

distinguished service, especially in action, where, by his courage, coolness and energy under fire, he has set an example of devotion to duty worthy of the highest praise.

54138 Motor Cyclist Sjt. C. J. McGowan, R.E. (Kilburn, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a motor cyclist he has invariably performed his duties with marked courage and ability under all conditions, however hazardous, and the success in the delivery of despatches, often in a country invested with hostile Arabs, and under fire, was mainly due to him.

21795 C.S.M. H. A. Matthews, R. War. R. (Dunkeld).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Specially selected for service with the battalion, he has proved the wisdom of his choice by his magnificent courage, coolness and ability in action, and his energy and tact in the performance of his duties when in billets.

46337 L./C. (A./Cpl.) R. Newbury, R.E. (S. Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In laying and maintaining telephone wires in operations during a period of over two years, he showed conspicuous courage and ability, often under heavy fire, and his fine determination and endurance under difficult conditions were worthy of high praise.

35127 B.Q.M.S. J. H. Price, R.G.A. (Bradford-on-Avon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For consistent good service as a No. 1 of his gun during operations, always displaying the greatest courage, coolness and initiative in the performance of his duties under fire, and setting an example which was of the utmost value.

62553 Pte. E. P. Robinson, M.G. Corps (London, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As No. 1 of his gun team he has always shown conspicuous courage and coolness under fire, and has worked his gun with good results. Whether in action, on the line of march, or in camp, his work and conduct have always been of a very high order.

14336 Gnr. (A./Bomdr.) T. G. Skinner, R.F.A. (Egerton, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has consistently shown great gallantry and performed most excellent service, both with F.O.O's and with his battery, during active operations. His courage and cheerfulness under all difficulties and dangers, and his untiring zeal and energy have always been of the greatest value.

227104 Mech. Elect. S./Sjt. J. Smith, R.E. (Pelaw-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Through his bravery and energies as a wireless fitter, although under great mental and physical stress at the time, he kept his station in working order throughout a long siege, daily transmitting 43-5 messages, totalling 3,000 words. His splendid deter-

mination and heroic endurance were beyond praise.

26290 B.S.M. P. Smitheman, R.G.A. (Battersea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Since the commencement of the war he has on all occasions displayed conspicuous gallantry, determination and resource, frequently under fire and in arduous circumstances. He has always been ready to volunteer for any hazardous or heavy work, and his splendid example instilled courage and grit into many N.C.O.s and men who were lacking in these qualities.

4859 Pte. S. G. Strawbridge, Hrs. (Newton Abbot).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For nearly two years of active service he has performed work of the very highest order, and his gallantry and devotion to duty in action have frequently been most marked. On one occasion, his unit being under very heavy fire, the signal troop wagon was destroyed by a direct hit. He showed an utter contempt of danger, and with great presence of mind quickly grasped the situation and re-established signalling communication with forward units, which had temporarily broken down.

195329 Cpl. W. Wells, R.G. A. (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For upwards of two and a half years he has performed conspicuously good work in maintaining communication between group headquarters and batteries, often under most difficult and dangerous conditions. He has never spared himself, and his courage, energy and devotion to duty have always been most praiseworthy.

30970 B.S.M. F. Whitehead, R.F.A. (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has invariably performed continuous and meritorious service, and his gallantry and cheerfulness under all difficulties, both in and out of action, and his untiring energy and zeal have at all times been of the utmost value.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

14257 Sjt. S. J. Ryan (A. & N.Z.) Wireless Sig. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For distinguished service and great gallantry when in charge of the horses and transport of a wireless station. In addition to his ordinary duties he did all the shoeing of the horses and repairs to wagons and tyres, and it was entirely due to his ability and untiring efforts that the station got through to its destination. He further distinguished himself during a hostile attack by his bravery and devotion in attending the wounded under fire and transporting them to places of safety.

With reference to the announcement of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal which appears in the London Gazette dated 4th