

able supply of bombs under the burning débris, immediately dashed up, at imminent danger of being blown up, and managed to extinguish the fire. Had he not taken these prompt and gallant measures the wounded man underneath the débris would undoubtedly have been blown up.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

B/2391 Sjt. H. J. Willey, Rif. Bde. (Stoke Newington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon through a heavy barrage to reinforce another unit which was being strongly counter-attacked. He rallied men who had been driven back and led them forward. Though counter-attacked again and losing heavily, he held on to his position, which was one of the greatest importance, until relieved. He set a splendid example to all.

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#### CANADIAN FORCE.

53610 L./Sjt. C. E. Routley, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His platoon officer becoming a casualty, he led his platoon to their objective with great coolness, and handled a difficult situation successfully. He reorganised his platoon, and assisted greatly in the reorganisation of his company. He led a patrol, capturing by himself a machine-gun and four prisoners. He located a large party of the enemy assembling for the attack, and succeeded in getting information to the artillery for this target. Although wounded twice in this patrol, he continued in command of his platoon until relieved four days later. His devotion to duty and excellent personal example to his men materially assisted the success of the operations.

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#### DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

266978 L./Cpl. L. Abrahams, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Stepney, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an attack. When his platoon commander was wounded he carried him to a place of safety under intense machine-gun fire. He returned to the platoon, and, finding it without a leader, took command and led it in a most gallant manner to its objective. He then went to Battalion Headquarters with important information through an intense barrage, and, having handed over his platoon to a supporting company, continued his duties as runner under heavy fire. He showed the greatest initiative and courage on this and several other occasions.

15560 Pte. T. Adams, R. Fus. (Stourbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer in an attack. He carried wounded men from the thickest part of the enemy barrage to the aid post, and worked unceasingly throughout the day and the following night dressing and bringing in wounded. His conduct is worthy of the highest praise.

20048 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. H. Afford, North'n R. (Offord Darcey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become

casualties in the attack he took command at a critical moment, reorganised the company, and enabled the advance to be continued by his own coolness and gallant personal example. Later, he again reorganised his men, and held the position throughout the night under very heavy fire.

12377 Q.M.S. (T./S.M.) B. L. Aldhous, R.A.M.C. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a dressing station was being shelled he supervised and helped with the evacuation of all the wounded, visiting all the tents and huts to see that they were clear under heavy fire. It was largely due to his initiative that 500 cases were removed without a single casualty.

6094 Sjt. A. Aldridge, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his skilful organisation and courage he was largely responsible for winning back some important ground which had been lost. He organised a counter-attack on a party of the enemy, and led it successfully under heavy fire. He set an excellent example of leadership and determination.

240999 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. Allan, Gord. Highrs. (New Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his platoon commander had become a casualty he took command of the platoon and led it forward. He was foremost in the attack, and set a splendid example, afterwards holding an isolated post for two days under heavy artillery and rifle fire, and by his coolness and determination beating off two counter-attacks on his flank.

325971 Cpl. S. Allgood, Camb. R. (Granchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great ability in handling his Lewis gun team during an enemy counter-attack, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Later, in spite of having had no rest for four days and nights, he cheerfully remained out in a shell-hole full of water with his team until the battalion was relieved. He set a splendid example to his men.

266629 Sjt. S. Allibone, Herts. R. (Tring).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. With an officer and a handful of men he fought his way through the only gap in the enemy's wire and bombed down the trench. When all his company officers had become casualties he took command of the remaining men of the company and led them with great ability. He showed exceptional qualities of leadership.

23/689 Cpl. T. W. Allison, North'd Fus. (Choppington Station, Northumberland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on patrol. He accompanied his officer on a difficult reconnaissance, and when the latter was severely wounded, and lying under fire, he went back and sheltered him with his body at great personal risk, remaining with him until it was possible to move him to a place of safety. No praise can be too great for this splendid act of devotion.