

position, he set a splendid example to all ranks.

136353 Spr. L./C. (A./Cpl.) J. Etchells; 177th Tunn. Coy., R.E. (Carlisle).

For devotion to duty, especially on 27th November, 1918, in front of the Canal du Nord. He was one of a party detailed to look for enemy traps and mines, and was held up with the infantry by a nest of machine guns near Sucrerie. He went back and guided up a tank to the spot, which mopped up the machine gun nest and enabled the advance to continue.

490563 Sjt. A. Evans, 2/13th Bn., Lond. R. (N. Kensington). (PALESTINE)

Since August, 1914, his fearless devotion to duty has been most marked, his energy and skill have been the means of saving many lives, and he has been of the greatest assistance to the medical officer. His bearing in action and under fire leaves nothing to be desired.

50452 Sjt. (A./C./Q./M./S.) D. Evans, No. 6 Coy. I.C.C. (Plumpton). (PALESTINE)

For continuous good work and devotion to duty since the formation of the company in May, 1916. His leadership and personal disregard of danger were beyond praise.

44629 Spr. G. Evans, 21st Div., Sig Coy., R.E. (Caldicot, Mon.).

For conspicuous and exceptionally good work in the maintenance of telephone lines whilst in action. During the August-November offensive his work was on all occasions excellent and his gallantry conspicuous. This was especially noticeable near Heudecourt from 9th September to 20th September, 1918.

725626 Gnr. W. C. Evans, 240th Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Garth). (ITALY)

As signaller and linesman he has shown total disregard of personal danger, notably on the occasion of the raid on 23rd October, 1918, whilst acting as runner under heavy shell fire, when telephone communication had temporary broken down. His coolness and devotion to duty have been invaluable in work at the observation post.

60004 Sjt. W. G. Evans, A/47th Bde., R.F.A. (Birmingham).

For more than three and a-half year's continuous service in a battery he has shown marked gallantry and devotion to duty at all times. He has been in all the great battles in which the artillery have been engaged, and has at all times remained cheerful under the most trying conditions.

508243 C./S./M. F. Evered, 505th (Wessex) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Taunton).

During the advance at Cambrai he showed great devotion to duty. On the 29th September, 1918, he made a reconnaissance of the L'Escaut Canal, south-west of Cambrai, for the purpose of bridging to get the infantry over, and afterwards brought up his company, during which time the enemy was shelling very heavily. He showed great ability in keeping his men under perfect control.

23551 L./C. (A./Cpl.) H. Everett, 4th Div., Sig. Coy., R.E., attd. 10th Inf. Bde. ((E) Reading).

During the enemy's attack at Arras, in March, 1918, La Basse Canal, in August, 1918, and the heavy fighting in front of Cambrai, in September, 1918, he was in charge of the Brigade Advanced Report Centre. On every occasion he maintained communication under heavy fire with the advanced units, and throughout showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

241174 Cpl. N. S. Everitt, 1/6th Bn., S. Staff. R., T.F. (Wolverhampton).

Near Bellenglise, on 29th September, 1918, he took command of his platoon at a critical stage of the attack, and led them to the final objective. With his Lewis gun he successfully engaged an enemy machine gun, and himself killed and captured a large number of the enemy.

43966 Sjt. S. Ewen, 12th Bn., N. Staffs. R. (Dundee).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On 6th November, when his platoon was ordered to cross the Scheldt, he went forward to find out the dispositions and strength of the enemy, and brought back valuable information. By careful manoeuvring he was able to get his platoon across the river and establish the post as ordered.

31177 Sjt. A. Ewens, M.M., 2nd Bn. (now Dépôt), Devon. R. (New Cross, S.E.).

During the operations from 7th to 14th October, 1918, he was in command of a platoon, and gained all the objectives allotted to his platoon, also keeping touch, and thus maintaining communication. This was done by sheer pluck, determination and initiative, which set an example to his men.

42137 Pte. (L./C.) S. Exton, 1/6th Bn., S. Staffs. R., T.F. (Grantham).

For gallantry near Bellenglise on the 29th September, 1918. He entered a tunnel and encountered some 400 of the enemy. He caused the whole party to surrender, and marched them out and handed them over. In the attack near Sequehart, on the 3rd October, 1918, he did excellent work while in charge of a Lewis gun section.

79658 Spr. (L./C.) D. Fagan, 173rd Tunn. Coy., R.E. (Dumfries).

On 8th March, 1917, when a trench mortar dugout in the Loos salient was wrecked with enemy shell fire, filling it with gas, he, being unable to get down with his oxygen apparatus on, went down without it three times to rescue those inside. He succeeded in bringing an officer and one of the team to the surface. On 18th December, 1917, he also displayed conspicuous gallantry in rescuing wounded under heavy shell fire on the Brombeeck.

20959 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) R. Fairclough, 15th Bn., Welsh R. (Farnworth, Bolton).

For great courage and initiative throughout the recent operations. In the fighting round Englefontaine, on 31st October, 1918,