# Medal for Military Virtue.

4876 Serjeant (acting Company Quarter-Master-Serjeant) Edward Henry Cox, Army Cyclist Corps (Derby).

S/16343 1st Class Staff Serjeant-Major Harry Faint, D.C.M., Royal Army Service Corps

(Edinburgh).

39752 Private (acting Serjeant) Herbert James Flanagan, 9th Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment (Clerkenwell).

28560 Company Serjeant - Major Aloysius O'Connor, 12th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Lymington, Hauts).

#### Gold Medal for Zealous Service.

5605 Staff Serjeant Henry Charles Browning, Royal Engineers (Freshwater, I. of W.). 72891 Corporal Roy S. Fisher,

Royal

Engineers (Glasgow).

M2/020715 Private Donald Hamilton, Royal

Army Service Corps (Cupar, Fife). 777 Quarter-Master-Serjeant William Hughes,

Royal Engineers (Bristol).

M2/153630 Private Ernest D. Phillips, Royal Army Service Corps, Motor Transport (Winnipeg).

## Silver Medal for Zealous Service.

M2/019218 Private Albert Edward Reeks, Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport) (Longsight, Manchester).

105438 Private (acting Corporal) Stuart Harry Douglas George, Royal Army Medical Corps

(Tufnell Park, N.). M2/182598 Private Harry Jones, Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport) (Petworth).

### Cross of Mercy.

Captain (temporary Lieutenant - Colonel) Sir Thomas Crisp English, Bt., K.C.M.G., M.B., F.R.C.S., Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Force), attached Royal Army Medical

Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert Lindsay

Fitzpatrick, C.B.E., Special List.

Temporary Colonel Sir Courtauld Thomson,
K.B.E., C.B., Special List.

23208 Private Joseph Norman Greaves, Royal Army Medical Corps (North Seaton).

60069 Private George Smith, Royal Army Medical Corps (Pilsley, Chesterfield).

#### CORRECTIONS.

Edinburgh Gazette, 18th March 1919. Medaille des Epidemies (en Vermeil).

Page 1234.--Miss Frances Mildred Clark, Nursing Sister, 4th Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, Canadian Army Medical Corps, is now correctly described.

### Edinburgh Gazette, 13th Sept. 1918.

Page 3245.—The award of the Silver Medal for Zealous Service to M2/203290 Private George William Myers, Army Service Corps, should be amended to read Gold Medal for Zealous Service.

# War Office,

9th June 1919.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer and Man :-

The late temporary Lieutenant-Colonel Wilfred Elstob, D.S.O., M.C., 16th Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice during operations at Manchester Redoubt, near St. Quentin, on the 21st March 1918.

During the preliminary bombardment he encouraged his men in the posts in the Redoubt by frequent visits, and when repeated attacks developed controlled the defence at the points threatened, giving personal support with revolver, rifle, and bombs. Single-handed he repulsed one bombing assault, driving back the enemy and inflicting severe casualties.

Later, when ammunition was required, he made several journeys under severe fire in

order to replenish the supply.

Throughout the day Lieutenant-Colonel Elstob, although twice wounded, showed the most fearless disregard of his own safety, and by his encouragement and noble example inspired his command to the fullest degree.

The Manchester Redoubt was surrounded in the first wave of the enemy attack, but by means of the buried cable Lieutenant-Colonel Elstob was able to assure his Brigade Commander that "The Manchester Regiment will defend Manchester Hill to the

Sometime after this post was overcome by vastly superior forces, and this very gallant officer was killed in the final assault, having maintained to the end the duty which he had impressed on his men-namely, "Here we fight and here we die.'

He set throughout the highest example of valour, determination, endurance, and fine soldierly bearing.

The late G/14498 Lance-Corporal John William Sayer, Sth Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment (Cricklewood).

For most conspicuous bravery, determination and ability displayed on the 21st March 1918, at Le Vergoier, when holding for two hours, in face of incessant attacks, the flank of a small isolated post. Owing to mist the enemy approached the post from both sides to within 30 yards before being discovered. Lance-Corporal Sayer, however, on his own initiative and without assistance, beat off a succession of flank attacks and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

Though attacked by rifle and machine-gun fire, bayonet, and bombs, he repulsed all attacks, killing many and wounding others. During the whole time he was continuously exposed to rifle and machine-gun fire, but he showed the utmost contempt of danger, and his conduct was an inspiration to all. His skilful use of fire of all description enabled the post to hold out till nearly all the garrison had been killed and himself wounded and