

all ranks in the performance of their duties. The conduct of this N.C.O. has been brought to notice on several previous occasions.

Corporal R. V. PATTERSON, Reg. No. 432402, who, at —, France, on the 16th September, acting as N.C.O. in charge of a bombing section, in clearing a trench, handled his men with coolness, courage, and decision, and pressed the attack until 50 of the enemy surrendered and 20 of the enemy had been killed or wounded.

Private J. LAZIER, Reg. No. 100792, who, at —, France, on the 17th September, 1916, assisted Reg. No. 101553 Acting-Corporal S. Hateley to bring in a wounded officer, for that purpose going across open ground and under very heavy fire a distance of 200 yards, succeeding after several attempts had been made.

Private JAMES BAILLIE, Reg. No. 432745 (Bn. Scout), who, at —, France, on the 15th September, 1916, scouted in front of the battalion, going across open ground and under heavy fire for the purpose, and brought in valuable information, and who, although severely wounded, continued in the performance of his duty until the morning of the 17th inst., and was energetic and diligent in the discharge of his duties, and carried messages throughout the front line and back to Battalion Headquarters during that time without rest or sleep.

Corporal GEORGE SOUTER, Reg. No. 432737, who, at —, France, on the 15th day of September, 1916, while in charge of a detached bombing post on our left front, covering men who were digging in, carried out a reconnaissance of the enemy's front, and, having secured valuable information as to the enemy, and who, although being severely wounded, crawled to his Company commander, a distance of 200 yards, and gave valuable information, for this purpose going across open ground and under heavy machine gun fire.

Private J. McIVOR, Reg. No. 433161 (Stretcher Bearer), who, at —, France, from the 15th to the 18th September, 1916, as a stretcher bearer, attended to the wounded everywhere with great courage and coolness. On several occasions he went out to the front, across open ground, and up towards the enemy trenches, and dressed wounded men lying there, and carried others

in, and assisted in the removal of wounded in open ground and under heavy fire.

Private P. M. LIVINGSTONE, Reg. No. 432825, who, at —, France, between the 15th and 17th September, 1916, acting as a runner, carried messages throughout the front line to Battalion Headquarters, and during that time was always eager and keen to undertake new and dangerous work, and at all times across open ground and under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

Corporal J. H. PARKER, Reg. No. 447175, who, at —, France, on the 8th day of October, 1916, when all bombers had become casualties, volunteered to throw bombs and to occupy important positions in a trench, alone for a part of the time; and subsequently, assisted by an officer, this man held a section of trench up which the enemy were endeavouring to advance, and continued in the discharge of this duty until reserves could be brought up, thereby preventing the enemy from advancing and enabling our troops to make suitable arrangements in his rear for the holding of the trench in question.

The action of this N.C.O. at such a critical stage of the fight was of the utmost value to our troops.

Sergeant H. L. HOLLOWAY, Reg. No. 432992, who, at —, France, on the 8th day of October, 1916, acting as Scout Sergeant, patrolled the enemy's wire on the frontage of the battalion, under heavy fire and across open ground, and examined the enemy's wire, and made arrangements for preventing the enemy repairing his wire and thereafter during the action of the day, visited all portions of the position and intelligently reported upon same to his Battalion Commander, and thereafter, on the night of October the 8th, crawled along the enemy's wire and located and brought eight wounded men to positions of safety, and throughout this action was of the utmost service in carrying messages, reconnoitring the position of the enemy, and of our own troops, and reporting upon same, being at all times under heavy fire and in exposed positions. The conduct of this N.C.O. has been brought to attention upon several other occasions.

Private J. CARMICHAEL, Reg. No. 101432, who, at —, France, on the 8th day of October, 1916, went across open ground,