

heavily shelled for occupation, this W.O. was of great assistance in bringing up the teams and removing the guns to a safer place. With the help of a N.C.O. and one man he limbered up the six guns in turn, under heavy shell fire.

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39681 Sjt. R. McMurray, D.C.M., Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While in charge of an advanced platoon post under hurricane enemy bombardment, he commanded his men with great courage and ability, repulsing a strong enemy raiding party, and personally killing the officer. He set a magnificent example to his men.

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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 gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

275 C.S.M. R. Abbott, Lanc. Fus. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack he set a magnificent example by penetrating further into a village than anyone else and bringing back valuable information as to the location of the enemy. Hearing that an enemy officer had entered a house about 300 yards in front of the line, he crossed "No Man's Land" in daylight and cleverly captured him, thus securing an important identification.

15383 Serjt. G. A. Abernethy, L'pool R. ("E" Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the signallers, and went out continually under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to repair the lines. On one occasion he went forward through an enemy barrage to repair a cable, remaining in the open about two hours during an enemy attack and in their full view.

47249 Sqd. S./M. H. Adams, Hrs. (E. Lothian).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He located an enemy machine-gun in a house, from where it was enflading the line and causing numerous casualties. Calling for three volunteers, he crawled round to the side of the house and put the gun out of action, himself accounting for two of the crew. Later, when it was discovered that the garrison had been driven out of a village, he led a party back, and established a line half-way up the main street. He then, at great personal risk, set fire to a dump of ammunition to prevent it falling into the hands of the enemy.

30746 Sjt. H. G. Adams, R.G.A. (Prittlewell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In spite of very heavy shelling, he kept his gun in action. When on three occasions severely gassed, he led his detachment to his gun in gas-masks, remaining in action under shell fire. He retired through a barrage in excellent order with a lorry-load of

stores and his gun. He acted with uncommon courage.

4803 R.S.M. T. Adams, L'pool R. (Halifax, Nova Scotia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and steadiness under two days' continuous bombardment of H.E. and gas shell. By his efforts many men were prevented from being gassed, and he rendered invaluable assistance in establishing the various positions which had to be taken up during the period.

S/8084 Sjt. J. Adamson, M.M., Sea. Highrs. (Motherwell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer led his men in a counter-attack in the face of very heavy machine-gun fire, with the greatest gallantry rallying them if they began to waver, and encouraging them by his example. When the final position was reached no officers were left in his Company, of which he then took charge and consolidated the position.

67143 Sjt. A. Agnew, R.F.A. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when bringing his gun into action on open ground. He covered the retirement of the rest of the battery, firing into the enemy over open sights, making the retirement possible.

715119 Sjt. A. Aikens, R.F.A. (Maryport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery was in action in a sunken road under heavy shell, machine-gun and rifle fire. When the order was given to retire, the exit to the main road was blocked by dead horses and waggons, and this N.C.O., with great courage and skill, got his gun out and away over old trenches and sent it to the place of assembly. He then went back and assisted in getting two other guns out. His was a very fine performance.

9082 B.S.M. R. T. Ainge, R.G.A. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two officers and some men of the battery were badly wounded and buried in a dug-out this Warrant Officer did splendid work in getting them away under continuous shell fire, showing a total disregard for his own safety. On another occasion he voluntarily went into a camp near his battery to remove some men who were wounded and unable to move. The camp was being heavily shelled at the time.

7701 Sjt. R. Ainsworth, K.O.S.B. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying and steadying his men and taking leaderless men under command during a retirement. On one occasion, when the company was suffering severe casualties through a sniper, he crept forward under heavy machine-gun fire and shot the sniper.

306801 L./Cpl. H. Airey, Lanc. Fus. (Shap, Westmorland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He fired his