

360616 Pnr. J. Barron, 35th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Kinnillar, Aberdeen).

He has during the period March to September, 1918, been conspicuous on many occasions for exceptionally good work and devotion to duty under dangerous conditions. He has on many occasions been solely responsible for the maintenance of lines to battalions when these were under heavy shell fire, thus enabling his brigade to carry out important shoots. He has proved himself at all times a most reliable linesman.

4859 Pte. (L./C.) E. Barsdell, 8th Bn. (now Depot), E. Surr. R. (Bayswater).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 26th February to the 16th September, 1918. He was in charge of the runners of his company, and as such has set a splendid example of courage and endurance, always carrying the message himself rather than send one of his runners with it, whenever the risk appeared to be unusually great. He has been of the greatest assistance to his officers in bringing back clear and concise reports on the situation, and has frequently rallied and led forward small parties of men who had lost their leaders.

M2/117298 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) T. E. G. Bashford, R.A.S.C., attd. 65th Sge. By. Amm. Col. R.G.A. (Boro' Green, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night 4th-5th September, 1918, when assisting with caterpillar tractors in mounting a 12 in. Howitzer at a position about 500 yards south-east of Fampoux, east of Arras. The position was subjected to very heavy shell and gas-shell fire the whole night, but this non-commissioned officer remained at his post, the gun being successfully mounted. He then took his caterpillars back to their park, and was later evacuated, suffering from gas poisoning. He has on previous occasions shown absolute coolness under shell fire and has always set a high example to his men.

56662 Sjt. H. Bastow, M.M., Sig. Sub-Sec., R.E., attd. 81st Bde., R.G.A. (Bradford).

From 25th February to night of 16th-17th September, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and disregard of danger. On the night of 1st-2nd September, 1918, at Cherisy, all communications being cut by hostile fire, he immediately went out to repair the damage. Throughout the night he was continually under shell fire or bombs from enemy aircraft, but continued his task and repaired the lines. He has consistently done excellently.

7433 B./S./M. E. Bathe, 28th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Nr. Petworth, Sussex).

From 25th February to 16th September, 1918. He has done exceptionally fine work, and has always shown the greatest devotion to duty. The battery has frequently been in very forward positions, and his behaviour under heavy shell fire and other trying circumstances has on all occasions been exemplary. His coolness and utter disregard of personal danger have been a splendid example to the men, and have had undoubtedly on several occasions a very

marked effect on the service of the guns and the general efficiency of the battery while in action

16313 Sjt. W. Bayfield, 11th Bn., Durh. L.I. (Stn. Shields).

He has served in France for two and a half years, and was posted to this battalion in February, 1918. On 24th March he handled his Lewis guns with most conspicuous skill and gallantry, ensuring the success of our counter-attack. He was wounded for the fourth time on this date, but soon returned to duty. A most reliable and capable N.C.O.

L/13977 Sjt. H. C. Beale, 18th Bn., Middx. R., attd. 36th T.M. By. (Wood Green, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during forty months' service, and especially during the period 25th February to 16th September, 1918, as battery sergeant. He has commanded his section of guns in a most able manner in action, and has on many occasions on his own initiative brought his guns forward into action and given great assistance to the attacking infantry.

191448 Cpl. E. A. Beales, attd. "C" A.-A. By., R.G.A. (Sutton).

For continuous and conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has served in France since April, 1915, in anti-aircraft sections, and nearly the whole time in forward areas. He is a highly-skilled and expert range-taker, and has shown so much ability in the performance of this duty that he was given charge of one of the few two metre range-finders. He worked it and another, one after the other, until both were destroyed by shell fire. His ability and devotion to duty are of the highest order.

15962 Sjt. J. H. Beard, 7th Bn., Leic. R. (Coulville).

He has been with the battalion all through the fighting of the last six months. He has been in command of a platoon most of the time, and has always shown ability and great courage in action.

T/28315 Dvr. (A./Sjt.) P. R. Beart, 54th Div. Tn., R.A.S.C. (Willesden Green).

(EGYPT)

For gallantry and meritorious action on 5th August, 1918, when on supply convoy duty. The convoy being heavily shelled at the Mezeirah Railway crossing—and the two native drivers of one of the wagons abandoning their team, he promptly galloped up and mounted the near leader and brought the wagon safely through the refilling point, leading his own horse at the same time.

136610 Sjt. J. Beattie, 20th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Hartlepool).

For gallantry and consistent devotion to duty at all times, and particularly during the enemy attack on Givenchy Les La Bassee on 9th April, 1918. On this occasion, under very heavy enemy fire, he maintained continuous serving of his gun. At the end of the day he assisted in with-