

15483 B./S./M. F. E. Debenham, 68th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Beccles).

His conduct on 25th September, 1918, at St. Emile was particularly gallant. The battery was heavily shelled pulling in, and went into action at night under continuous shell fire. Owing to a shortage of officers, extra responsibility was placed on him, and the example he set to the men was most marked.

42504 Sjt. U. A. V. Dearing, R.F.A. attd. C./286th (W. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Chiswick).

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the Cambrai operations in August and September, 1918. At Boisieux-au-Mont, on the 20th/21st August, 1918, the battery came under a very heavy hostile bombardment, which lasted for several hours. At Cagnicourt, on 4th September, 1918, he was wounded in the head, but refused to leave his gun.

20598 Sjt. R. Dempsey, 24th Bn., M.G. Corps (Ballyfin).

For exceptionally good work in the operations from the 9th to the 17th October, 1918, around St. Aubert. And again, on the 17th October, 1918, near Montrecourt Wood, when the transport was being heavily shelled, although wounded, he refused to go to the dressing station, but superintended the removal of casualties and the changing of the position of the transport.

252955 Cpl. H. Denison, 16th Bn., Manch. R. (Heywood).

On the night of 29th/30th October, 1918, during the crossing of the River Escaut, he attacked the Lock House with his section. Leaving his men to picket one entrance, he gallantly entered alone by the other, and, after some fighting, drove the enemy out into the hands of his section. It was entirely due to his initiative and courage that several of the enemy were captured.

26847 Spr. L./C. (T./Cpl.) R. W. Denly, 2nd Fd. Sqdn., R.E. (Cobham).

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty on the 12th October, 1918, at Bohain, when in charge of a party extinguishing a fire in an enemy dump under heavy shell fire. He saved a large quantity of valuable material from destruction. He has on several occasions showed great courage and resource, and has been a very excellent example to his men.

26625 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) J. W. Denton, 6th Bn., E. York. R. (Sheffield).

During the operations at Epinoy on the night of the 7th/8th October, 1918, he was employed with his company cutting wire in front of the outpost line. Although this wire was continuously under heavy fire he by his fine example kept the men of the company at work until the task was completed.

6872 Pte. F. Derrett, M.M., 8th (S.) Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Edinburgh). (SALONIKA)

During the recent attack his gallantry was most marked. His platoon officer being a casualty, he took command and reorganised the men, and led them on until badly wounded. He has been wounded four times,

and he sets a very high standard of efficiency to every man in the battalion.

201725 Pte. C. Devaney, 1/5th Bn., High. L.I. (Glasgow).

At Moeuvres, on 17th September, 1918, he went to the assistance of a wounded corporal under heavy barrage, dressed his wounds in the open, and brought him down to safety, a distance of about 500 yards. Again, on 25th September, and on 2nd October, 1918, he showed great courage and devotion to duty while carrying out his work.

282126 Spr. F. Devonport, 39th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Coventry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the fighting, August-November, 1918. He has never failed to deliver his despatches to Brigades and batteries, often under most difficult conditions. Particularly near Cambrai, 6th-12th October, traversing roads under heavy fire, working practically day and night.

9386 C./S./M. (A./R.S.M.) J. T. Dew, 1st Bn., N. Lan. R. (Preston).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served with the battalion for the last three years, and has taken part in most battles. During the recent fighting he was responsible for the Echelon Transport, and by his capable handling of same reduced casualties amongst horses and personnel to a minimum.

20852 Sjt. J. Dickinson, 12th Bn., L'pool R., attd. 61st L.T.M. By. (Liverpool).

He has consistently shown gallantry and leadership throughout his service with the L.T.M.B. In November, 1918, he was in charge of two gun detachments led by an officer in the attack on Cambrai. After heavy fire had caused many casualties, including his officer, he collected the remaining men and got his gun into action under heavy fire. Again at Lens in July, 1918, he was in charge of a gun detachment, and after being shaken by a shell burst continued to use his gun effectively.

396980 C./S./M. J. H. Dingle, 5th Fd. Coy. (R. Ang.), R.E. (S.R.) (Sparbrook).

For gallantry and devotion to duty from August, 1915, in Suvla, till November. On morning of 18th October, 1918, he had the company, including bridging vehicles, ready to move in twenty minutes, when the advanced patrol had reached the Haute Canal. He afterwards took control of the pontooning, which was completed in 25 minutes.

79811 Pte. P. Dixon, 29th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Hull).

For marked gallantry and continuous good service during September, October and November, 1918, during the advance to the Raver Scheldt. As a company runner he has successfully delivered important messages under very dangerous and trying conditions. At Comines especially, on at least three occasions, he delivered messages under very heavy fire.