

346084 Gnr. R. G. Alexander, 108th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Avonbridge).

From 18th September to 30th October, 1918, he carried on the work of despatch rider under difficulties of shell-swept and exceedingly bad roads. He has never failed to deliver despatches, and although gassed and blown off his motor-cycle at different times, would never give in.

T/30056 C./S./M. B. E. Dabson, 1st Div. Sig. Co., Can. Engrs.

Throughout the Amiens operations of the 8th to the 20th August, 1918, the Drocourt-Queant operation of the 28th August to the 4th September and the Canal du Nord operation of the 27th September to the 6th October, 1918, he was in charge of the despatch rider section. He showed great courage and utter disregard for his own safety. (Canada)

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.

M2/166599 Pte. J. J. Hawker, A.S.C. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as despatch rider throughout active operations. He has shown absolute contempt of danger while carrying despatches on heavily shelled roads both day and night at all times.

958 Cpl. A. W. Beard, 9th Aust. L.H.R. (PALESTINE)

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was for a long period employed on Bde. Scouts, and since rejoining his unit he has at many times shown much skill in scouting, despatch riding and gallantry in action. During the recent operations he performed some very daring and very useful scouting and reconnoitring work.

164381 Gnr. E. A. Hicks, 456th Sge. By., R.G.A. (Forest Gate, E.).

He has shown a high level of gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operations. Between Roisel and Villers Foucon, on 21st March, 1918, he succeeded as despatch rider in getting messages to and from Brigade Headquarters, when all other means had failed. Eventually he volunteered as runner to accompany an officer to get R.E. to repair track, and in carrying this out was seriously wounded in one foot and both legs and lost his right arm.

M/287597 Pte. F. Bunce, R.A.S.C., attd. O.A.A. By., R.G.A. (Fordingbridge).

As motor cycle despatch rider he has shown continuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions when carrying despatches along roads under heavy shell fire. On one occasion, when carrying an urgent request for ammunition, his cycle was hit and put temporarily out of action. In spite of continued shelling of the road, he succeeded in effecting repairs and delivering his message. His conduct throughout has been of a very high order.

208849 Spr. J. K. Higgins, R.E., T.F. (Shettleston). (EGYPT)

For gallantry and devotion to duty in the field. He has proved himself a despatch rider of resource, and has conveyed urgent messages to their destination in spite of engine breakdown and difficulties of rough country. During the operations towards Shunet Nimrin he rendered invaluable service.

77078 Cpl. E. J. Holden, 37th Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (Farnham).

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 excellent.

72725 Motor-Cycle-Cpl. G. H. Musson, R.E. (Tamworth).

► For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, no other means of communication existing, he took messages between the Division and the Brigade, always under a heavy fire, and taking the shortest route in spite of warnings of the danger of that route. Three times he did this, and once had to repair a puncture, his example being a fine inspiration for other despatch riders and his assistance to the success of the operation invaluable.

71778 Gnr. W. Jenkins, 87th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Llandybie).

► For good service as battery despatch rider. He had a very great sense of duty, and it was only through his courage and disregard for danger that his despatches have been delivered. On two occasions his motor-cycle had been smashed by shell fire under him.

► 195043 Mot./Cyc./Cpl. R. R. Read, "E" Corps, Sig. Coy., R.E., attd. 9th Corps, Hy. Arty. (Brighton)

For devotion to duty as motor-cyclist despatch rider during active operations from September to November, 1918. Owing to the number of heavy artillery brigades in the corps during recent operations, the work of despatch riders was exceptionally heavy.

H/270090 Tpr. (A./L./Cpl.) C. H. A. Johnson, North'd Hrs. (Tyne Dock).

► For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as despatch rider. He was captured, covered with a revolver, and ordered to shout "cease fire" to his own comrades. He escaped. Later, he succeeded in laying a wire which had been cut and re-establishing communication with brigade forward headquarters. Next day he again escaped the enemy, after being told to lay down his arms and surrender. Throughout operations he showed fine pluck and determination and did most useful work.

541649 Spr. (A./Cpl.) T. W. Rutherford, H.Q. Sig. Co., Can. Engrs.

Near Mons, on 10th November, 1918, he was on continuous duty for twenty-four hours as motor cyclist despatch rider. He located and guided the personnel and equipment of Advanced Headquarters throughout the night under shell fire, and under difficult conditions. By his courage and resource he rendered valuable service.

► 54186 Mtr./Cyc./Cpl. A. Marr, "X" Corps Sig. Coy., R.E. (Fleetwood).

He has during the three and a half years shown consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. From September, 1915, to July, 1918, he served as a motor-cyclist despatch rider. During the first two years of this period he performed excellent work in bad weather and under heavy shell fire, and invariably delivered his despatches.

M2/076550 Pte. (A./Cpl.) A. Shaw, A.S.C. (Burley).

► For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has given proof of the utmost grit and determination in the performance of his duties as a motor cyclist despatch rider, carrying messages under fire and in the worst weather conditions. On one occasion, when the roads were impassable, he carried his motor bicycle over a quarter of a mile through deep mud in order to deliver an important message to brigade headquarters.

1067 Cpl. A. J. Thomas, 1/1st Lond. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous good work as motor despatch rider. He showed great gallantry under fire.

(Military Cross)

2nd Lt. Algernon Winter Rose, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained communication by despatch riders when his signalling equipment had been destroyed by shell fire. Although wounded he worked continuously, showing great courage and determination.

87408 Cpl. G. A. Walker, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed the most valuable services as despatch rider under the most trying circumstances.

CM149 C.S.M. C. J. Hookham.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He performed very arduous and difficult despatch riding work on many occasions and explored unknown roads, not knowing whether they were held by the enemy or not. He set a fine example at all times to his men.

(South Africa)

▶ 28102 Mtr.-Cyc./Sjt. H. A. Cutler, 1st Div. Sig. Coy., R.E. (King's Norton).

For consistent gallantry and devotion to duty. He has seen prolonged service with

the 1st Div. Sig. Coy., and has repeatedly during the last six months daringly reconnoitred forward roads for his despatch riders to follow. He has on many occasions himself taken forward important despatches under most trying circumstances. His services have been noteworthy, especially near Festubert in April, 1918, and near Eterpigny, near Arras, and Naissemy in August and September, 1918.

M.T.1900 Despatch Rider H. D. F. Eldridge.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying despatches during the operations over roads which were known to be infested by the enemy. He showed great initiative on one occasion when he was ambushed by the enemy and wounded.

(South Africa)

588 Cpl. J. Frazer, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a detached post was driven back from a position which was connected by telephone with the brigade on the right, he went out at great personal risk and cut the telephone wire. He carried out his duties as despatch rider during the operations with great skill and courage under the most difficult conditions, and never failed to deliver his despatches.

(Australia)

MT3375 Despatch Rider L. E. A. Karg.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried despatches over long distances in the shortest possible time when information was of the utmost importance. He rendered very valuable service.

(South Africa)

South Africa:
Mentioned in Despatches

**Douglass, No. 1622 Motor Despatch Rider R.
A. C.**

McKenzie, No. MT/700 Despatch Rider J.

SOUTH AFRICAN MOTOR CYCLE CORPS.

Fairweather, Lt.-Col. J. McL., D.S.O.

Jackson, Lt. H. E.

Hall, Temp. Lt. H. A. E.

Coles, No. 156 Serjt. J.

Watts, No. 216 Serjt. E. W.

(Mentioned in Despatches)

SOUTH AFRICAN MOTOR DESPATCH RIDER Co.

Kloppert, No. 227 Corpl. J.

Israel, No. 93 Cyclist W.

Johnstone, No. 49 Serjt. F. S.

Smith, No. 1749 Cyclist P.

Gibbins, No. 1745 Cyclist S.

Stewart, No. 1789 Cyclist D.

Ratcliff, No. 1862 Cyclist L. C.

Smith, No. 213 Serjt. J. J.

Bulman, No. 135 Serjt. C. D.