

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.