

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. (Ballincollicie).

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