fire was particularly noticeable when the battery was in action near Vlamertinghe and Dickbusch during operations in April and May last.

S/16337 Sjt. R. Weddell, 5th Bn., Sea. Highrs., T.F. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous good service during the period Feb. to Sept., 1918, particularly during the operations N. of Scarpe in August, when in command of a platoon. He invariably displayed great courage and skill in the handling of his men. The ability with which he manœuvred his command enabled his men to perform the maximum of good work with the minimum of casualties.

36990 Sjt. A. C. Weeks, M.M., 63rd Fld. Coy., R.E. (Southall, Midd'x).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the spring operations on the Somme, his section sustained severe casualties, including the officer at Moislans (23rd March). He took charge, reorganised the men, and withdrew them, together with the wounded, under heavy M.G. gun fire, being the last to leave the village.



Again, at Combles (24th March), he was in charge of a rearguard covering the withdrawal of a company. He remained at his post under heavy rifle and M.G. fire till nearly surrounded by the enemy, and only withdrew at the last moment, having achieved his object. Under dangerous conditions he is always an example to others.

10344 Sjt. (A./S.S.M.) W. S. Weeks, M.M., 2nd Sig. Sqdn., R.E. (St. Helens, I. of W.).

From 21st March to 29th April, 1918, he invariably carried out responsible duties connected with the Signal Service; at Dive le Franc, west of Noyon, west of Montdidier, Gentelles, and Le Grand Hasard, and again in operations leading up to Moyenneville on 23rd and 24th August. Throughout all operations in which the division has taken part his services have proved most reliable and valuable, and he has invariably shown great energy and disregard of personal danger under fire.

90232 Sjt. G. Wells, C/51st Bde., R.F.A. (Stockton).

He has shown consistent keenness and efficiency during three years of active service, and has at all times shown complete indifference to personal danger. He sets an excellent example to the men. His courage and devotion to duty throughout have been most conspicuous, especially in the battles of the Somme in July, 1916, of Arras in 1917, and again in 1918, on the Somme from 21st/28th March, and near Dickebusch from 9th-30th April.

198870 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Wenman, 29th (1st Lond.) Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Hawthurst).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period February to September, 1918. As N.C.O. i/c forward wireless loop sets and power buzzer stations at company headquarters in the line, in the Ypres and Nieppe sectors, he has on several occasions carried out repairs successfully under heavy shell fire. He has shown untiring energy and keenness, going forward at all times, day or night, to adjust or repair his sets, and has, by his example, invariably set a fine example and inspired the greatest confidence in his men.

L/4981 Cpl. A. P. H. Werner, C/153rd Bde., R.F.A. (Walworth).

For consistent and untiring devotion to duty in laying and maintaining telephone communications, especially during the battle at St. Quentin in March, 1918, and the retreat which followed; as also in action at Ypres. During these periods he did his duty regardless of danger, frequently under heavy shell fire.

681074 Cpl. A. W. Western, 2/22nd Bn., Lond. R., attd. 181st L.T.M. Bty. (New Cross). (EGYPT)

For distinguished conduct and consistent good work. His services have been of the greatest value to the battery. He has behaved with conspicuous gallantry in action.

72703 Gnr. (A./Bomdr.) A. G. Weston, 65th Bty, 28th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Weedon).

During the period under review, 25th February-17th September, 1918, he has consistently distinguished himself by his utter disregard of danger. He has volunteered for every dangerous piece of work, and by his gallantry and personal disregard of danger undoubtedly inspired the men of the battery.

L/33 Sjt. A. J. White, C/48th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Accrington).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty during the past two and a-half years, particularly near Bouzincourt during April, 1918. He at all times by his courage under fire, his cheerfulness under trying circumstances, and his coolness in the face of danger, has shown the finest example to all ranks.

37834 Sjt. C. White, 212th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Andover).

On 22nd March, 1918, during the retreat from St. Quentin, he covered the retirement of the battery with Lewis guns, collected stragglers, and generally organised defence. The example set by him had a marked effect on the troops, showing as he did an utter disregard for his own personal safety. His general behaviour throughout his service in France has been characterised by the greatest gallantry and devotion to duty.

1458 Cpl. E. White, 17th Bn., R. Fus. (Shepton Mallet).

He has been transport corporal from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. During the withdrawal in March he was in command of the transport throughout five very trying days. He never failed to get rations up to the battalion, and worked unceasingly practically without sleep. On two occasions he behaved with conspicuous gallantry in stopping runaway limbers under heavy shell fire, and once by promptitude saved a very serious accident. Throughout his behaviour has been exemplary.

22210 C./S./M. J. White, 47th Bn., M.G. Corps ([E] Stirling).

As acting regimental serjeant-major during the retreat in March, 1918, he did most efficient work under trying circumstances. As company serjeant-major from June to September, 1918, he carried out his duties with untiring zeal. Throughout the operations on the Somme in August and September, 1918, he was a pattern of cool courage, cheerfulness and energy to all when under heavy shell fire and in trying times.

1220 Pte. W. White, 12th Bn., York. L.I. (Harrogate).

He has been of exceptional value to his company commander as a stretcher-bearer, always showing marked coolness and gallantry under fire. On many occasions the lives of his comrades who have been wounded have undoubtedly been saved by his promptness in rescuing them, often under heavy fire. Whenever his company has been caught in shell fire he has always been one of the first on the spot, and twice in two days went out into No Man's Land to rescue wounded.

8317 C./S./M. J. Whitfield, 9th Bn., W. Rid. R. (Peckham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the last eighteen months as company serjeant-major in this battalion. He has always shown a very careful attention to detail in all his duties, and kept up a very high standard of efficiency in his company. By his coolness and gallantry in action he has always shown a very fine example to his men.

63553 B./S./M. C. E. Whitmill, A/76th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Grimsbury).

He has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty since February, 1918, and particularly during the recent advance. Owing to his energy and initiative the guns of his battery have never been without ammunition even under the most difficult circumstances.

21728 L./Sjt. W. G. Wickens, 10th Bn., R.W. Surr. R. (Crowborough).

For gallantry in action, and continuous good service and devotion to duty. During the last two years he has been linesman-corporal, and has shown great gallantry and disregard of danger in maintaining communication in action in the following engagements:—Raid, February, 1917; Messines, 1917; Tower Hamlets, 1917; Hollebeke, 1917-March, 1918; Dickebusch, 1918.

20519 Ftr. S./Sjt. H. Widdows, 183rd Sge. By., R.G.A. (Blackheath).

For continuous good work and devotion to duty during the whole period he has served with the battery (two years). During a very great part of this time he has had to work single-handed. On many occasions, in spite of heavy shelling, he has by his courage, energy and resource, kept guns in action that would otherwise have been obliged to go to workshops.

44559 C./S./M. E. A. Wigmore, 58th Bn. M.G. Corps (Highbury).

He has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty consistently, and during the recent operations near Pezieres and Epehy, when section officers had become casualties, he commanded a section with great courage and resource, and on one occasion led them through heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, getting the guns into position and keeping them in action for a number of days until relieved. He sent back many intelligent reports, and gave much useful information. His example has maintained an excellent morale amongst the men.

98252 Sjt. J. S. Wild, 155th Fd. Coy., R.E. (Glossop).

From 1st March to 13th Sept. 1918, for consistent good work and for frequent exhibitions of courage and determination. While accompanying his section officer on a road reconnaissance the officer was killed, and he was severely wounded in the arms and legs by the same bomb. In spite of this he walked three miles back to headquarters, and reported the death of his officer, and the result of the reconnaissance before being sent to an advanced dressing-station.

157074 Sjt. S. R. Wilding, R.G.A., attd. "1" A.A. Bty. (Lower Compton).

He rendered valuable services by his cool tenacity and splendid influence over his men during the retirement from Spoil Bank in April, 1918; since then he has been largely responsible for much good work performed by his section under heavy shell fire in the sector to the south of Kemmel.

916247 Sjt. R. J. Wildman, 9th (S) Bn., R. Lanc. R. (Lancaster). (SALONIKA)

He has been with his coy. since its formation, and has done consistent good work. He has taken part in three raids and several patrol encounters, and has been three times wounded. He has shown most consistent gallantry, devotion to duty, and determination at all times. He has previously been brought to notice for distinguished conduct. The cheerful and determined way in which he tackles a difficult and dangerous task has inspired his men with absolute confidence in him.

105070 Sjt. J. L. J. Wilkins, 230th A.T. Coy., R.E. (Harringay, N.).

For services in action on 12th/13th April 1918, in Nieppe Forest, for preparing what was then to be the main line of defence. His fearless example and soldierly bearing during a time when the work was under heavy shell fire, instilled into all ranks good discipline and quick action. Later, for devotion to duty under fire. His energy has always been remarkable.

310870 Spr. H. E. Wilkinson, M.M., Sig. Sub-Sec., R.E., attd. 5th Army Bde., R.F.A. (Manchester).

For great gallantry and consistent good work during the period 25th Feb. to 16th Sept., 1918. In many instances it has been chiefly due to his untiring efforts and total disregard of personal danger that communications with the Brigades have been kept through.

444011 C./S./M. H. Willcock, 42nd (E. Lancs.), Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Cheadle, Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th Feb. to 17th Sept. 1918, especially during the operations in March and April at Bucquoy and Essarts. When the officer in charge of the forward lines was wounded on 25th March, 1918, he volunteered and went forward in charge of a cable detachment, and restored broken communications under heavy shell fire. At a later date he extricated a portion of the company transport, which was in a critical and dangerous position, and thereby saved a considerable amount of valuable stores from falling into the hands of the enemy.

47085 2nd/Cpl. (A./Cpl.) G. H. Willer, 86th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Heighton, Sussex).

He has invariably shown great skill and resource in handling working parties under fire. From February to September, 1918, he was in charge of an important R.E. dump in Vermelles, which was frequently subjected to very heavy shell fire. He showed great gallantry and ability in organising the parties coming to the

dump, and it was due to his coolness and initiative that heavy casualties to men and horses were avoided.

35508 Sjt. E. Williams, 4th Bn., M.G. Corps (Penybryn).

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty during March and April, 1918. During the enemy attack near Gavrelle on 28th March this N.C.O., then a Corporal, was in charge of one gun which was isolated from the remainder of his section. During the action it was impossible for him to receive orders from his section officers, owing to the heavy shell fire. He maintained his gun in action until the infantry had withdrawn, and succeeded in getting his gun out of action, and took up a new position, from which he continued the fight. During the operations near Riez du Vintage on April 18th, he again did gallant and effective work in charge of two guns.

27019 C./S.M. F. T. Williams, 15th Bn., Hamps. R. (Deptford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the two years he has served in this battalion, especially during the attack on the enemy position which straightened out the line S.E. of La Clytte on the night 8th/9th August, 1918. On the latter occasion, before and after he was seriously wounded, his cheerfulness and utter disregard of personal danger under extremely trying conditions, was a splendid example to all ranks.

1055 C./S./M. W. H. Williams, 437th Fld. Coy., R.E. ([E] Griffilktown).

(EGYPT)

He has always consistently set a high example of devotion to duty, coolness under fire, and determination under difficult and adverse circumstances, and has on more than one occasion rendered valuable services by his capable leadership and authority.

6651 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) C. W. Willis, 1st Bn., D.C.L.I. (Bodmin).

For exceptional ability in the performance of his duties as R.S.M. During the operations in the Forest of Nieppe on 13th April, 1918, he was a C.S.M., and displayed the greatest contempt for danger, and was a very fine example to his men during a trying and critical time. His own company and companies on the flanks were incessantly attacked, and by his cheerfulness and the encouragement he gave his men he no doubt, very largely assisted his company commander in restoring a critical situation.

115046 Pte. D. Wilson, 52nd Bn., M.G. Corps (Glasgow).

For consistent devotion to duty and gallant conduct. This was especially marked in the fighting at Henin in August, 1918, when his two serjeants and several men of his section became casualties. He displayed great initiative in at once re-organising his sub-section, which at the time was under heavy shell fire. He took command of the two guns, and led them with great dash, displaying a fine example to his men. He has continually carried out his duties in a gallant manner.

9450 Sjt. F. Wilson, 1st Bn., E. Lan. R. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and consistent devotion to duty. He took part in the operations both on 21st March and following days near Bullecourt, and on 9th April and following days near Armentieres. Throughout these operations he displayed exemplary courage and gallantry under heavy fire and under the most adverse circumstances. Whether in or out of the line he sets an example to all ranks of thoroughness and enthusiasm.

10683 Sjt. G. Wilson, M.M., 2nd Bn., Notts. & Derby R. (Ambergate).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night of the 21st/22nd March, 1918, near Vaux Wood, this N.C.O., who was in charge of the ration limbers, went forward by himself to find the battalion, and then returned to guide up the ration limbers under very heavy shell fire. Throughout the night he behaved with great coolness and disregard of danger. On several other occasions when the battalion was in front of Dranoutre, in April, 1918, he displayed great courage and tenacity in leading his ration limbers to the company headquarters under heavy shell fire and machine-gun fire. His work at all times has been excellent.

200261 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) G. H. Wilson, 1/4th Bn., Shrop. L.I., T.F. (Shrewsbury).

For cool courage and devotion to duty as R.S.M. During heavy fighting in Champagne in June, and at a most critical time, when the front companies were engaged in repulsing an enemy attack, he personally conducted a carrying party under heavy machine-gun, rifle, and shell fire along the front line, distributing ammunition to troops who had exhausted their supply, thus contributing very largely to the ultimate repulse of the attack. He has always been of the utmost assistance to his C.O., and his work has been excellent.

47366 Ftr./S./Sjt. H. Wilson, 111th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Leeds).

He has on all occasions worked with the most unremitting care and devotion on the guns and carriages of the battery. He has by his arduous labours and great resource largely contributed to the battery's efficiency. His work was particularly noticeable throughout the retirement in March, 1918, when he kept the guns of the battery in action throughout the retreat, working with improvised tools at all hours of the day and night, often under heavy shell fire, high explosive, and gas.

40763 Sjt. J. Wilson, 37th Bty., 27th Bde., R.F.A.

For consistent gallantry under fire and devotion to duty, especially during the operations near the Forest of Nieppe in April and May, 1918, and during the recent operations near Bapaume. On 24th August, 1918, near Favreuil, he rendered invaluable assistance to his battery commander when a barrage was ordered suddenly at the time when the battery was subjected to a heavy bombardment. He

was the first to run to the guns and get them into action, and by his fearless conduct encouraged and inspired the other men to follow his example.

18734 Sjt. (A./S./Sjt.) S. Wilson, 142nd Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Warwick).

For distinguished and long-continued good service. He has served with the B.E.F. since August, 1914. He has at all times carried out his duties with distinction and untiring energy. During the last six months he has been Senior N.C.O. in charge Bearers, and, as such, has set a splendid example to his men through his coolness and initiative when under fire. On various occasions he has shown a very high standard of efficiency in organising the work of advanced dressing-stations and collecting posts.

P.O/675s Sjt. (A.W.O. II.) F. Windybank, 1st Bn., R.M.L.I. (Manchester).

Throughout the operations, from 21st August to 7th September, 1918, he set a fine example to his company. He went forward in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, showing an absolute disregard for his personal safety. During the attack on Le Barque on 25th August, when his company officers had become casualties, he showed great initiative in reorganising the company and consolidating, until another officer was detailed to take command. Throughout he showed consistent courage and devotion to duty.

84960 Bdr. A. Winn, 462nd By., 179th Bde., R.F.A. (Rawdon).

He has performed invaluable service to the battery during the period 25th February, 1918, to 30th September, 1918. He has acted as Aast. B.Q.M.S. and often as N.C.O. in charge of ammunition when taken to batteries. On many occasions he has taken rations and ammunition to his battery position under heavy shell fire, and has always succeeded in delivering them. This was particularly the case during offensive operations in August last.

278002 Ftr./S./Sjt. F. Winson, 114th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Bayswater, W.).

For most conspicuous and consistent devotion to duty during three years' active service in France, and especially on the Somme front during the retirement from Roisel in March, 1918, the defence of the Hangard sector in April, 1918, and the subsequent advance in July and August, 1918, from Villers Bretonneux to Roisel. Throughout these periods he has maintained the guns of his battery in excellent order, often continuing at his work with coolness and courage under shell fire, so that the gun might be got into action again without loss of time.

276933 Pte. E. Wise, 1/1st Notts. (S.R.) Yeo. (Poplar, E.). (EGYPT)

At Amman on 28th/29th March, 1918, after many casualties had been received, he volunteered for the position of stretcher-bearer, fulfilling those duties under continuous heavy fire during the action. He set a fine example of devotion to duty to others.

45237 Sjt. H. V. Wodhams, 75th By., 263rd Bde., R.F.A. (Freshwater). (EGYPT)

During the period 1st March, 1918, to 11th September, 1918, he has done exceptionally good work on all occasions, and has shown great keenness and devotion to duty in most trying circumstances, and by his good example and hard work has kept his subsection in a most efficient state.

240039 Sjt. J. H. Wood, 1/5th Bn., D.C.L.I., T.F. (Bude, Cornwall).

He has been out with this battalion for twenty-eight months and is Signalling Sjt. He has invariably worked for the battalion and kept signal communications open under fire with conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 12th April, 1918, at Le Sart, during a very trying time, he was invaluable in collecting men and forming a fighting line. His energy on this occasion, as well as at his specialist work, is beyond all praise.

295025 Cpl. T. Wood, 1/7th Bn., Manch. R., T.F., attd. 125th L.T.M. By. (Manchester).

For continuous devotion to duty and disregard of personal danger while in charge of T.Ms. during the period 25th February to 17th September, 1918. On the night of 1st-2nd April he got four loads of ammunition to the guns under very heavy shell fire. His conduct, cheerfulness, and good work during the whole time from 24th March to 8th April, 1918, were mainly instrumental in keeping up the spirits of the whole battery.

C/3691 C./S./M. A. E. Woodhams, 17th Bn., K.R.R.C. (Clapham, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and consistent good work, particularly during operations 10th April-6th May, 1918, at Whyshaete, Vierstratt, and Dickebusch. His company supported an attack against Whyshaete on 19th April, and in doing so came under extraordinary heavy shelling during the first day, and nearly half the company became casualties. Throughout he remained cheerful, encouraging his men, extricating men buried by shells, seeing the wounded attended to, and assisted greatly in consolidating his company's position under most trying conditions. In the subsequent fighting he showed marked courage throughout.

18264 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) E. J. Woollen, 1st Fld. Sqdn., R.E. (Rochester).

For continuous good work and devotion to duty. In the Le Verguier area in January and February, 1918, when a large amount of work had to be done on the defences, his example and capability were of great value in furthering the progress of the work. On 22nd March, 1918, when the remains of a bridge at Berthencourt had to be demolished in close proximity to the enemy, he set an excellent example of cool courage under fire and devotion to duty. At times he has been in sole command of his troop, and has shown himself a capable and trustworthy leader.

121032 L./C. (A./Cpl.) G. H. Woolley, 89th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Worksop).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, especially near Montescourt, on 21st and 22nd March, 1918. He was ordered to

take a party to destroy a house at Montecourt. Owing to casualties the party was not forthcoming. He therefore proceeded alone, carrying explosives. He got to the house through a heavily shelled area and fired the charge. Not being satisfied with the result, and despite enemy fire on the house, he fixed and blew a second charge. By his fine action a valuable O.P. was denied to the enemy. Though wounded, he returned and reported to his O.C.

352080 B./S./M. C. W. Workman, M.M., R.G.A., T.F., att'd. 270th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Gosport).

He has at all times performed his duties in a most praiseworthy and gallant manner. His disregard for personal safety when under fire and his presence with the men while under fire has done much to maintain the high morale of the battery. Twice in one day the battery cookhouse was hit and several men wounded. On each occasion he was the first to render assistance, and his skilful handling and speedy disposal of the wounded was most praiseworthy.

235952 Sjt. W. C. Worthing, 1/1st Bn., Hereford. R., T.F. (Rhayader.) (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, and for general good work. He handled his platoon with skill, determination and dash, especially in the operations in March, 1918, where, though practically surrounded, he hung on to his position, and actively assisted the advance of the troops on his right and left.

8748 Pte. (A./Sjt.) A. H. Wragg, 4th Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (Marple, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the last six months. He has been constantly in charge of advanced dressing stations, where he has shown skill and devotion in attending to many wounded, frequently under heavy shell fire. In the operations on 27th/28th August, near St. Leger, when the N.C.O. in charge bearers was severely wounded, he took over his duties and supervised the arrangements for the evacuation of wounded from aid posts with intelligence, foresight, and marked coolness under fire.

L/11559 Pte. A. Wright, 17th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Painswick, Gloucester).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. While acting as company runner he did good work in acting as guide to our advanced posts in the line at Mercatel. He consistently took messages and led visiting patrols under shell fire to our advanced posts during the attack and barrage. During the last period in the line he again did invaluable work under most trying circumstances in keeping communications open. When a man was wounded he bandaged him in the open under shell fire.

44211 Gnr. (L./Bomdr.) J. Wright, C/56th Bde., R.F.A. (South Shields).

During the recent operations from 23rd August to 30th August, 1918, he set an excellent example of gallantry, energy and devotion to duty while in charge of the signals of this unit. On 29th August, when the battery was in action near Fontaine, the

telephone to the observation post was unsatisfactory, and the wire constantly being cut by shell fire. He went out himself for three hours repairing and relaying the line in trenches so that it would not be so easily cut by shell fire. He carried this out successfully under continuous shell fire.

314498 Sjt. J. S. Wright, 1/1st (War.) Hy. By., R.G.A., T.F. (Birmingham).

(ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 26th February, 1918, to 14th September, 1918. On the 15th June, 1918, at about 3 a.m., the guns of his section were being pulled into action in the Val Scalon when the enemy opened a heavy fire on them. The section commander was killed, and he took charge and got the guns into action. Later on he went into a hut which had been set on fire, and rescued two men. Both these men were unconscious when got out, and they undoubtedly owe their lives to his gallant action.

43987 2nd Cpl. G. G. Wyatt, 16th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Whitchurch, Salop).

From 25th February, 1918, to 12th September, 1918, he has proved to be thoroughly hardworking and efficient. He has at all times carried out his work with the greatest gallantry and keenness, which has been to a great extent responsible for the efficient working of the men under him. On several occasions communication has been kept with other units during heavy shell fire, entirely due to his splendid example and complete contempt of shell fire.

121958 Sjt. E. B. Wynne, 253rd Tun. Coy., R.E. (Wolstanton).

He has rendered excellent service during the past three years. Always cool under shell fire he sets a fine example. When all other officers of his section had been wounded during the enemy advance in March, he handled his men with great courage and skill in face of the enemy.

WR/290223 Spr. T. W. Yardy, 96th Lt. Rly. Coy., R.E. (Knottingley.) (EGYPT)

For devotion to duty at advanced railroad, and being very frequently under shell fire and working excessively long hours.

528208 Sjt. J. E. Yates, 54th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Leicester) (EGYPT)

For very excellent work and devotion to duty during the period under review. His services were especially valuable during the operations on the 12th March 1918, at Mejdal Yaba.

8364 Sjt. S. York, M.M., 1st Bn., Linc. R. (Camberwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times as transport serjeant of the battalion. For long periods on end he has worked without a transport officer, and the present high standard of the transport horses and vehicles is due to him. During the recent operations he has delivered supplies by pack train or limber to the most forward companies. He has set a very fine example to those under him.

P/1373 L./C. (A./C.S.M.) R. H. Young, M.F.P., attd. Town Commdt., Arras (Paddington).

During the British offensive in the latter part of August, 1918, when the traffic through Arras was abnormally heavy, he largely contributed to the excellent result that there was not a hitch anywhere, remaining on duty as much as twenty hours a day, in spite of frequent shelling and bombing, thus maintaining and improving the reputation he had earned for conscientious work under conditions of danger during the two and a quarter years that he has been in Arras. He has never spared himself, but has invariably set a fine example of devotion to duty and self-sacrifice.

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

127052 Sgt. C. W. Allbon, 13th Bn., Can. Rly. Troops.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty while engaged in salvaging rolling stock in the E. of Rosieres Yard on 16th August, 1918. On finding an engine undamaged he arranged for a supply of water, filled the boilers, and got up steam. He coupled up such rolling stock as the engine could pull, and removed it to a place of safety. This act was repeated until 44 pieces of rolling stock, including 9 engines, had been removed to a place of safety. During the time the operations were being carried out the track was subjected to heavy fire.

153349 C./S./M. W. Anderson, M.M., 43rd Bn., Can. Infy.

For consistent good work, gallantry, and devotion to duty for two and a half years continuously with his company in the line. He has always been an example in cheerfulness, efficiency, and gallant conduct in every position he has held, from private upwards.

654780 Sgt. L. W. Armstrong, 58th Bn., Can. Infy.

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on the village of Demuin on 8th August, 1918. He was one of a party that worked round a fortified house and bombed the enemy out, during the fighting in Demuin. His daring and skilled bombing materially assisted in the clearing of this position. He afterwards led his platoon through to the final objective, at all times showing coolness and good leadership.

669007 Sgt. J. Askew, 75th Bn., Can. Infy.

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty. He has been in charge of the Battalion Tumpline Section from 25th February to 17th September, 1918. During all front-line tours of the battalion, and during offensive operations, he took his section forward each night with rations, water, and supplies, to the forward units, very often under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and never once failed to deliver his supplies. During the storming of the Drocourt-Queant line on 2nd September he organised a stretcher party, and under heavy machine-gun fire continuously brought in wounded. His courage and cheerfulness throughout were an inspiration to those with him.

80004 Sgt. D. J. Avison, 31st Bn., Can. Infy.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918, and for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations E. of Arras. He went forward under heavy fire, and took charge of a company when all the officers had become casualties; and by his personal example steadied the men, and reorganised his position. He has at all times displayed marked courage and untiring energy when in action.

305556 Cpl. E. H. Bennett, 8th A. Bde., Can. F.A.

During the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, he has constantly shown great initiative and devotion to duty. On 1st September, at the battery position, near Boiry, whilst bringing his gun into action under heavy enemy shell fire, he displayed marked gallantry and presence of mind, and by his cool and decisive action in withdrawing men and horses under his charge to a flank, undoubtedly minimised casualties. He subsequently succeeded, under most trying conditions, in bringing his gun into action on its platform, to take part in the early morning barrage.

426047 Cpl. J. Bird, 46th Bn., Can. Infy.

He has rendered valuable services as signalling Corporal of the battalion during the operation in front of Amiens between August the 10th and 14th, his marked organising ability and untiring efforts were responsible for the excellent communications. During the advance he took charge of visual communication, and in the face of enemy shelling and intense machine-gun fire, he maintained constant communication when all telephone wires were cut. His cheerfulness and fine example throughout the operations inspired his men with confidence.

8 Sgt. W. P. Bruce, 2nd Bde., Can. G.A.

As No. 1 of his sub-section in the operations at St. Eloi and Ypres, April to August, 1916, and Vimy and Hill 70, 1917, he showed great resourcefulness and courage, and was a splendid example to his men. In the operations on the Scarpe, August, 1918, while acting B.S.M., he showed great coolness and gallantry in controlling the delivery of ammunition under heavy shell fire.

439332 Sgt. L. Bouchard, 52nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served with his battalion continuously for nearly three years. He has at all times shown marked personal courage, initiative, and skill in handling his men, particularly during the heavy fighting of August, 1918. On one occasion, when his officer was killed, he assumed command, and, though isolated from the rest of his company and in the midst of a dense fog, he led his men through the enemy barrage to their objective.

54011 C./Q./M./S. D. Callander, 18th Bn., Can. Infy.

In front of Amiens and Arras, August and September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout the operations mentioned he set a fine

example of coolness and initiative while under fire. On one occasion, when heavy shell fire held up the distribution of rations, he reorganised the different parties and personally conducted them to their respective front-line locations. His energy at all times was untiring.

410002 R./S./M. T. Carroll, 38th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, from 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. During every tour in the front line he has superintended the distribution of rations, and every night has been subjected to enemy shell and machine-gun fire. In the operations in front of Amiens and the attack on the Drocourt-Queant line, he did most excellent work, having taken an officer's place in holding the line and repelling a counter-attack. His work has always been of the highest order.

2125148 Sjt. W. D. Connell, 58th B.G.R.O. Coy., Rly. Trp.

He was employed at Steenwerck as general yardmaster during the enemy's Lys attack, which commenced on 9th April, 1918. By his own coolness, energy, and initiative under fire he was responsible to a great extent for the complete evacuation of the railhead supply dump, removing trucks of ammunition from the La Creche dump, and the evacuation of locomotives and rolling stock. He also tended and removed wounded in trucks. The enemy were close upon him.

418784 C./S./M. J. L. Davies, M.M., 42nd Bn., Can. Infy.

During the operations commencing August 8th, 1918, he was of the greatest possible assistance to his company commander, and set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty. He has rendered continuous service of a very high order since coming to France with the battalion in October, 1915, as a private.

102870 Sjt. J. W. Dobbie, 54th Bn., Can. Infy.

For marked courage and resource under trying circumstances during the period from 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. Particularly did he distinguish himself in operations in front of Chilly, Amiens front during the period August 8th to 27th August, 1918. During the operation of 19th August he led his section and drove the enemy out of one of our newly-established outposts, thereby rendering most valuable service.

1260008 Sjt. F. Dow, 13th Bde., Can. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during the operations from 8th August to 13th September, 1918, while acting as Battery Sjt.-Maj. at the guns. On 11th September, near Rumaucourt, when moving the battery to a new position, he was in charge of the ammunition, and his work under extremely heavy shell fire, organising and directing the movement of the wagons, was of the greatest assistance to the battery commander. On many other occasions his work has been on the same excellent standard.

471162 R./S./M. H. Endall, M.M., 26th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, 25th February-24th September, 1918. This warrant officer has shown untiring energy in the performance of his many duties. In the attacks east of Amiens, August 8th-11th, and east of Arras, 26th-28th August, he showed great coolness and judgment. His forethought and arrangement in forwarding ammunition and supplies to the attacking lines was perfect. He often, despite heavy rifle, machine-gun and shell fire, personally superintended the delivery of these. His personal courage was obvious.

71 Sjt. W. Fettus, M.M., 4th Bn., Can. Engrs.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Every night in May he had charge of a convoy of lorries and a loading party hauling material from Boisleux au Mont. The party was shelled almost nightly, causing casualties. By his fine example and devotion to duty he got material out for important road work. On the nights 17th to 23rd June, 1918, his sub-section built an emergency R.A.F. and Report Centre in the front line at the brickfield Neuville Vitasse. Again, by his coolness and example to all ranks, this important work was rushed to completion for the raid on 24th/25th June.

300623 2nd Cpl. (A./Cpl.) G. Fielding, 2nd Can. Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the battles of Amiens and Arras, when as N.C.O. in charge of an artillery brigade headquarters signallers, he laid and maintained lines to advanced battery positions and observation posts. His party worked without rest, at times under heavy shell fire, and it was chiefly due to his courage and initiative that the ever-recurring signals for the S.O.S. barrage were communicated without delay. His work for over two years in France has been invaluable.

316020 Sjt. A. I. Fleck, 14th Bde., Can. F.A.

For exceptional coolness under shell fire on several occasions, notably during the Arras operations. On one occasion in advancing the battery at Dury the two guns under his charge were caught in a burst of fire, one driver and four horses being wounded. He immediately cleared the wounded man and cut the horses free, bringing others to replace under most intense fire, thereby undoubtedly saving these two guns from material damage. His courage and devotion to duty have always been most marked.

115140 Dvr. W. R. Flinn, 4th Can. Pont. Bde., T.U., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and disregard of danger on several occasions, especially during the advance in front of Amiens, August, 1918, when nightly he successfully delivered engineer's stores close to most advanced lines of trenches and thought more than once losing horses from shell fire, he always managed to carry out the task assigned to him.



733738 Sjt. S. Fowler, 25th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th Feb. 1918 to 16th Sept. 1918. He took part in two raids on the enemy trenches in the vicinity of Neuville Vitasse on the 16th May and 13th June, in which he showed utter disregard for his personal safety. He took part in the operations east of Villers-Bretonneux on 8/9th August, and in the advance east of Arras on 27th and 28th August, on both of these occasions showing remarkable gallantry and leadership. During the whole period he went into the line with his company on every occasion, and his example was always an inspiration to his men.

477317 C./S./M. J. Foy, R. Can. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company serjeant-major and latterly as regimental serjeant-major. He has performed exceptionally valuable service in the line throughout the past year, never missing a trip, and his great personal gallantry, initiative and energy are largely responsible for the efficient manner in which front line companies always had their rations delivered to them. By his unfailing reliability in the performance of his duties in the line he was of the greatest assistance to his battalion commander.

10548 Sjt. G. Gardner, 4th Bn., Can. Infy.

For continuous good service and devotion to duty since he came to France in February 1915, as a teamster on the battalion transport. His work has come particularly under notice for his cool courage and reliability, especially in offensives. In the attack on Hill 70 in August, 1917, when the transport officer was wounded while passing through an enemy barrage he took charge, and by his example got rations and water delivered to the front line.

46147 Cpl. G. W. Gazeley, 1st Can. Works Coy.

During the months of March and April, 1918, while in charge of maintenance of light railways in and near Vimy and under continuous heavy shell fire, he set a splendid example to his men and kept his portion of the line repaired and open to and from Thelus and Farbus.

75355 Cpl. E. W. George, M.M., 29th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry at all times between 28th February and 16th September, 1918. He has continually shown the greatest devotion to duty in constantly maintaining and establishing signal communication under heavy fire and difficult circumstances, especially during the operations in front of Amiens and Arras, when his untiring efforts were responsible for establishing and maintaining communication under heavy machine-gun fire, and enabled information to be obtained when urgently required.

150929 L./Sjt. W. A. Gilbert, 1st Bn., C.M.R.

For devotion to duty during period 8th July to 17th Sept., 1918. He has at all

times showed marked devotion to duty and cheerfulness, especially under trying circumstances. On one occasion, during an advance, he took command of a platoon after the officer had become a casualty, and by his skilful leadership and determination, was instrumental in getting his men to their final objective under a heavy machine-gun barrage, with slight casualties.

109359 C./S./M. W. R. Goodchild, 4th Bn., C.M.R.

For continuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 17th September, 1918. He has been present with his company in all actions during this period. During the action at Boiry on 28th August when all his officers had become casualties he assumed command of his company, and successfully directed the consolidation of a captured line in face of heavy enemy opposition. He has consistently done excellent work.

441273 Sjt. V. Goodman, 4th Bn., Can. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty for a period of eighteen months. These qualities were particularly shown near Dury on the 2nd September, when, though gassed in the morning of the attack, he refused to go out, and continued to perform the duties of acting serjeant-major. When four guns were put out of action and a large portion of transport destroyed by shell fire, he reorganised the transport and moved remaining four guns into position, to assist the infantry advance.

167046 C./Q./M./S. E. R. Goucher, 5th Bn., Can. Engrs.

At Rosieres, 12th August, 1918. On the night of August 12th he took the rations forward from Caix to Rosieres for his company. After delivering a portion of the rations at company headquarters he took the remainder forward to a section at Rosieres Station. This road was heavily shelled at the time, and in Rosieres town enemy planes were dropping bombs amongst the congested traffic. In spite of many casualties amongst the transport he succeeded in delivering the rations and water, showing cool courage under shell fire and exemplary devotion to duty. He has invariably shown great efficiency in the discharge of his duties.

412340 R./Q./M./S. E. Greer, 1st Bn., Can. Infy.

During the period 15th February to 16th September, 1918, he rendered exceptional service as regimental quartermaster-serjeant. In connection with operations he was largely responsible for safe delivery of stores from rear, and for their proper distribution. At great personal risk under shell and machine-gun fire, he superintended the daily issue of supplies to the troops in the line, and ensured that no rations or ammunition went astray at the dumps. He invariably carried out his duties with the greatest efficiency.

3701 Pte. E. W. Hall, Can. M.M.G., M.T. Coy., Can. A.S.C.

For consistent good services and gallantry under fire, especially while in action at Quesnel on the Amiens-Roye road, August 10th, 1918. He was driving the box car de-

tailed to M.O., 2nd Canadian Motor Machine Gun Brigade, and was used to evacuate wounded from the forward area to the R.A.P. He was continually under shell fire, and showed great gallantry and devotion to duty, driving his car for a day and night without rest between the forward lines and the R.A.P. at Quesnel and later at Bouchoir.

760755 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) G. P. Hearnden, 102nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For marked gallantry and ability during the trench tours of March and April, 1918, in the Lens section, with special reference to a raid carried out by three officers and 90 O.R. on 10th April, 1918, on the Oppy sector, and during the recent operations south-east of Amiens and south-east of Arras. On the occasion of the raid, when the men were held up under heavy fire by concealed wire, he found a path through the obstacle and led the party to the objective. Throughout the recent operations, acting as C.S.M., he has done consistently good work.

89040 B./Q./M./S. H. Higgins, 6th Bde., Can. F.A.

From January, 1916, to September, 1918, for consistent efficiency and devotion to duty. Previous to his appointment as B.Q.M.S. he performed the duties of No. 1 at the guns, and in every capacity in which he has been employed he has demonstrated his efficiency to a marked degree, and has at all times, and under all conditions, set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

790448 Cpl. G. N. Howe, 47th Bn., Can. Infy.

During the period from 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918, he has shown consistent gallantry. He took part in several raids in the Oppy and Willerval sectors from April to July inclusive, and was also present during several patrol encounters. In one encounter he killed several of the enemy before being wounded, and then remained on duty until the conclusion of the action. Throughout his work has been excellent.

811365 Sjt. D. Hunt, 3rd Bn., Can. Rly. Tps.

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty while maintaining light railways in the vicinity of Marais and La Basse Canal. During four months (23rd March to 23rd July, 1918) he has rendered excellent service in keeping these lines open for traffic under difficult circumstances due to enemy shell-fire and gas. On 28th April he and his party of 18 men repaired 36 breaks in the line from 11.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., working continuously under heavy shell fire. He has consistently set a very fine example.

432927 Sjt. D. Irons, 49th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during three years' continuous service with his battalion in France. As transport serjeant he has never once failed to deliver ammunition and rations night after night, being exposed to shell and machine-gun fire. In the battles of the Somme, Vimy and Passchendaele his work was excellent. During the operations east of Arras, when

the transport officer was wounded, he immediately took charge of the convoy and safely delivered the rations under the most trying circumstances.

81444 Sjt. C. H. H. Jeeves, 10th Bn., Can. Infy.

For marked gallantry, initiative and devotion to duty. He has been a source of great strength to the unit during the recent fighting, both in front of Amiens and Arras. On several occasions he has led and directed his men in a most skilful and able manner, and has personally accounted for a considerable number of the enemy, and by his good judgment and proper use of tactics has saved many casualties. In both engagements mentioned above he has been largely responsible for the successful maintenance of supplies of ammunition, water and bombs. His work throughout has been excellent.

1081026 Cpl. G. H. Johnston, 1st Bn., Can. Rly. Tps.

For great gallantry on the night of 3rd September, 1918, in the performance of his duties as railway conductor on a work train at Marchelepot. By his courage and devotion to duty and his determination under enemy fire and bombing, to accomplish the task assigned him, although on duty for nineteen hours continuously, he placed a train load of steel in the siding at Marchelepot ready for work in the morning, enabling the track to reach La Chapellette and ready for ambulance and other supply trains by the night of 9th September. His work has been most efficient always.

1257530 Sjt. W. Kemp, 1st Bde., Can. G.A.

For gallant service and devotion to duty during period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, while No. 1 of a forward gun in Vimy and Lievin. From 25th March to 1st June he was in command of an advanced gun in Vimy under continuous harassing and destructive fire, and had many casualties in his detachment. Owing to the fine example set by him his gun was kept continuously in action and performed very valuable work.

5405 Sjt. D. Kerr, 2nd Bn., Can. Engrs.

He has been in continuous service since February, 1915, and has rendered valuable service, giving always the best that was in him. He has taken an active part as a sapper in the second battle of Ypres, April, 1915, Festubert and Givenchy, 1915, Mount Sorrel-Somme, 1916, Vimy, Fresnoy, Hill 70 and Passchendaele, 1918. At all times faithful, energetic and courageous, he has set an example that has won for him the admiration of all men of his unit.

439041 R./Q./M./S. J. H. King, 52nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For courage and devotion to duty during nearly three years' service in the field. As company quartermaster-serjeant for over a year in France, and since that time as battalion quartermaster-serjeant he has constantly set a fine example of courage under most trying conditions, and has shown great resource and unflagging energy in seeing that his battalion always had the necessary supplies and equipment, in particular during

the open fighting of 1918, when he was constantly in the forward area, supervising and maintaining supply under fire.

529592 Pte. E. T. Lockhart, 10th Can. Fld. Amb., Can. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has repeatedly led stretcher squads through heavy shell and machine-gun fire in order to bring in wounded, and has gone without rest and sleep for days together during strenuous times. While in charge of an ambulance wagon which was partially destroyed by shell fire while carrying wounded, he, under continuous shelling, had all the men removed to a place of safety. He has been responsible for the collection and evacuation of many wounded.

754671 Sjt. S. G. Mallindine, 2nd Can. M.M.G. Bde.

For consistent good services and gallantry under fire, especially while in action at Jig-Saw Wood, 29th August, 1918. He had charge of communication between the forward batteries and report centre. The heavy shelling made it very difficult to keep this communication intact, and he showed great gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping it up.

41716 B./S./M. F. R. H. Marshall, 2nd Bde., Can. F.A.

He was one of the original Canadian Force to land in France, and has always given continuous good work. His devotion to duty, presence of mind, and disregard for personal safety have always been of the very highest order. On 16th August, 1918, the battery was located at Warvillers, near Amiens. The lines on two different occasions came under very heavy shell fire and bombing, necessitating the removal of the horses to a place of comparative safety. By his cool and prompt behaviour he got the lines cleared quickly, and saved casualties to men and horses.

107437 Sjt. R. S. Marston, 2nd Bn., C.M.R., attd. 1st Ontario R.

For splendid work as Battalion Transport Serjeant during the past three years. He has at all times shown great devotion to duty, coolness and determination under shell fire, showing great ability and good judgment in the handling of the transport under trying conditions in the forward area.

301289 Gnr. J. A. MacDonald, 9th Bde., Can. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Vis-en-Artois. On 1st September his section commander and No. 1 were killed and one of his gun crew mortally wounded. He helped carry the dying and wounded men to a sheltered spot, and then went back to his gun and continued running it alone till assistance was detailed him. Though considerably shaken up he continued at his work throughout the afternoon under heavy shell fire.

14999 A./Cpl. K. G. McDonald, Can. E., attd. 3rd Bde., Can. G.A.

For maintaining telephone communications in the vicinity of Vrely, near Posieres, between 15th and 24th August, 1918, when

this area was constantly heavily shelled, and the upkeep of lines was most difficult and dangerous. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

415992 Sjt. T. MacDonald, 87th Bn., Can. Infy.

For gallantry and distinguished service, 25th February to 16th September, 1918. As platoon serjeant he served in the front line in Lens, near Arleux, Mericourt and Bailleul, and took part in patrols and raids on the enemy line, and served in the operations in front of Amiens, August 8th to 20th. He has consistently shown marked courage and able leadership, and can always be depended upon.

530567 Sjt. J. H. MacFarlane, 9th Can. Fd. Amb., Can. A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period from 25th February to 15th September, 1918, the work of this N.C.O. has been of the highest order. He has at all times been untiring in the able performance of his duties. On the morning of 8th August, when following the infantry in spite of heavy artillery fire and gas shelling, he succeeded in clearing the wounded early, and no doubt by so doing he saved many lives.

57889 Sjt. W. B. Mackie, 20th Bn., Can. Infy.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. For eminent devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry in action. During the recent advance in front of Amiens, with admirable disregard for his own safety, he faithfully carried out his own important duties, and then pressed forward, and was an inspiring example of courage and confidence to all about him. In the front line he has rendered notable service in inflicting punishment upon the enemy and capturing prisoners.

24278 Sjt. J. F. MacLean, 13th Bn., Can. Infy.

At La Chavatte, on 17th August, 1918, two Lewis guns of the assaulting company were put out of action, and under heavy shell fire he repaired and got one gun into action in time for the attack and took part in the operation, using his gun with such deadly precision that he inflicted many casualties on the enemy, and later completely repulsed a movement by a hostile battle patrol to outflank our troops. His marked initiative and personal courage were undoubtedly a great factor in the success of the attack.

90929 Bdr. V. G. Mew, 2nd Can. Div., T.M. By.

From January, 1916, to September, 1918, for continuous gallantry and marked efficiency, particularly during the Amiens and Arras operations. He was in charge of a trench-mortar gun crew, and during the Amiens battle was able to bring his gun into action, and on several occasions knocked out the hostile machine guns. During the Arras battle, 2nd September, he went over with the infantry and did excellent work. Though wounded he continued to fire a cap-

tured machine gun on the enemy until ammunition was exhausted.

5494 B./Q./M./S. (A./B.S.M.) P. J. Murphy, R. Can. H. Arty.

His cool courage and great keenness under the most dangerous conditions have on several occasions helped greatly to keep up the morale of his battery during the operations. On the Somme, from the 21st March to 5th April, 1918, he kept up the supply of ammunition to his battery under the heaviest shell and machine-gun fire. On 8th August, 1918, at Beaucourt, his great coolness under heavy machine-gun fire had a great effect in steadying and encouraging the drivers in the wagon line.

222686 Sjt. J. R. Murray, 85th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the "Llandoverly Castle" operations in front of Amiens on the 10th August, 1918. He led his platoon in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun fire to their objective after several hours of hard, steady fighting. Throughout the battle he was constantly among the men, encouraging them onward, and their success was largely due to his direction. At the consolidation he proved of great value to his company commander.

408641 Cpl. J. Myles, 1st Can. Div., T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He arrived in France in March, 1916, and has served continuously with his battery since that date. He has taken part in every operation, in the majority of cases acting as a No. 1 of a gun crew. His services have always been of the best, and the example of fearlessness and initiative which he has always set, has inspired all ranks.

877630 Sjt. A. Nauffts, 25th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous courage and initiative during the period from 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. He took part in two raids on the enemy lines in front of Neuville Vitasse on 21st May and 13th June, and did excellent work. Early in the attack east of Arras, on 27th August, his platoon officer becoming a casualty, he took over command of the platoon, and it was due entirely to his personal skill that the platoon arrived at the final objective with a minimum of casualties. His work throughout the whole period under review was of the highest order.

115037 L./Cpl. G. W. O'Reilly, Fort Garry Horse.

On August 10th, 1918, he made a most daring reconnaissance under heavy shell fire in the vicinity of Damery and brought back valuable information. He again went into action with the charge on Z Wood. During the charge his horse was shot from under him. Not being able to continue, he returned over open country swept by heavy machine-gun fire to obtain stretchers for the wounded. He went back with them and rendered great assistance while under heavy fire. This man has shown great gallantry and devotion to duty at all times.

435785 Sjt. J. C. Parish, 50th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to period as transport serjeant. During this period he has at all times performed his duties in the most praiseworthy manner, setting a very fine example to all in the transport section. He displayed an utter disregard for his personal safety in bringing forward rations, ammunition and supplies to the battalion when in the line, very often under heavy shell fire. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

210962 C./S./M. W. G. Powers, 58th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on enemy lines on 8th August, 1918. During this attack he showed great coolness in directing a number of men of his company to outflank an enemy position, while he himself led a section through heavy fire, and succeeded in capturing the enemy post. Previous to and since this action he has rendered invaluable service with the battalion, and his work in many operations has been most commendable.

843 Armr. S./Sjt. H. Ruddick, 1st Bn., Can. M.G. Corps

For continuous devotion to duty and gallantry in action. During the Amiens and Arras operations in August and September, 1918, he was in charge of an emergency lorry containing armourer's shop, spare guns, and emergency material. He pushed his lorry forward fearlessly under heavy fire, keeping in close touch with the batteries in action. During the course of the operations he renewed and repaired guns under difficult conditions, keeping batteries complete in guns and spare parts at all times.

585805 Sjt. H. Russell, 6th Bde., Can. F.A.

For consistent good work and devotion to duty since the arrival of the 2nd C.D.A. in France. He has lately been acting serjeant-major at the guns, and has at all times shown great initiative and ability in carrying out his work. Recently under heavy shell fire he rescued one of the personnel of a gun crew who was wounded. This is only one of the many occasions when he has set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

79603 Sjt. J. B. Rust, 2nd Bn., Can. M.G. Corps.

East of Amiens, 8th/16th August, East of Arras, 26th/28th August, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack near Amiens he assumed command of a section of four machine guns owing to officer casualties. The advance was held up by enemy machine-gun fire. With the greatest boldness he first made a most difficult reconnaissance, and then brought forward his section to a favourable position, from which he directed fire upon the enemy's machine guns, and effectively silenced them. He has invariably shown courage under fire.

42374 Sjt. J. Rycroft, M.M., 3rd Bde., Can. F.A.

For gallant services rendered when acting as battery serjeant-major at the guns throughout the Amiens and Arras battles. On

one occasion during the latter battle his battery was in close support of the attacking infantry, and subjected to heavy machine-gun fire, as well as shell fire. The casualties were heavy. Although twice wounded by splinters, he showed marked coolness and initiative in assisting the unwounded officers to reorganise the gun crews and keep the guns firing continuously.

1261668 Arm./S./Sjt. H. L. Scott, Can. O.C., attd. 7th Can. Sge. Bty., Can. G.A.

For continuous good service during period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. His expert knowledge and close attention to duty has resulted in the guns of his battery being kept continually in action, with exception of cases which could not possibly be handled out of ordnance workshops. He has performed the most arduous duties under very trying circumstances and very heavy shell fire, and was once wounded in the performance of his duty.

148640 C./S./M. F. C. Sims, 78th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period from 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. During periods of trench holding this N.C.O. performed his arduous duties with courage and cheerfulness under all conditions. During the "Llandoverly Castle" operations in front of Amiens—August 18th—and the attack on "Drocourt-Queant" line—September—his fine example under the most trying conditions was a great incentive to the men of his company.

749150 Pte. A. B. Smith, 14th Bn., Can. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack in the Amiens Sector on 8th/9th August, 1918. Whilst employed as a linesman operating under heavy machine-gun and snipers' fire he was responsible for the successful establishment of communication. Encountering several enemy he rushed forward and disposed of them with his bayonet. Later, when the final objective was reached and the enemy was massing for a counter-attack he stood up under heavy fire and sent an important message by flag for assistance. He has consistently shown great courage.

11051 Sjt. B. B. Smith, 4th Bn., Can. Infy.

For continuous good work and devotion to duty since he came to France with this battalion in February, 1915, as a private, and he has served continuously in both all ordinary trench tours and also practically every operation taken part in by this battalion. At Mount Sorrel, he gained promotion to corporal for his coolness and ability as a leader under heavy fire. His work during the Somme offensive in 1916 was of the same reliable quality, and as a platoon serjeant at Vimy and Fresnoy his gallantry was most conspicuous.

45210 R./S./M. W. Smylie, H.Q., 1st Bde., Can. Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the brigade transport during the battles east of Amiens, August, 1918, and east of Arras, September,

1918. On several occasions in the forward area when the transport was being heavily shelled and bombed, both on the roads and when parked, he encouraged his men by his fine example, working unceasingly in the open, attending to both men and horses, and by his determination and quick action only two horses were killed throughout both these battles.

333891 Sjt. F. A. Southcott, 8th A. Bde., Can. F.A.

During the period February 25th, 1918, to 16th September, 1918; he constantly showed great initiative and devotion to duty. On the night of 13/14th August, the battery was going into action through the town of Rouvroy, and he was in charge of gun team. The enemy suddenly put an intense fire of high explosives on the cross roads. He, displaying great courage, pulled his gun team together and moved them to a flank. He then returned to the shelled area, had wounded dressed and despatched to a dressing station, and cleared the road of dead horses.

57286 Cpl. A. E. Speare, 20th Bn., Can. Infy.

For devotion to duty and gallantry in action. As N.C.O. in charge of his company signalling section he has on many occasions rendered outstanding service. He has served with his company since its formation, and has taken a most prominent part in practically every operation in which the battalion has been engaged. With splendid organising ability, and with utter disregard for personal safety, he has frequently maintained communication between his company and battalion headquarters under heavy enemy fire.

792 C./S./M. C. Spurgeon, P.P.C.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from December, 1914, to September, 1918. He has served with his battalion in several engagements, and has on all occasions conducted himself in a most praiseworthy manner. On different occasions when officers have become casualties he has taken their places and has rallied the men and led them in a most gallant and capable manner. Particularly was this noticeable at Parvillers on the 14th August, 1918, when he saved his company, which was in a most critical situation.

300819 B./S./M. P. H. Stanley, 10th Bde., Can. F.A.

For cool courage and consistent good work. During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, the conduct of this man has been admirable. On two occasions, 12th and 14th August, when the wagon lines were heavily bombed, he took charge and displayed splendid judgment and coolness in moving the horse lines and undoubtedly was responsible for keeping the casualties at a minimum.

500584 Sjt. F. Stock, 3rd Can. Pontoon Bde., T.U., Can. E.

For gallantry and devotion to duty many times when in charge of horse transport. On one occasion on the Arras-Cambrai road, near Vis-en-Artois, on 27th August, 1918,

when carrying material forward under very heavy shelling and many casualties occurred, he gathered together the remainder and continued work, materially helping in the success of the operations.

1518 R./Q./M./S. S. G. Stoddart, 8th Bn., Can. Infy.

For continuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period from 25th February until the 5th September, 1918, he was a C.Q.M.S. He has never missed a day in carefully supervising the transportation and distribution of his company's rations, etc., to the men in and out of the line under all conditions. On the night of the 21st/22nd July, 1918, while accompanying rations, he was wounded in the face by enemy shrapnel, but remained at duty. During the battles near Amiens and Arras in August his conduct was conspicuously gallant, and his devotion to duty very marked.

86981 B./S./M. P. Studdert, 4th Bde., Can. F.A.

During the recent operations he proved himself to be thoroughly reliable in every way. On many occasions he had to act on his own initiative when there were no officers available, and his judgment and knack in getting things done has solved many difficult situations, especially in regard to ammunition supply. On several occasions in the Arras operations, when the wagon lines were shelled, by his coolness and ability the lives of men and horses were saved.

89068 Sjt. L. B. Taylor, "E" By., Can. A.-A., Can. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions since 25th February, 1918, particularly on 29th August, 1918. He was in charge of one gun of an anti-aircraft section which was heavily shelled by guns of large calibre, both guns were set on fire and unable to move, and in spite of the heavy shelling and bursting of shell in the ammunition racks, he proceeded to put out the fire by throwing shovelfuls of sand on the racks. His gallant conduct was chiefly responsible for saving the guns from destruction.

86863 B./S./M. P. Thorne, M.M., 2nd Div. Amm. Col., Can. F.A.

He has proved his ability and efficiency in France since September, 1915, as serjeant, and since June, 1916, as B.S.M. During the operations on the Amiens and Arras fronts his work in charge of ammunition details has been uniformly good. On occasions when his lines have been shelled his conduct has been such as to set a very fine example to the men of his section.

161126 Cpl. H. Tomlinson, 2nd C.M.R. (B.C.).

For consistent, fearless devotion to duty as a battalion scout and observer. He has shown great ability and initiative in his work, and on numerous occasions has obtained valuable information when on patrol and forward observation posts.

5767 C./Q./M./S. J. G. Waterfield, 1st Can. Div. Sig. Coy., Can. Engrs.

He has seen service in France since February, 1915, and has continuously shown very marked devotion to duty, more especially during the period from March till September 15th, 1918, when during both the Amiens operation and the Drocourt-Queant operations he worked unceasingly in keeping both supplies and technical stores moved up to the forward sections, himself going up under shell fire to insure the carrying out of all arrangements, thereby enabling communication being kept through during both operations.

460664 Sjt. J. C. Wherrett, M.M., 44th Ban., Can. Infy.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty throughout operations east of Amiens, August, and at Dury, September, 1918. He acted as special runner with battalion headquarters, and repeatedly carried out tasks under heavy enemy fire with invariable success. He has been of great value during attacks in ascertaining the position of forward troops, and his displayed fine personal initiative in assisting to reorganise stragglers and to guide parties.

107607 Sjt. J. C. Wilson, 2nd C.M.R. (B.C.).

As battalion pioneer serjeant during the past three years he has done splendid work and shown great devotion to duty. He has at all times shown great initiative and untiring energy under shell fire in the handling of dumps and bringing up of material.

19480 Cpl. J. Winters, Sig. Trp., Can. E., Can. Cav. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 10th August, 1918, he carried despatches to and fro on the Roye road under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire. He worked continuously for two hours, showing great devotion to duty and an utter disregard to his personal safety. Previous to this he worked for several days in March, 1918, within a few hundred yards of the enemy, carrying despatches and scouting for the advanced troops, many times being far in advance of our own troops. His machine was finally destroyed by shell fire.

129978 Sjt. G. A. Young, 72nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served in practically all the engagements in which the battalion has taken part since coming to France in August, 1916. On 9th April, 1917, in the battle of Vimy Ridge, he showed marked courage and determination under the most trying circumstances, having led his platoon through a very heavy barrage to attack the enemy. At Passchendaele, during the attack on Crest Farm on 30th October, 1917, he again showed great gallantry and initiative. With two men he captured 14 enemy within five minutes of zero.

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

753 Sjt. F. J. Allen, 2nd Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the field. On 14th July, 1918, in

the attack by an enemy battalion on Musalabeh's Salient he showed great courage and determination. Of his troop of 12 men, three were killed, four were captured, and his officer was wounded. He, with three men, held his post against at least 150 enemy, who were delayed by his resistance and all subsequently captured.

2785 Sjt. H. L. Andrews, 4th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

During operations between 21st March and 9th September, 1918, he has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signal serjeant. He was in charge of all forward communications at Hamel, and maintained it under heavy shell fire. In the attack near Morcourt on 8th August he went over with an attacking company, and as soon as the objective was reached, in spite of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he promptly ran a line back to brigade headquarters and maintained it throughout. His work has been of the best.

1701 C./S./M. H. Anson, 55th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. In February and March in the Wyschaete sector he patrolled "No Man's Land," and on two occasions defeated enemy reconnoitring patrols. It was owing to the information gained by him that the enemy raid on our lines on 21st March was so easily repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Again, on the Villers-Britonneux plateau in April and May he obtained most valuable information. His success on all occasions has been due to his excellent leadership and courage under heavy fire.

2561 S./Sjt. G. R. Asprey, 1st Aust. Supp. Det., Aust. A.S.C.

He has at all times during nearly four years of active service, including a considerable period daily under fire, carried out his duties most fearlessly and capably. During the many emergencies arising from the operations between March and September, 1918, his intense energy and efficiency as the senior N.C.O. contributed in a marked degree to the success of the unit in coping with the tasks allotted. By his fine behaviour and ability proved himself worthy of the entire confidence of his commanding officer.

3036 Pte. W. H. Baker, 1st Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

From 28th February to 16th September, 1918, he has carried out the duties of company runner, and by his courage and devotion to duty has been of great assistance to the company commander. On several occasions he has taken urgent despatches to section officers through enemy barrages. In the operations in August and September he was constantly running between the line and headquarters, and was mainly responsible for the good communications existing between sections and headquarters.

1082 Sig. A. Baldwin, 2nd Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 14th July at Musallabeh Salient, when all communications with regimental

headquarters were cut by the enemy bombardment before the attack, he was sent out with another signaller to repair the line. The enemy then attacked, and his assistant was wounded. Baldwin helped him to a place of safety pursued by the enemy. He then reported back to the trench, regimental headquarters had been forced back to, and did excellent work re-establishing communications.

4139 L./Cpl. J. Barrett, 1st Aust. Pnr. Bn.

For gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. As L.G. N.C.O. he has at all times carried out his duties in a very efficient manner. On night 22nd/23rd August forward of Proyart, when following the infantry during the advance, all his gunners and carriers became casualties in a heavy barrage. Unaided he carried the wounded to a place of safety, and then advanced and joined his working party. He has always shown coolness and set a fine example to his section under fire.

25347 Sjt. W. H. D. Beadle, 3rd Aust. Div. Amm. Coy., Aust. F.A.

During the period 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918, he has been constantly employed on Divisional A.R.P.s., and has at all times set a very high standard of initiative and energy in carrying out his duties. At Glisy, a shell fell in a bay full of H.E., exploding a number of rounds and scattering the remainder over the road. He immediately ran to the bay and extinguished the fire, afterwards clearing the road to enable a convoy of motor transport to pass, though the enemy shelling still continued.

7472 Cpl. V. J. Bean, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

From 25th February to 17th September, 1918. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on all occasions. During operations in April at Dernancourt he showed conspicuous gallantry and determination in conducting limbers of rations and wiring material to the line under heavy shell fire. He did exceptionally good work in clearing the battalion quartermaster's store from Henencourt during an enemy barrage on 5th April. On 7th May he again showed coolness and courage under heavy shelling. His work has been consistently of a very high order.

17947 L./C. F. Bell, D. Trps. and Bdg. Tn., Aust. Engrs. (EGYPT)

He repeatedly swam out into the river under heavy fire and in full view of the enemy during bridging operations at Makhadet Hajla on the night of the 21st/22nd March, 1918, in order to perform his task of arranging cables and anchorages for the pontoons. He showed dash and perfect coolness under fire, and afforded an inspiring example for others.

6515 Sjt. W. A. Birchmore, 4th Bde., Aust. F.A.

From 25th February to 17th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has rendered excellent service during most trying periods in the heavy fighting in which this battery has been engaged. His cheerfulness and gallantry have set an excellent example to the men in the battery. He has many times acted as



B.S.M. at the gun line, and has been of great assistance to his battery commander.

265 C./S./M. C. A. Boyd, 1st Aust. Div. Train, Aust. A.S.C.

For consistently good work, devotion to duty and gallantry under fire from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has worked untiringly in the interests of the men and horses of his company, and has been of great assistance to his company commander. When the camp of his company was shelled on 22nd/23rd April, near St. Sylvestre Capel, and on 13th August near Weincourt, by his prompt action he undoubtedly saved many casualties.

2621 L./C. (T./Cpl.) S. E. Broad, 3rd Aust. M.G. Sqdn. (EGYPT)

For his cool and courageous work at Es Salt on the 1st May, 1918, in handling his gun at a critical time, several men being killed in his vicinity. He never left his gun for twenty-four hours. This man has on several previous occasions distinguished himself by his pluck and ability. During the action above, 300 prisoners surrendered.

1943 Tpr. J. Brunton, 12th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations east of the Jordan at Black Hill on 2nd, 3rd and 4th May, 1918. As stretcher-bearer he showed great courage in dressing and carrying away wounded under heavy artillery and rifle fire. When the 4th Australian Light Horse Regiment lost their stretcher-bearers he gave them assistance as well as attending to the wounded of his own squadron. For three days and nights he worked continuously, showing the greatest fortitude and self-sacrifice.

3118 Sjt. N. W. Cairns, 37th Bn., Aust. Infy.

He has been through the severe fighting since the 10th August, 1918, and in every action has been a very fine example to the men of his company. He has always shown great courage and devotion to duty, and has led and encouraged the men in all the difficulties of the enterprise. In the fighting of 29th/30th August at Cléry-sur-Somme he assumed command of the company and led them in a most determined manner throughout the attack. He acted C.S.M. of A. Company for a considerable period and has always been a most energetic and trustworthy N.C.O.

1821 Sjt. W. S. Cannan, 13th Bde., Aust. F.A.

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has been of most valuable assistance to his battery commander by the manner in which he has on several occasions kept his gun in action under heavy fire. After the hostile attack on Villers Bretonneux on 24th April, when his battery was heavily shelled, he showed great courage and coolness. On 9th August he kept his gun in action under very heavy fire until the operation was concluded, and then promptly assisted in the removal of the wounded. Throughout the advance he has shown marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

2359 C./Q./M./S. F. O. Cavanagh, 11th Bn., Aust. Infy.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has shown consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations at Lihons and Chuignolles in August he never once failed to get forward and distribute his company's rations, frequently under very heavy enemy machine-gun and shell fire. On 23rd August at Chuignolles he volunteered to get ammunition out to his company when it was most urgently required. This he did successfully, taking the pack mules forward under heavy machine-gun fire. Throughout he performed his duties admirably, setting a splendid example to those under him.

954 Sjt. J. E. Chapman, 8th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

He showed great gallantry on the 3rd May, 1918, during the Turkish attack on Amman road. He went out to dislodge an enemy sniper who had taken up a position within 20 yards of one of our sangars, and accomplished his mission under very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, though wounded whilst doing so. He was in charge of his sangar and successfully held off the enemy until reinforcements arrived to strengthen the line.

5995 R./S./M. L. Collins, 14th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 20th February to 26th September, 1918. During the period under review he has rendered most conspicuous service on every occasion that the battalion has come into action, and owing to his administrative ability and cool gallantry under fire the supply of ammunition forward has never failed. During the Hamel offensive his work was especially good, and on all other occasions he has also set a splendid example and rendered signal service.

29 Farr. Q./M./S. A. W. Cook, 5th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For continuous devotion to duty and good services. He has at all times displayed the greatest zeal and efficiency in attending to the horses of the regiment. He has an unbroken record of good work since the regiment was formed in 1914, and by his untiring energy, devotion to duty, has set a fine example to all.

255 L./C. C. W. S. Cooper, 11th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

On the 29th April, 1918, at Jisr ed Damieh bridgehead he did excellent work with the Hotchkiss rifle. When No. 1 of the gun was killed he took charge, and with coolness and daring selected another position, and although under heavy fire continued firing and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. On the 30th April, 1918, his courage and coolness with the same gun held up the enemy's flank.

15222 Sjt. T. S. Daniels, 12th A. Bde., Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in action on all occasions and consistent devotion to duty. He has been in charge of battery signallers since November, 1917. In operations in the Robecq area at Strazeele, and in recent

Somme operations from 8th August onwards, his courage and invaluable services have been outstanding. He has twice been buried by shell fire and refused to leave his post on both occasions. His example to those with him has been excellent.

7988 Cpl. (T./Sjt.) C. Davies, 6th A. Bde., Aust. F.A.

He has served with the battery in France continuously since March, 1916, having served through the autumn and winter campaign on the Somme in 1916; Ploegsteert, Messines, Nieuport and Menin road in 1917; and throughout the present offensives. He has always shown marked gallantry and tenacity under fire under most trying circumstances, and by his courage and energy has gained the confidence of all members of the battery.

2627 C./S./M. G. L. W. Deacon, 7th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For consistently good work and devotion to duty from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. At Strazeele during a minor operation, under a heavy barrage he showed great initiative in organising the forwarding of ammunition to the line. In the operations forwards of Villers Bretonneux in August he again showed gallantry and devotion to duty in keeping up supplies in the company. His personal courage and energy are an example to all his men.

4459 Cpl. R. W. Druery, 3rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He set a splendid example to his comrades both under fire and out of the line. As a leader he inspires his men with the greatest confidence, and spares himself no effort in looking after their welfare at all times.

30 Sjt. J. Fitzmaurice, 10th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

He is a member of the original regiment, and has served continuously in Gallipoli, Sinai and Palestine. He has at all times been most efficient in the field. On the 2nd and 3rd May, 1918, during the Turkish counter-attack at Es Salt, he was in charge of bombs and ammunition in his post, and often exposed himself to much danger to keep his men supplied. When the Turks got to within a few yards of his position he called on his men to charge, which they did, bombing the enemy to such effect that the latter retired leaving many dead.

3080 Sjt. R. A. Fuller, 12th Lt. Aust. T.M. Bty.

From 25th February—18th September, 1918. For consistently good and gallant work and great devotion to duty. He has at all times set a splendid example to his men, and ably supported the infantry in the line whenever called upon. During recent offensive operations he has proved himself a leader, and the skilful manner in which he has handled his guns has been of the greatest assistance to the infantry.

1838 Sjt. W. Furniss, 13th F.A. Bde. Aust. F.A.

He has commanded a sub-section during the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918, in a very capable and gallant manner. During the attack against Villers Bretonneux on the 24th August he controlled his sub-section under very heavy shell fire in a cool and courageous manner. He has at all times controlled his sub-section in an excellent manner, and in every action has by his courage under fire inspired his detachment, and has rendered valuable assistance to his battery commander.

498 C./S./M. H. W. Furze, 32nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For continuous good service and devotion to duty throughout the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has on several occasions commanded a platoon in the line, and has always shown marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On numerous occasions he has volunteered for dangerous tasks, which he has carried out in a most successful manner. He displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance from Villers Bretonneux to Peronne, 8th August—5th September, 1918.

832 Sjt. (T./R.S.M.) H. Gillam, 40th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 25th February to 17th September, 1918, he has performed sterling services. As a platoon serjeant on 28th March near Morlancourt he led and fought his platoon with great courage and judgment. Later, in the Buire Sector, his enterprise and initiative was a splendid example to all. Transferred from his company to Battalion Headquarters he did excellent work as provost serjeant and as A./R.S.M. during the indisposition of the then R.S.M. He has done excellently throughout the period, and his coolness under fire and devotion to duty has won the unstinted admiration of all.

2422 Cpl. W. Gray, 3rd Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has shown conspicuous gallantry while attending wounded under fire. During a counter-attack made by the regiment at Ghoraniyeh bridgehead on 11th April, 1918, he attended the wounded in the open at great personal risk.

3479 Sjt. A. L. Greenwood, 45th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As C.S.M. he has at all times inspired his men with confidence, and his courage and energy have materially assisted in the successful issue of operations. During the period under review, 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918, several attacks have been made; and on each occasion, he has made himself conspicuous by his gallantry and devotion to duty.

79 Cpl. J. Hall, 7th Lt. Aust. T.M. Bty.

For gallantry and continuous good work during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. On 4th July near Villers Bretonneux, East of Amiens, he was

in charge of a mortar which was taking part in a preliminary bombardment. A bomb was passed to him, and it was discovered just as he dropped it into the gun, that the safety tape had come off the bomb. He promptly put his hand down the barrel, pulled the bomb out and threw it over the parapet. His courage and initiative saved three lives.

1133 Cpl. C. R. Harvey, 3rd Lt. Aust. T.M. Bty.

For consistently good work in action from 25th February to September 16th, 1918, especially during the operations in the defence of Hazebrouck from April to July; and later in the operations in front of Villers Bretonneux in August and early September. He has shown great coolness, daring and initiative, and has rendered splendid services.

2755 Cpl. R. E. Haseler, 1st Anzac Bn., Imp. C.C. (now 14th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt.). (EGYPT)

On the 11th April, 1918, at Mussellabeh, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy bombardment on the morning of 11th April, 1918, in addition to rendering good service with a Lewis gun, he removed two men to a place of safety and brought back a fantasse of water through the barrage to the men at the front. He has served with Lewis gun section throughout battles of Romani, Maghdaba, Rafa, Gaza (first and second) Amman, and has at all times shown great devotion to duty.

11761 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. W. T. Helmore, 1st (Med.) Aust. T.M. Bty.

For gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has at all times shown marked courage under fire, and has set an example of a very high standard to his men. His devotion to duty and gallantry have throughout been conspicuous.

7195 Sjt. S. Hooper, 16th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He has carried out his many duties in such a way as to bring credit to himself and give satisfaction to all concerned. In the line his example has always been one of coolness and courage, and at all time he has been found thoroughly trustworthy and reliable. When the battalion was holding the line at Villers Bretonneux in May he did some most valuable work as a patrol leader.

3635 R./S./M. R. Jenkyn, 2nd Bde., attd. H.Q., Aust. F.A.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. This included the operations in defence of Hazebrouck from April to July, and later the operations forward of Villers Bretonneux in August and early September. At Le Peuplier, near Caestre, on 20th April, 1918, under exceptionally heavy shell fire he formed one of a party who rescued a number of wounded from a farmhouse and attended to their wants. He has done consistently good work.

3082 Pte. J. Jensen, 33rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

He has on all occasions shown great gallantry and devotion to duty. He has taken

part in six battles since 30th March, and in each has displayed courage and dash of the highest order. In addition he has distinguished himself in raids. In the August operations he did especially good work in charge of liaison sections; on two occasions he captured enemy machine guns and crew in face of heavy fire, and then fired these guns to great effect. He has always volunteered for any dangerous or difficult tasks, and has always achieved the fullest success.

2096 C./S./M. F. S. Jones, 54th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has shown great courage and resource in difficult enterprises. His work on all occasions has been of the utmost importance to his company. During the operations at Peronne on 1st/2nd September he displayed great gallantry and showed fine qualities of leadership. Throughout the whole of the operations the battalion has been engaged in he has set a very fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

2332 C./S./M. F. G. Jurd, 5th Aust. Pnr. Bn.

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has been C.S.M. During February and March, round Mesines, his coolness and leadership greatly influenced the men under his command. During the attack in front of Villers Bretonneux, on 8th August, he and his company rapidly made ready for heavy traffic the road between that village and the front line. He also organised small parties and removed a number of land mines. Throughout by his gallantry and energy he set a very fine example to those under him.

5735 L./Cpl. F. C. Kingston, 11th Bn., Aust. Infy.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has rendered most gallant and devoted service. During the period the battalion was in the Hazebrouck sector, and in the operations in August and early September at Lihons and Chuignolles. He has shown consistent gallantry in laying and repairing lines under heavy enemy fire, his work being always most efficiently done. He has on several critical occasions re-established communications, his work being of vital importance to our success.

167 Sjt. F. A. Kolosque, 4th Aust. M.G. Sqdn. (EGYPT)

He was in command of his sub-section on 1st May, 1918, during the enemy attack on the brigade position. He kept his guns firing while the troops on his left and right were retiring, and until the enemy had advanced to within 200 yards. He then retired and took up another position to support the further retirement, and continued firing until the enemy were again within 200 yards of his guns. Throughout the retirement he set a fine example of courage and determination to his men, and showed great skill and energy in handling his guns.

1178 L./C. (T./Cpl.) W. J. Langdon, 10th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

He has at all times acted with great gallantry and dash in action, and has carried

out his troop duties in a most satisfactory manner during the last five months. In the bayonet charge of the regiment at Es Salt on 30th April, 1918, he was one of the first to reach the enemy and personally bayoneted three of the enemy.

3518. Sjt. A. Locke, 3rd A. Bde., Aust. F.A.

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. He has at all times behaved in a thoroughly gallant manner, and has carried out his duties with marked ability. His coolness and excellent handling of his gun and detachment under heavy shell fire have on many occasions had a most beneficial effect on the moral of those about him. He has always set a fine example of cool courage under fire.

252 Cpl. H. D. Lonie, 3rd Aust. Pnr. Bn.

During the whole period since 25th February, 1918, he has displayed the greatest gallantry and energy as N.C.O. in charge of a company signal section in establishing and maintaining telephonic communication. His keen devotion to duty, both in trench warfare and during the active operations since 8th August has been conspicuously noticeable. His marked ability under the most trying and exhausting circumstances has resulted in the successful expedition of all messages entrusted to him at all times.

504 Sjt. O. J. Looney, 39th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For very gallant conduct and devotion to duty. Throughout the whole period from 1st April to September, 1918, he has taken active part in all operations in which the battalion was concerned, carrying out his duties with skill and courage of the highest order. His ability and command have many times saved his platoon from a difficult situation. His zeal in his work has always been unflagging.

3373A Sjt. C. H. Lorking, 53rd Bn. Aust. Inf.

During the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has invariably shown marked gallantry and initiative. He has on several occasions led daylight patrols, and has set a very fine example to those under his command. At Morlancourt on 29th July, 1918, he rendered invaluable assistance to his company commander, and led and controlled his platoon in a most skilful manner. He has served continuously with the battalion since its arrival in France in June, 1916, and has taken part in the operations at Fromelles, Beaumetz, Bullecourt, Polygon Wood.

8315 Pt. (T./Cpl.) G. B. G. Maitland, 4th Aust. Lt. Hse. Rgt. (EGYPT)

During the action before the retirement of the regiment on 1st May, 1918, from Jisr ed Damie, he attended to the wounded under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, at great personal risk. When the regiment retired he placed a severely wounded man on his horse and walked out to Black Hill, Jordan Valley, holding the man on the horse whilst climbing up and down almost impossible hill and wadis.

81 C./S./M. T. W. Marriott, 50th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 26th March to 16th September, 1918, he has consistently done gallant and conscientious work both in the forward area and when out of the line. While acting as R.S.M. during one operation he showed great gallantry and determination in getting supplies of ammunition forward, in spite of heavy shelling, and at all other times as company serjeant-major he has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander. He has always set a splendid example of gallantry and leadership to the men.

1340 Sjt. W. C. Martin, 10th Aust. Lt. Hse. Rgt. (EGYPT)

He was in charge of a section of the brigade scouts acting ahead of the brigade on its advance from Jisr ed Damie to Es Salt on 29th April, 1918. He and one member of his section advanced to within 25 yards of an enemy observation post, unobserved, and captured two of the enemy and killed the remaining enemy.

481 Sjt. E. H. Mathews, 30th Bn., Aust. Infy.

He has acted as platoon serjeant during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, serving continuously with his unit, and often having charge of the platoon during the absence of his platoon commander. At Messines in February and March he constantly led fighting patrols, and showed great gallantry and devotion to duty. During April, May and June when the battalion was in the Hamel Sector he again displayed great skill and gallantry as a patrol leader. His work throughout has been of a very high standard.

599 Sjt. D. Macauley, 44th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous good service and devotion to duty. On the night of 28th March, 1918, he took over command of his platoon when his platoon officer was wounded, and handled it with skill and judgment. In the difficult patrolling which took place at Saily-le-Sec he was in charge each night, and his reports were always thoroughly reliable, and his patrols were always led with dash and skill. He has continually proved himself a thoroughly reliable and gallant platoon leader.

1280 Sig. S. McCallum, 1st Anzac Bn. (now 14th Aust. Lt. Horse Rgt.). (EGYPT)

During the period 9th/11th April, 1918, at Mussellabeh. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went out under very heavy shell fire to mend lines which had become disconnected on account of the artillery fire. He worked for hours at his work, and during one night helped with the laying of more lines. In addition to repairing these lines he repaired the lines running to the F.O.O. from the battery. During the attack on the morning of 11th April he was continuously working under heavy artillery fire. He did admirable work throughout.

3786 Cpl. R. McCann, 4th Aust. Div. M.T. Coy., Aust. A.S.C., attd. 13th Aust. Fld. Amb.

On 25th April, 1918, during the night attack by the 13th Brigade on Villers-

Bretteux he was driving an ambulance car which was engaged in evacuating casualties from the advancing infantry along the Amiens Road to the advanced dressing station at Blangy Cabaret. About 10 p.m., shortly after the advance had commenced, he made many trips with wounded along a section of the road which was exposed to heavy shell fire. His dauntless gallantry under fire and his careful and expert management of his car have been responsible for saving the life of many a wounded man.

1153 C./S./M. (T./R.S.M.) T. H. McColl, M.M., 2nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For consistently good work and devotion to duty from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. As C.S.M. and R.S.M. he has performed his duties in a most capable manner. He is a keen soldier and a good disciplinarian. In action his conduct is of the highest order, and his example is a fine incentive to the men of the battalion.

1592 Sjt. A. McDonald, 17th Bn., Aust. Infy.

In all operations since February, 1918, he has displayed marked gallantry and untiring devotion to duty. He has most ably assisted the Lewis gun officer in the placing of guns in the front line under very trying conditions. He has been largely instrumental, by his constant supervision, in the placing of guns and the greatest possible effect being obtained with a minimum of losses.

2178 Sjt. J. M. McDonald, 9th Bn., Aust. Infy.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918, as battalion pioneer serjeant he has displayed great courage and devotion to duty. During operations with the battalion he has been responsible for the delivery of ammunition to the front line, and his untiring efforts in this connection have at times kept the outposts supplied at a critical time. On several occasions he organised carrying parties and voluntarily led them to the front line through heavy artillery barrages, and when stretcher-bearers were urgently required acted in this capacity on return journeys.

16085 Sqdn./S./M. L. W. McDonald, 1st Fld. Sqdn., Aust. Engrs. (EGYPT)

For general good service. He has given very considerable assistance both as quartermaster-serjeant and squadron serjeant-major. He has shown exceptional energy in assisting to keep up the standard of efficiency of the squadron in spite of the large number of untrained sappers and drivers sent to this unit. He handles the men tactfully and well, and the discipline of the unit is due very largely to his energy.

3412 B./S./M. K. W. C. McEntyre, 3rd A. Bde., Amm. Col., Aust. F.A.

For marked and consistent gallantry, ability and devotion to duty during the period 25th February, 1918, to 16th September, 1918. In handling the supply of ammunition he has behaved in a most exemplary manner. His courage and cool determination in overcoming obstacles in the course of carrying out his duties under heavy

shell fire have always set a most excellent example to the men under his charge.

241 L./C. H. R. Y. McGuigan, 1st Fld. Sqdn., Aust. Engrs. (EGYPT)

During the period 15th to 21st March, 1918, he assisted in a number of reconnaissances necessary for the exact siting of the Makhadet Hajla Bridge, showing absolute disregard for enemy fire. During the night of the crossing, 21st/22nd March, he set a fine example of coolness in rafting over the covering party, under close fire, and later his energy and skill during the bridging largely contributed to the success of the operation.

2664 Sig. Sjt. E. E. McHugh, 4th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations at Jisr Ed Damie and Black Hill from 30th April to 4th May, 1918. Although operating under the most adverse conditions, and nearly always under a heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, perfect communication between regimental headquarters and all three squadrons, also brigade headquarters, was established and maintained throughout. This excellent result was mainly due to his untiring effort, his organisation and control of his men, and his resource and gallantry on all occasions.

1906 Gnr. (T./Bdr.) T. McLean, 14th F.A. Bde., Aust. F.A.

At Corbie on the 24th April, 1918, during the bombardment that preceded and accompanied the enemy attack on Villers Bretonneux, he collected his men and got his gun into action. Though knocked over and slightly gassed by a shell, he remained at his post throughout the whole of the operation. He also performed splendid work at Hamel on the 4th July and during the August operations. On 30th August, 1918, he showed great gallantry under heavy fire when his battery was supporting the attack on Peronne, carrying up ammunition from a dump 100 yards in rear for over an hour. Throughout his courage and devotion to duty were of a very high order.

6354 Cpl. C. O. McLearn, 24th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For most conspicuous courage and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy lines at Buire on 14th June, 1918, he led a section of the raiding party, and, in face of heavy machine-gun fire, rushed an enemy strong post and killed all the garrison except one, whom he captured and brought back. On August 18th, at Herleville, he volunteered and took a message under heavy fire. When he had delivered the message he turned his attention to some wounded men he had found, and while engaged in dressing their wounds he was himself twice wounded.

141 C./S./M. F. V. McPhee, 34th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has consistently proved himself a cool, fearless leader of men. On 8th August, 1918, in the vicinity of Accroche Wood, when the platoon commander was wounded, he immediately assumed command and cor-

rectly appreciating the situation, led his men into position on a threatened flank. In recent operations he organised carrying parties for rations and ammunition, displaying organising ability of a very high order, and assisting his company commander in a most able manner.

1185 Sjt. H. E. Monaghan, 1st Fd. Sqdn., Aust. Engrs. (EGYPT)

He has been with the 1st Field Squadron since its formation early in 1916. He has never been away to hospital, and has done stirring work during the whole of the period.

12495 S./Sjt. L. A. Patterson, Aust. Mt. Div. Train. (EGYPT)

For coolness, gallantry and devotion to duty under fire. While supplies were being issued to his brigade on the 2nd May near Wadi Ratem, daylight appeared and the enemy opened up with heavy artillery fire. Although pieces of shell were falling in the supply area, he set a fine example to the men and natives of the camel convoy and showed great coolness in directing camels to low ground out of sight of the enemy.

2142 Cpl. A. P. Pearson, Aust. Lt. Hse. Details. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations in the Jordan Valley on the 2nd April to 8th May, 1918. On more than one occasion he gave his company commander very able assistance in connection with dangerous reconnaissance of enemy territory in the vicinity of his post in Wadi Mellahah. His conduct throughout was most exemplary and praiseworthy.

1039. Sjt. F. R. Philpot, 6th Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability as platoon serjeant from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. In February last and early March during the garrison of Wytschaete he nightly led patrols on the battalion front, gaining much valuable information. On one occasion singlehanded he bombed an enemy listening post, killing the garrison of three. In the operations at Liéons in August, when his company officer had been wounded, he at once took command of the platoon and led them forward to their final objective, he himself being wounded during the consolidation.

42 Sqdn. S./M. T. L. Pringle, Aust. and N.Z. Mtd. Div., H.Q. (EGYPT)

For consistent good work and devotion to duty during the period under review, particularly during the Jericho, Amman and Es Salt operations, and the attacks on our line in the Jordan Valley on 11th April and 14th July, 1918. In addition, he has performed good and consistent service with this division from the time it was formed, and during the whole of the operations in Sinai and Palestine. He has been on duty in the field with the division during every operation in which it has been engaged, and his behaviour in action has always been an example of coolness and attention to duty.

2434 C./S./M. (T./R.S.M.) P. Robertson, 4th Bn., Aust. Infy.

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918, he has acted both in the capacity of company serjeant-major and regimental serjeant-major, and in both positions, particularly that of regimental serjeant-major, has shown great zeal and energy in the performance of his duties. He invariably visited the companies in the forward areas and ensured that rations and supplies had arrived. The thoroughness with which he organised ration and other carrying parties did much towards the successful administration of the battalion. He has set an invariable example of coolness and devotion to duty under fire.

2743 Sjt. (T./C.S.M.) J. C. Ross, 29th Bn., Aust. Infy.

At Morlancourt on the night 29th July, 1918, when a platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun post, he most gallantly rushed the post and personally killed several of the enemy. Later in the day his company found itself almost out of ammunition, and he with three men went back and collected 6,000 rounds, and in broad daylight and under heavy machine gun fire, safely delivered the ammunition to the front line troops. Throughout the whole operations he set a splendid example of courage and untiring devotion to duty.

643 Sjt. T. Ross, 1st Aust. L. Rly. Opg. Coy., Aust. E.

For gallant and courageous conduct during the operations in March, 1918. Departing from Savy with his engine en route to Ham, he discovered for the first time when at Quinconce that he could not get through to destination, as the enemy were rapidly advancing, and that Ham had been captured. He then took part in the evacuation with a regiment, and, in addition to saving his own engine, on which he remained three days and nights without sleep, he hauled six gun wagons, two box trucks and a truck containing two water tanks, to safety. He has at all times displayed entire disregard for danger, and has inspired those working with him.

956. Cpl. H. E. Runn, 9th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Musselabeth on 8th August, 1918, when he made a daring reconnaissance into and behind the enemy lines, gaining valuable information. His work as a patrol leader has always been most commendable.

5062 Cpl. (T./Sjt.) T. Ryan, 43rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For marked courage and leadership. He has been with the battalion since its arrival in France, and he has at all times done excellent work. On the 8th August, 1918, during operations East of Hamel he led his section with great gallantry. In two cases he mopped up enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance. On the 2nd September, 1918, during operations North of Peronne, he again led his section with great dash, and succeeded by his tactful handling of his men in bombing out a num-

ber of enemy from a strong post, and captured twenty prisoners.

286 Sjt. J. S. H. Semple, 21st Bn., Aust. Infy.

For most conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. At Ville-Sur-Ancre on the 19th May, 1918, after his platoon commander had been severely wounded he took charge of the platoon and led them forward, and captured thirty prisoners and three machine guns, besides killing many of the enemy. Again on 4th July, near Villers Bretonneux, he was instrumental in the capture of several posts, and himself killed five of the enemy, and later sent back valuable information and prisoners. On reaching the final objective he remustered his men, and consolidated the position under heavy machine-gun and sniping fire

312 Sqdn. S/M. P. P. Sheridan, 6th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

During the period under review he has shown unwavering loyalty, steadfast devotion to duty, and whenever occasion offered, conspicuous gallantry in the field. From the inception of the war, he holds an almost unparalleled record, never having been away from the regiment with the exception of a few days, the result of an accident.

747 Cpl. A. W. H. Slater, 3rd Aust. Div., Sal. Coy., Aust. A.S.C.

For continued acts of gallantry and devotion to duty during the period from 25th February to 17th September, 1918, he kept his squadron together under the most trying circumstances, including destruction of their dwelling on six separate occasions. On 12th April, 1918, near Buire, an aeroplane was lying derelict close to the track along which rations were carried. One of the bombs had its detonator exposed. The spot was under enemy observation, and, when he started out to save the bombs, it was subjected to shell fire. He made three trips and saved the bombs, thus removing the danger to the ration carriers.

156 Cpl. W. A. G. Smith, 7th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

He has shown continuous devotion to duty and gallantry in action as a Hotchkiss gunner. At Amman on 27th March, 1918, he covered the retirement of his squadron. On 28th March, 1918, at Amman, he took charge of two Hotchkiss rifles and assisted in covering the withdrawal of the 7th Australian Light Horse Regiment. It was largely due to his determination and accurate fire that the Turks were prevented from pressing forward and capturing our wounded.

20013 Cpl. J. B. Stark, 3rd Aust. M.T.M. Bty., Aust. F.A.

During the period 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918, he showed marked courage and devotion to duty. On 21st June, 1918, at Villers-Bretonneux he kept his mortar in action during a very heavy enemy retaliation lasting one hour. Again, on 8th August, he did excellent work with his mortar; and going forward later with his detachment he turned a captured 4.2 inch howitzer on to the enemy with great effect

against defences and communications. Throughout the period mentioned his work was of the highest order.

301 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) A. S. Thomson, 1st Tun. Coy., Aust. E.

For gallantry and devotion to duty for the past two years on many occasions under fire, notably during July and August, 1918, near Hamel, when his energy and example encouraged the men under him to complete important work in time for operations.

1740A Sjt. J. R. Trotman, 49th Bn., Aust. Infy.

During the period 26th March to 16th September, 1918, he has rendered very useful service to the battalion. He has constantly volunteered for dangerous patrols, and has invariably carried out his work well, and proved himself a capable and resourceful leader. His gallantry and cheerfulness have been a splendid example to his section.

18400 Sjt. A. L. Tully, M.M., 3rd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy., Aust. E.

For constant devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry in the field between March last and the 16th September, 1918. On the 9th August, at Rat Wood, near Warfusee-Abancourt, when a battery line was cut in numerous places by shell fire and an important message was awaiting transmission, he took the message and a telephone and followed the line through the zone of shelling to where he could speak to the battery. There he tapped his telephone on to the line, and sent the message. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

631 Cpl. L. T. Whitmore, 5th Bn., Aust. M.G.C.

Throughout the operations from Villers-Bretonneux to Peronne from 8th August to 5th September, 1918, he has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Repeatedly it has been through his utter disregard for personal safety that his guns have been brought into action to afford the utmost support to our infantry, and have in consequence materially assisted in the success of these operations. He has throughout the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty.

250 Sjt. F. C. Wicks, 1st Fld. Coy., Aust. E

For continuous and valuable work and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918. At Strazeele, when his Section Officer was killed, he carried on and commanded the section until a reinforcement officer arrived from the Base, and his work during this period was of a very high standard. He has at all times been foremost in volunteering for the most dangerous tasks, and has set a fine example to his men throughout.

1648 L./C. W. W. Willis, 8th Aust. Lt. Hse. Regiment. (EGYPT)

He displayed marked gallantry at the attack on Es Salt on the 30th April, 1918. He shot several enemy whilst both he and they were galloping, and with the aid of six other men held up a motor tractor and cap-



tured about twenty armed enemy and a driver. He showed great dash and determination during this attack.

9122 Sjt. C. C. Wills, 6th A. Bde., Aust. F.A.

He has been a member of the battery since its formation. For some time he was N.C.O. in charge of the signallers. Apart from his technical ability and leadership, he has frequently shown gallantry and fearless bearing under fire. On one occasion, when the battery was heavily shelled and the personnel withdrawn, he maintained a telephone post in the open trench under fire for five hours, refusing relief and keeping touch with his group headquarters for the information of his battery commander. He has done consistent good work.

#### NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

16/1404 Sjt. F. Barclay, N.Z. Maori P. Bn.

For exceptionally good work during the period 25th February to 16/17th September, 1918. He is exceedingly cool under fire, and sets a splendid example to his men. On 8th September he, with two sections of his platoon, was employed repairing a road in Metz-en-Coutre. The enemy concentrated a heavy artillery fire for four hours upon the village. Notwithstanding this, he kept his men well in hand and completed the task upon which he was engaged. He then withdrew his party to a place of safety in good order.

40485 Sjt. A. I. Batty, 2nd Bn., 3rd N.Z. (R) B.

For marked gallantry and good work during recent operations. During the attack on Gouzeaucourt in September, his platoon commander became a casualty. He led his platoon splendidly, and gained his objective, capturing seven machine-guns and twenty-six prisoners; but after severe fighting was driven out by an attack on his flank. His patrol work has been of a very high standard, and much useful information has been gained therefrom. He constantly set a very fine example to his men by coolness and daring under all circumstances.

7/490 Sjt. L. Burrows, Canterbury Mtd. Rif. Regt. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous coolness and initiative in action. At Amman he did particularly good work in selecting good tactical positions for our troops, and throughout the engagement was of great assistance to his troop leader, and encouraging all ranks by his splendid example.

4/1249 Sjt. F. H. Clifford, N.Z. Tun. Coy., N.Z.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When every endeavour was being made to complete machine-gun nests in anticipation of a heavy hostile attack in March, 1918, at Roeux, his utter disregard for danger and his skill and personal example enabled the work to be completed prior to the attack, although the area was

persistently searched by hostile trench-mortar and machine-gun fire. During his two and a half years' continuous service in forward areas he has always set his men a notable example of courage and devotion to duty.

8/3563 Cpl. A. Dunlop, 2nd Bn., Otago R.

On the morning of 24th August, 1918, he led his section against the artillery and machine-gun fire, which practically annihilated the attacking company. He put a block in the trench, and established a bombing-post far ahead of the line consolidated by the attacking company. He held this for two hours after the attacking company had withdrawn, and would not leave until definitely ordered to withdraw, so that he and his section might take part in the afternoon attack by his company. In this he again did fine work, he and his section capturing six machine-guns. Throughout he showed conspicuous courage and leadership.

33144 Sjt. W. L. Free, 1st Bn., 3rd N.Z. (R) B.

For gallantry and consistent devotion to duty. During the attack on Fremicourt he was in charge of two platoons, and by good leadership brought them into position for the final assault. After consolidating he took charge of the right half of the line, and patrolled from post to post under an intense machine-gun barrage. When the enemy counter-attacked with tanks next morning, he kept personal touch with his posts, and held them in position until the tanks were caused to withdraw. Throughout the operations his work was excellent.

4/1429 Sjt. G. Hatch, N.Z. Tun. Coy., N.Z.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and consistent good work over a lengthy period. When it was necessary for the safety of the line that machine-gun positions should be completed at once, he personally got out in the open and worked under shell fire during the whole night. By his untiring energy and disregard of his personal safety he set a fine example to his men.

2/512 B./S./M. J. P. Joyce, 6th By., 2nd A. Bde., N.Z. F.A.

During the operations in April at Messines he carried out his duties, under very difficult circumstances, in a most capable and gallant manner. Owing to casualties among officers he was several times in charge of the wagon lines, and always maintained the ammunition supply, often under heavy shell fire. In the operations near Bapaume during August and September on several occasions when the wagon lines were shelled, his courage and coolness largely helped to avoid serious loss.

12/3065 Cpl. E. Kelly, 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

During the actions in which the battalion has been engaged since 25th March, 1918, he has frequently gone out in charge of limbers. On many occasions his work has taken him into badly shelled areas. His cool judgment on numerous occasions has saved both the lives of transport personnel and animals.

On all occasions he has worked with a total disregard to his own safety, and has always inspired his men with confidence.

4/1376 Spr. K. B. McLean, N. Z. Tun. Coy., N.Z. E.

For courageous devotion to duty and initiative in execution of his work. On 10th March last he was detailed to a battery as instructor in dug-out construction. At the commencement of a hostile attack on 22nd March, the message to recall him having miscarried, he stayed with the battery for five days and assisted both in working the gun and establishing a new position when the battery withdrew. On his own initiative he opened up a partly demolished dug-out, and so provided cover for the gun crew during a period of intense hostile shelling.

8/616 Sjt. A. C. Mills, 1st Bn., Otago R.

For gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the period during which the battalion held the sector Hebuterne-La Signy Farm, March-July, 1918. For several nights during this tour he took out patrols in face of heavy fire from a machine-gun post, located it, and also succeeded in wiring-in our own post. His work in the field has always been characterised by disregard of personal danger and by coolness under fire, while the example he has shown by fearless patrolling has always been an inspiration to the younger N.C.Os.

7/1121 Sjt. T. Muir, 2nd Bn., Wellington R.

He has served as transport serjeant to his battalion from 25th February, 1918. He has been present with his unit during all active operations throughout. He has at all times displayed marked courage and devotion to duty in reconnoitring routes for his transport and leading it forward to the battalion throughout enemy shell fire by night and day. He has never once failed to deliver a single load of either ammunition, water or food. He has set a fine example to those under him.

12/3449 Sjt. W. A. Proctor, 2nd Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At La Signy Farm on 30th March, 1918, when an enemy machine gun was firing at his platoon, he shot three of the crew and captured the gun. After that he cleared up the trench by bombing, attacking the enemy in a most fearless manner. Throughout he has displayed great courage. Later he has been battalion gas N.C.O., and has rendered very valuable service, being with the battalion continuously till wounded near Bapaume on 30th August, 1918.

28216 Pte. F. A. Stade, N.Z. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance on Biefvillers on 24th August, 1918, he led his pack mule through heavy shell and machine-gun fire to replenish the ammunition of his sub-section at a critical period. Again at Havrincourt Wood, on 3rd September, he brought up his pack mule three times through heavy shell fire with ammunition, retiring each time to replenish his load. His gallant conduct was most marked on each occasion.

10/2778 Sjt. J. Tannahill, 1st Bn., Wellington R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 25th February to 16th/17th September, 1918. He was a platoon serjeant during an attack near Beaumont Hamel on the 30th March, when he displayed splendid dash and initiative and fine leadership. In the consolidation of the captured position, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, his coolness and courage spurred on and inspired his men, and it was mainly through his efforts that the work was completed. Since then his work, both as platoon serjeant and A./C.Q.M.S., has been consistently excellent.

8/859 Sjt. N. B. Thompson, 1st Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous courage and daring initiative. During the attack on Avesnes-les-Bapaume on 25th August, 1918, he single-handed engaged with rifle fire an enemy bombing post which was holding up the flank of his company, afterwards collecting some men and rushing the post and killing or capturing the garrison. Later in the same operation he showed considerable gallantry and leadership in mopping up the captured area, quickly overcoming machine-gun opposition and sending back prisoners.

12/878 Sjt. L. Tribe, 1st Bn., Auckland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He is the senior N.C.O. of the battalion scouts, and has organised and carried out scouting work of the very highest importance to the battalion. During the recent enemy retirement he organised his scouts with considerable skill, and kept in such close contact with the enemy that the smallest retirement was reported immediately to battalion headquarters, and proved of immense value. His own patrol work produced valuable information. He has frequently shown gallantry and initiative under fire.

23/1239 Sjt. C. Wilson, 1st Bn., 3rd N.Z. (R.) B.

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty near Miraumont on 23rd August, 1918. He made a particularly fine reconnaissance of the whole battalion front under heavy fire, bringing back the exact location of forward posts. The clearness of his report was a great factor in making the second attack a success. He is scout serjeant of his battalion, and during all active operations has shown great keenness, and set a fine example to his men.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

SAMR/2352 R./S./M. W. Baker, 1st S.A. Fd. Arty. Bde. (EGYPT)

For consistent and good work during the period under review. He has set a splendid example to all junior ranks of the brigade not only by his coolness and efficiency in action, but also by the use of his unrivalled knowledge and experience earned by a lifetime spent in the service.

5540 C./Q./M./S. (A./R.Q.M.S.) M. King, 2nd Bn., S.A. Infy.

As company quartermaster-serjeant and acting regimental quartermaster-serjeant he has rendered conspicuously zealous and gallant service. His devotion to duty on all occasions has considerably helped towards the efficiency of the battalion. During the months March to August, 1918, including the critical weeks of the earlier stages of this period, he showed marked gallantry under fire when delivering rations to his company in the front line.

SAHA/509 Sjt. W. N. Sinclair, M.M., 74th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (S.A.H.A.).

During the past six months he has rendered most valuable services, and has repeatedly behaved in a very gallant manner under heavy shell fire, showing great coolness and judgment. He has always set a splendid example to the men in his detachment and to the battery.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

1974 A./C./Q./M./S. W. Haynes, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

He has shown conspicuous gallantry and powers of leading as a platoon commander, and his services have been very noteworthy. On one occasion in April, south of Neuve-Eglise, when the enemy were attacking in force and had broken through on the left flank of the battalion, he grasped the situation at once, and under heavy fire led his platoon forward and counter-attacked. He drove the enemy back, reorganised the line, and held it against further attack. He has previously shown great capacity as a platoon commander.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards, which appeared in the London Gazette of the 7th February, 1919, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made:—

#### AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

240207 A./C./S.M. W. Chisholm, 4th (R.) Bn., Gord. Highrs., and 2/2nd K. Afr. Rif. (Peterhead). (E. AFRICA)

For continuous conspicuous gallantry in action and high devotion to duty. He has at all times displayed great determination and ability in action as a platoon leader, and has also performed some bold patrol work, rendering most useful service.

L/8076 Cpl. G. Hobday, 2nd Bn., R. Suss R., and 1/2nd Bn., K. Afr. Rif. (Belfast).

(E. AFRICA)

For gallantry at Medo, on 12th April, 1918, in remaining at his post when wounded and thereby setting a fine example of courage to all ranks. In addition, he has commanded a platoon with exceptional ability and courage, and has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

290861 A./Sjt. J. McCallum, 2/7th Bn., R. Highrs., and 4/4th K. Afr. Rif. (Cawdenheath). (E. AFRICA)

For the constant display of the greatest gallantry and resource in action. On two occasions while firing a Lewis gun he fearlessly exposed himself under very heavy fire in order to bring his gun into action against a portion of the enemy's line which was enveloping his own firing line. Not only has he set a very fine example, but he has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

4th Cl. Asst. Surgn. D. M. Mackay, Indian Sub. Med. Dept. (India). (E. AFRICA)

For the display of great courage and presence of mind at Medo on 12th April, 1918, when he repeatedly went out to collect wounded under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. His services on this occasion were admirable.

173622 Ftr./S./Sjt. E. Mason, R.G.A., attd. 22nd Derajat Mtn. Bty. (F.F.) (Stoke-on-Trent). (E. AFRICA)

On 1st May, 1918, at Koronje, Portuguese East Africa, when the battery was attacked on the line of march at short range by a field company with two machine guns, he, with two Indian non-commissioned officers, went out under heavy machine-gun fire and successfully brought in the breech of a howitzer which had been bucked off by its mule between the escort and the enemy. An act of great gallantry, as they were under fire from both sides, and the enemy was very close; but for these three men the breech might have been captured.

127971 Spr. W. E. Oughton, R.E. (Signals) (Kensal Rise, N.W.). (E. AFRICA)

For consistent good service and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy. Nominally an instrument repairer, he has, owing to the sickness amongst the drivers, taken cable to columns, often at great personal risk, and has likewise taken out linesmen when the line has been cut. He has twice been involved in ambushes, when he has on both occasions exhibited great personal gallantry and initiative.

570033 Sjt. G. Vanhinsbergh, 17th (R.) Bn., Lond. R. (Shepherds Lane, N.E.).

(E. AFRICA)

For conspicuous gallantry at Nkinjiri on 17th April, 1918, when he was twice wounded in endeavouring to render assistance to one of his company officers who was mortally wounded. He has at all times displayed great gallantry and initiative.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

A/70 Cpl. J. L. Beith, British S.A. Police.

(E. AFRICA)

From August, 1915, to June, 1918. He has been in the field since August, 1915, and has performed continuous good work in action throughout, more especially in the fight at Mkipira in October, 1916, where he was wounded. He had previously been wounded at Bismarckburg in June, 1916.

3704 Condr. J. A. Brummer, S.A.S.C.  
(E. AFRICA)

While in charge of the King's African Rifles Mounted Infantry Remounts on 26th and 27th June, 1918, at the crossing of the Lurio River, Portuguese East Africa, he swam this crocodile infested river five times with horses, narrowly escaping seizing by a crocodile the third time, and swimming twice across next day and getting all his animals over. During the whole operation he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

1120 Cpl. W. A. T. Humphries, S.A. Sig. Service.  
(E. AFRICA)

For constant good work, devotion to duty and gallantry under fire. Also for conspicuous gallantry at Masanje, Portuguese East Africa on 1st January, 1918.

S.5 Cpl. Jeremani, Northern Rhodesia Police.  
(E. AFRICA)

During the operations in German East Africa, August, 1915-June, 1918. For having on numerous occasions whilst a scout undertaken missions of exceptional danger with marked success. He has done consistent good work.

479 Cpl. Samsoni and 835 Pte. Moto, Northern Rhodesia Police.  
(E. AFRICA)

From August, 1915-June, 1918. At Mpepo the machine gun to which these men were attached came into action 400 yards from the enemy position under enemy

machine-gun fire. Both were wounded, but remained at their posts, and when the line retired they brought the gun out of action safely.

1179 Cpl. Songandewo, Northern Rhodesia Police.  
(E. AFRICA)

During the operations in German East Africa, August, 1915-June, 1918. For having on numerous occasions whilst a scout undertaken missions of exceptional danger with marked success. He has done consistent good work.

1615 Sjt. G. H. Stafford, British S.A. Police  
(E. AFRICA)

During the operations in German East Africa, April, 1916, to June, 1918. Has always been very cool under fire and has accounted for several enemy Europeans. Through his good work as an intelligence agent and scout the Biwuka wireless post was saved.

#### AMENDMENT.

The following is the correct description of the man to whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded *vide* London Gazette dated 14th January, 1916, and not as amended in London Gazette dated 8th August, 1919:—

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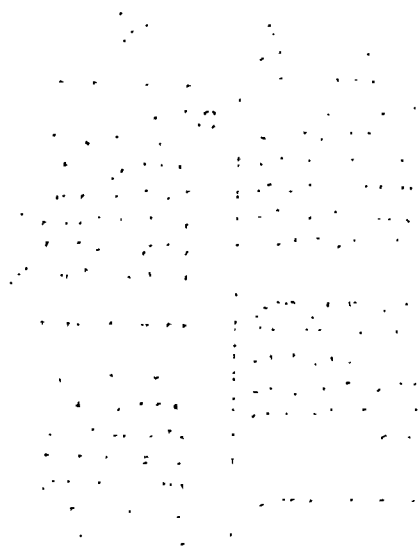
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