

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—

2219 C./S./M. W. G. Ankett, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the first man to enter an enemy mine crater, and immediately collected some men to rescue the wounded. He also organised parties to consolidate and hold the far lip of the crater.

207404 Sjt. S. P. Barnes, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly went out alone to establish and repair communications under very heavy fire. He has previously done fine work.

97066 Spr. F. Beaman, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of a working party and continued to carry on his work under very heavy fire. On another occasion he carried out a daring reconnaissance and obtained most valuable information.

M.Z. 148 L.S. (H.G.) C. V. Bettridge, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in three places, he remained at duty until his company was relieved. He set a splendid example to his men.

242181 (frmly. 20343) C./S./M. F. Billington, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally supervised the removal of casualties, and his coolness set a splendid example to the rest of his company. He has on many previous occasions done fine work.

T.Z. 1917 P.O. H. Blair, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon in the attack with great courage and determination. He personally captured twelve prisoners and bombed several enemy dug-outs.

P./Z. 1079 P.O. A Buckman, Mach. Gun Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his machine gun with great courage, and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. Later, although wounded in three places, he reported the situation before seeking medical aid.

7709 Opl. W. Budgeon, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He assumed command of one of the raiding parties, and led his men forward with great gallantry, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

500011 Cpl. (actg. Sjt.) J. Bury, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried an important message through the most intense hostile barrage to Battalion Headquarters, and returned with a reply.

T.Z. 3152 P.O. C. Callender, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He rallied the men nearest to him, and led a counter-attack against the enemy with great gallantry. He set a splendid example of courage and determination throughout.

G/8181 Sjt. F. Cozens, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his party with marked ability, and greatly assisted in capturing nine prisoners. He set a splendid example throughout.

37972 Pte. E. Craghill, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative in collecting and leading his party after his officer and N.C.O. had become casualties. Later, although wounded, he remained at his post and continued to encourage his men.

17319 Sjt. J. W. Crawshaw, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took command of an important position, and continued operations against the enemy, thereby materially assisting in repelling several determined enemy attacks. He has previously done fine work.

23321 Sjt. F. G. Donhou, R. W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He handled his men with great judgment, and carried out his work with conspicuous success. Later, although wounded, he carried on and personally accounted for several of the enemy, including an officer.

S/5634 Sjt. R. Duncan, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his party quickly forward, and rushed two enemy posts in quick succession. He set a splendid example of courage and determination throughout.

K.X.490 Actg. P.O. T. Egdell, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He got his machine guns into action under heavy fire, and greatly assisted in repelling a strong enemy counter-attack. He set a fine example of courage and initiative.

29772 L./Cpl. J. Eggleton, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led several very gallant attacks against the enemy, thereby rendering his portion of the line secure. He held his position for forty-eight hours, and, after obtaining relief, withdrew his men with marked ability.

11321 Pte. J. Green, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although himself very severely wounded, and in spite of intense hostile fire, he at once dressed the wounds of two other men.

M/Z.79 Leading Sea. E. W. Jillings, Mach. Gun Coy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his machine gun with great gallantry, and drove off many enemy attacks. Moreover, he contrived, in spite of the constant fighting, to send back ade-