

ment for the last two and a half years. He has shown a fine example to all ranks, whether in action or at other times.

285854 Ftr. W. K. Aldborough, 121st Hy. By., R.G.A. (Norwich).

He has displayed rare devotion to duty throughout the recent operations before Amiens and Arras, and it is largely due to his courage and energy that guns were kept in action at a time when it was of the utmost importance that they should be so. He worked day and night without rest, and frequently under hostile shell fire and bombing without complaint, and, in the absence of a staff serjeant fitter, his skill and sound workmanship were of the utmost value.

9706 Pte. B. Aldridge, 2nd Bn., Y. & L. Regt. (Sheffield).

For devotion to duty during four years' front-line service. He has always shown great courage and self-sacrifice in volunteering for dangerous enterprises. During the operations in March, 1918, near Bapaume, he did excellent work, and on one occasion held up the enemy by Lewis-gun fire, although an untrained man.

58872 Sjt. G. Alexander, 41st By., R.F.A. (Abertillery).

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served with this battery throughout all the battles of the present year, and has been conspicuous by his example on many trying occasions in bringing wounded to cover, building gun positions and working his gun under heavy shell fire. His continuous cheerfulness and courage have been a great source of inspiration to the men under him.

220016 C./S./M. C. E. Allen, 10th Bn., E. York. R., T.F. (Bridlington).

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has done excellent work throughout the last six months as C.S.M. He has always performed his duties in a cheerful and capable manner, and has shown a fine sense of leadership. His organisation both in and out of the line gave proof of energy and keenness. In particular on the 12th April, 1918, near Merris, he rallied his men under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and caused heavy fire to be brought on the advancing enemy. He showed complete disregard for his own personal safety.

202041 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. J. Allen, 5th Bn., North'd Fus., T.F. (Flitcham, King's Lynn).

During the operations undertaken by this battalion during the battles of the Somme, the Lys and Aisne he has consistently showed great gallantry and devotion to duty. As a lance-corporal he handled his section at all times with courage, skill and resource, including counter-attacks on two occasions; and organised and took charge of a platoon on more than one occasion. His good example and constant cheerfulness in difficult situations inspired the men under him to further effort.

54254 Mot./Cyc. Cpl. W. L. Anderson, 37th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Gateshead).

For consistent good work, courage and devotion to duty as motor despatch rider attached to divisional artillery headquarters. His work as despatch rider has taken him over bad roads and unknown country at all times of the day and night and in all weathers. Frequently through gas bombing and heavy shell fire, he never failed to deliver his despatches in the quickest possible time. His work has been admirable.

320262 L./Cpl. A. Andrews, 12th Bn., Norf. R., T.F. (Norwich).

During the attack on Vieux Berquin on 19th August, 1918, he was No. 1 on the Lewis gun attached to the right flank of a company, and as the company advanced into the strong point—their objective—his gun teams moved forward directly towards the centre of the enemy's position and contrived to reach a large shell hole only twenty yards in front of the enemy's position, which was strongly held by machine-gunners, snipers and bombers.

6576 Sjt. F. Archer, M.M., 1st Bn., D.C.L.I. (Ponders End).

He was in charge of Regtl. Signals during the operations in the Forest of Nieppe on 13th April, and again on 28th June, 1918, and in the absence of the battalion signalling officer did most extraordinary good work in establishing and maintaining communications, showing the utmost contempt of danger in going out under heavy fire at any time to supervise the work of his men and keep the lines in repair. On the 13th April he was wounded on this duty.

130212 Sjt. L. W. Ardley, No. 1 Spec. Coy., R.E. (Barking).

For conspicuous gallantry under fire and continuous good service. He has carried out his duties during the past twelve months in a most commendable manner. At Morlancourt, on 8th August, a mortar emplacement full of bombs received a direct hit, killing or wounding four men. In spite of the enemy fire and the gas which had escaped he carried away the wounded men and personally supervised the burying of all damaged bombs, thus preventing the gas from causing damage to our troops. He invariably displayed cool courage and devotion to duty under heavy fire.

97456 C./S.M. G. E. Argyle, 155th Fld. Coy., R.E. (Pembroke Dock).

From 1st March to 1st Sept., 1918. For consistent good work and devotion to duty. He has often done duty for an officer with considerable success, notably in the preparation of bridges for demolition in the face of the enemy, and has invariably shown cool courage and ability under fire.

602027 Sig. Cpl. H. Armour, 18th Bde., R.H.A. (Ayr). (EGYPT)

For continuous good work and devotion to duty during the operations to Es Salt and Amman in April, 1918, and especially during the Turkish attack on the Ghoraniyeh defences on 11th April, 1918, when, under