

leading a patrol and killing several of the enemy. Afterwards he located and attacked a hostile machine gun, and made a most gallant and successful attack against a superior force of the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties upon them. His fine personal example of fearlessness and initiative had a wonderfully inspiring effect upon his men. (D.C.M. gazetted 16th November, 1915.) (1st Bar gazetted 29th November, 1915.)

**His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers:—**

14543 Sjt. P. Nolan (Walsall), S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in voluntarily going a mile under shell fire to assist a platoon that was being shelled. He got them to a place of safety, and carried several casualties to the dressing station under heavy shell fire. His services have at all times been invaluable by reason of his exceptional courage and resource, which have inspired all ranks with the greatest confidence in him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd September, 1916.)

8624 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. A. Tapsell (Abbey Wood), Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of battalion scouts. Having been ordered to reconnoitre in front of our advancing patrols, his party came under heavy and unexpected rifle and machine gun fire. In spite of this, however, after warning the patrols behind him, he continued to push forward until, owing to several casualties, further advance was impossible, whereupon he withdrew very skilfully with all his wounded back to our lines. Throughout the action he displayed splendid coolness and presence of mind and an utter disregard of personal safety.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

5781 C./S./M. H. C. Wright (Lowestoft), E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A shell burst in a tunnel, burying some men and gassing others. He worked indefatigably to get them out, and, though suffering from gas himself, refused to go until ordered by an officer. His courage and energy saved several lives.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

**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:—**

9637 Pte. T. Adams (Deptford, London), R. W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as company runner. He brought a message back from an isolated position, crawling for four hours on his stomach and under fire the whole way. It was the information he brought which

enabled a successful attack to be carried out by his battalion the same evening. He displayed magnificent keenness and devotion to this duty, which was of a very trying nature.

267584 Pte. H. Alty (Westhead, Lancs.), L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a post. He was attacked on both flanks by superior numbers, and repulsed one party with his Lewis gun. It then jammed, and he retired to a shell hole in the rear, from which he brought rifle fire to bear on the enemy as they entered the post, finally retiring still further and regaining touch with the front line on his rear being threatened by another party of the enemy. His action disorganised the enemy's attack until reinforcements were to hand.

R/9618 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. H. Austin (Crawleydown, Sussex), K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a dug-out. Though it was repeatedly blown in by enemy bombardment, he organised working parties with the greatest energy and coolness, keeping the entrance sufficiently clear to allow of observation and admit air. Later, when the place became absolutely untenable, he successfully withdrew his party, without further casualties, to our lines, displaying throughout a splendid example of cheerfulness and great presence of mind.

20626 L./Cpl. N. Bailey (Farnworth, Bolton), N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attempting to rescue a comrade from a blazing dug-out that had been struck by a shell. Aided by an officer, he was successful in extricating the insensible man at the second attempt, but he unfortunately died very shortly afterwards. L./Cpl. Bailey afterwards displayed the utmost fearlessness and energy in assisting to extinguish the fire.

10/17804 Sjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) W. H. Batchelor (Stockport), Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a ration party. He took command at a critical moment when the greatest confusion had arisen under heavy shell fire in a congested trench, reorganised the traffic, and with the assistance of an N.C.O. restored order, so that the relief which was in progress was not impeded. This had to be done under heavy and accurate shell and gas bombardment, in pitch darkness, rain and on slippery ground, and the initiative and energy of these two N.C.O.'s cannot be too highly praised.

24223 Sjt. F. Borkin (Manchester), R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when bringing up his gun and a water-cart to his battery position under heavy shell fire. At a critical moment, when the gun pole broke, he showed very great initiative and presence of mind in removing the water-cart pole and putting it into the gun, which he then brought into action. He then replaced the pole and brought the water-cart to its destination. Whilst thus engaged he ordered all the men except one to put on their gas masks and take cover.