

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 and Men:—

37443 Sjt. J. Ellis, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in leaving a trench at great personal risk to rescue two men who had been wounded by enemy snipers at close range. He was steadily fired upon the whole time. One of the men was hit a second time and killed before he could be brought to safety.

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

7860 Pte. (L./Cpl.) A. Hainge, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in organising a bombing party and regaining 150 yards of trench which enemy bombing parties had occupied. Our own bomb supply being exhausted he replenished it by collecting enemy bombs.

(D.C.M. gazetted June 30, 1915.)

8510 L./Sjt. E. Jones, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great gallantry and determination under heavy fire. When held up by wire he reorganised his men and prepared for a counter-attack.

(D.C.M. gazetted June 4, 1917.)

S/12471 Sjt. M. McIver, Cam'n Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took stretcher parties out and searched "No Man's Land," bringing in wounded. He had to pass through a heavily-shelled area, making several journeys during the night.

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

38791 Pte. M. Thornton, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in crossing the open under direct fire to bring a stretcher to a wounded officer. He succeeded in doing this unaided, and was directly responsible for the officer's safety. Later, he returned again and again to an exposed position and carried in the wounded unaided. His example was magnificent.

(D.C.M. gazetted November 25, 1916.)

10089 Sjt. J. Williams, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He defended our barricade against several hostile attacks with complete success. Although wounded he remained at his post for twelve hours.

(D.C.M. gazetted June 30, 1915.)

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27439 Sjt. D. G. Bell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He cleared a telephone dug-out and killed several of the enemy. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

(D.C.M. gazetted June 4, 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:—

22149 Cpl. J. J. Abbey, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in rallying and retiring his company at a critical moment. He later held a difficult position for twenty-four hours under heavy fire.

23193 L./Cpl. J. A. Arbon, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was instrumental in driving back two bomb attacks at a time when his battalion was in a critical position.

17348 A./L./Sjt. J. J. Ash, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his team had become casualties he advanced single-handed with a Lewis gun and held a forward position in a shell-hole for some hours until his ammunition was exhausted. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

S./13364 Pte. W. J. Auld, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continued to serve his gun in spite of being subjected to the most intense hostile fire. He was wounded.

68232 B./S./M. J. H. Avis, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When assisting an officer to take three guns up to his battery at night they came under heavy artillery barrage, but by dint of skilful leading and prompt use of such cover as was available the battery was reached and the guns brought into action. He was of invaluable assistance to the officer under most trying circumstances.

60802 Pte. J. B. Balfour, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although three times buried by shell fire, and severely wounded in the head, he continued to fire his gun, remaining at his post until the enemy attack was repulsed.

16680 Sjt. C. Bannister, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid upon enemy trenches he and another N.C.O. attacked and destroyed an enemy machine gun which was firing on our flank. He showed a fine disregard of personal safety, and his prompt and plucky action saved many lives.

7293 C.S.M. (A.S.M.) A. W. Barker, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He re-organised a body of men of different units at a critical stage in the operations.