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War Office,
26th January, 1918.

With reference to the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 22nd October, 1917; the following are the statements of service for which the decoration was conferred:—

**BAR TO DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT
MEDAL.**

45510 Sjt. H. W. Abbiss, R.A.M.C.
(Cromer).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was continuously in charge of stretcher bearers throughout the operations under heavy shell fire. He remained on duty day and night for a week, and showed great organising abilities and coolness under the most difficult conditions, setting a splendid example to all under him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

6692 C.S.M. F. Birtwistle, Rif. Bde. (Bury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all his own party had become casualties he collected scattered men of other units and captured a strong point. He personally accounted for

several of the enemy, and showed great fearlessness and ability.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

18549 L./Cpl. W. F. Chapman, W. Kent R.
(Lenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward alone and captured five of the enemy who were holding out in a dug-out, and later, when in an advanced bombing post, he was of the greatest assistance to his officer. Although his comrades were up to their waists in mud and water he made light of the conditions and by his cheerfulness encouraged the men to hold on until relieved.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

13769 Sjt. J. Donnelly, Durh. L.I. (Benwell, Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a gap had been caused in the line owing to an enemy counterattack, he led his platoon, which was in support, forward and filled the gap. He held his position throughout the day against several attacks by the enemy, and though his platoon suffered many casualties, he continued