

fire, he maintained his signal communication from Brigade Headquarters to batteries without a hitch.

290134 Sjt. S. Armstrong, 1/7th Bn., Ches. R., T.F. (Macclesfield).

He has shown conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the whole of the period under review. He set a splendid example to all the men under him during the operations south of Soissons in July and August, 1918, and east of Kemmel in September. On a great many occasions during that period he performed very dangerous and arduous tasks under heavy shell fire, and it was in a large measure due to his fearlessness, grit and determination that the battalion never once failed to get its supplies.

67521 Spr. T. Arthur, 151st Fld. Coy., R.E. (Tylorstown, Glam.).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty in action at all times during the period from 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has invariably delivered the messages entrusted to him, undeterred by shelling and regardless of his own safety.

14051 C./S./M. J. Ashworth, M.M., 24th (S.) Bn. (P.), Manch. R. (Oldham).

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He has performed exceptionally valuable services as C.S.M. for over twenty months. Always courageous and energetic, he sets an excellent example to the N.C.O.s and men under him. During the offensive operations at Beaumont Hamel, 16th December—17th January, at Bullecourt, May—17th July, and east of Ypres, September and 17th October, his coolness under the heaviest shell fire and his personal influence with his men were frequently and largely instrumental in the completion of urgent work. On several occasions during the period under consideration he was in charge of important wiring to No Man's Land, south of Asiago, when his energy and determination contributed largely to the quality of the results achieved.

94734 Sjt. C. T. Atkinson, 116th By., 26th A. Bde., R.F.A. (London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty since joining the battery in November, 1915, and in particular on 21st March, 1918, near Noréuil. He was with a forward section during the enemy attack and under very heavy shell fire. The officer present was wounded, and he took charge and kept the two guns in action till both were knocked out by direct hits. He then withdrew the survivors in good order, bringing with him the wounded and the gun sights. His work throughout has been of a very high standard.

13881 Sjt. H. Atkinson, VII. Corps Cyc. Bn., A.C.C. (Lancaster).

From 14th August, 1918, to 7th September, 1918, he was in charge of six signallers of his battalion at the 2nd Army Heliograph Transmitting Station on the Mont-des-Cats. On the 16th August, 1918, the enemy, having observed the signalling, shelled the station almost daily. The signallers remained

at their post and carried on. He was at the heliograph whenever messages were being sent, and it was due to his fine disregard of danger and to the devotion to duty of the signallers that the continuity of communication was maintained.

14597 Spr. (A./Cpl.) J. Atkinson, 2nd Fld. Sur. Bn., R.E. (Gillingham, Kent).

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty in his work as a surveyor in the field. He was employed on the fixing of positions for field artillery. After the withdrawal in the Lys sector in April, 1918, he worked daily in the heavily shelled area round the battery positions until he and his assistant were severely wounded on 22nd April. His work was of the greatest value at a critical period. He has consistently rendered good service since he joined his section in February, 1917.

240421 Sjt. J. Atterbury, 1/6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Ashbourne).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served continuously with his battalion in France since February, 1915, first as a scout and later as scout serjeant, and has shown a complete disregard of danger. As a platoon serjeant during the last year he has proved himself an able leader, and has invariably shown a keen fighting spirit and a cheerful disposition, and did particularly good work in connection with a successful raid near Hulluch in August, 1917.

9209 C.Q.M.S. W. Austin, 1st Bn., Bedf. R. (Redbourne).

He has served continuously with the battalion since the Somme operations in August, 1916, and in his capacity as C.Q.M.S. has on several occasions shown great presence of mind and courage under shelling, as well as performing his duties in a most zealous and capable manner. During the operations at Nieppe Forest in April and May, 1918, and the operations N.W. of Bapaume, in August and September, 1918, he conducted ration parties to the outpost lines through heavy gas shelling and machine-gun fire, and personally distributed rations.

113923 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) S. P. Baggott, 280th Sge. By., 16th Bde., R.G.A. (Pleck, Walsall).

For exemplary courage and devotion to duty under shell fire during battery action in front of Thelus. Several times when wounded and unfit for duty he persisted in remaining with his battery. His perseverance and coolness maintained the spirit of his men throughout many difficult actions from April to September, 1918.

187236 Sjt. J. W. Bailey, attd. "T" A.-A. By., R.G.A. (Stoke-on-Trent).

As senior serjeant of a section he has been largely responsible for maintaining a high standard of efficiency in the men during the past two years. He has always shown great coolness under fire, and has throughout set an excellent example.