

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 Sjt. 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the Aisne, he took a machine gun to the east bank of the Aisne and held the bridge until the Infantry and artillery had withdrawn.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 Sjt. 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 Sjt. 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 Sjt. 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./Sjt. 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