

7869 C.S.M. J. Carter, D.C.M., Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When all his officers had become casualties he took command of the company and conducted a retirement in very good order. Later he led a counter-attack over the open, under heavy machine-gun fire, and gained his objective. He was slightly wounded. His courage and initiative were most marked.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

267438 Cpl. J. Collins, D.C.M., M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Newtongrange).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a week's fighting this N.C.O. set a fine example in organising the men in trying situations. He rallied a platoon of another unit which was withdrawing leaderless, and put it in position. He reorganised fragments of another brigade. By a personal reconnaissance he obtained good information and placed troops to cover the flank. He brought a wounded man out of action on his back, and on every occasion used his rifle with good effect.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

50662 B.S.M. V. G. Cook, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Tonbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery wagon-line was shelled, and several horses killed, he got the teams away to safety and then went back to the assistance of a wagon team which had casualties and got it away under heavy shell fire. Later, when an ammunition wagon with a broken pole was left behind, he procured a new pole and went back to the stranded wagon, eventually getting it away through a barrage of shell and machine-gun fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 17th December, 1914.)

6884 C.S.M. J. Cooper, D.C.M., R.W. Kent R. (Gravesend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy advance. When his company officers had all become casualties he took charge of the company and by his organisation and coolness under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he held it together until relieved of his command by an officer. He set a fine example to all.

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

14727 Sjt. J. Dare, D.C.M., S. Wales Bord. (Llankilleth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer was in command of a platoon at a strong point when the intense barrage resulted in the burial of several men and both machine guns. He at once set to work to dig them out, then cleared the guns, mounted them, and reopened fire. Later in the day, he established a Lewis gun post on a threatened flank at a critical moment, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

325485 C.S.M. S. C. Dockerill, D.C.M., M.M., Camb. R. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried an important message

through a heavy enemy barrage, and guided reinforcing troops up to the front line under heavy fire. He set a fine example to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th May, 1917.)

52569 Sjt. F. Doleman, D.C.M., L'pool R. (Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When put in charge of a Lewis-gun section he covered a withdrawal, inflicting heavy casualties. Finally he successfully withdrew his section and gun, stopping to aid a wounded N.C.O., and helping to carry him away, though the enemy were close upon him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

354100 Sjt. H. E. Dowling, D.C.M., R.A.M.C. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the very heavy enemy shelling prevented the ambulance cars getting forward to evacuate the wounded, this N.C.O. established a post for the cars to come up to, and by passing several times through the barrage succeeded in maintaining communication between the advanced dressing station and the collecting post. His fine example to the stretcher-bearers ensured the evacuation of a large number of wounded.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

550040 C.S.M. S. C. Drury, D.C.M., R.E. (Queen's Park, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. When his company were advancing in the open to occupy a flank position, and were met by very heavy machine-gun fire, he walked up and down in front of the line encouraging the men and ensuring that the line was maintained in good order. Later, under heavy fire, he withdrew the company in good order, and later assisted a pioneer battalion to fight a rear-guard action, maintaining in his troops a spirit of cheerfulness and grit which his own magnificent example inspired.

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

476012 C.S.M. C. E. Gillott, D.C.M., R.E. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer was returning from work with two sections of sappers when he encountered the enemy advancing along the road between two villages. At once realising the seriousness of the situation, he assisted in digging two strong posts within 400 yards of the enemy, and held on through the night under heavy fire until the infantry had had time to consolidate behind.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

926310 Sjt. S. H. Good, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Lee, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As acting serjeant-major at a gun position, under heavy fire from gas shells, his disregard of danger and conspicuous cheerfulness had a very fine effect on the steadiness of the battery and the accuracy of their shooting. He was continually moving up and down the position, arranging for the replacement of casualties, and eventually worked a gun en-