

ment in an attack, and covered their advance by his able handling of his machine gun. He inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and showed great daring and initiative. (D.C.M. gazetted February 18th, 1918.)

32651 B.S.M. H. W. Evans, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the gun teams coming up to the battery position, he was out, in all, sixteen hours, endeavouring to get to the guns. He was frequently under heavy fire, and met many troops retiring whose stories might have caused alarm, had not the cool and quiet conduct of this W.O. kept the drivers well under control, which contributed greatly to the guns being withdrawn quickly and quietly.

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

201087 Sjt. (A./C./S./M.) T. R. Fish, D.C.M., Essex R. (Sawbridgeworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After all his officers had been wounded he covered the withdrawal of his company. He afterwards went forward alone under heavy fire to reconnoitre, and, though wounded, remained with his company and organised a counter-attack. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

E/631 R.S.M. A. Haines, D.C.M., R. Fus. (Hounslow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He superintended the whole supply of small arm ammunition and bombs to the front line and blocks, and also supervised the construction of the blocks and the defence of battalion headquarters. He constantly went backwards and forwards to the front line in the open under intense fire of all kinds, seeing that supplies were going where most needed. His remarkable ability and magnificent display of coolness and courage helped to avert what at one time appeared a grave disaster.

(D.C.M. gazetted December 11th, 1916.)

2702 Sjt. W. Logan, D.C.M., R. Highrs. (Cavenden).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment he led forward a party of bombers under heavy fire, and controlled them with great skill until wounded. By his marked gallantry, courage and coolness he materially assisted in repelling a counter-attack and in re-capturing a redoubt. He has at all times proved himself an exceptionally fearless and efficient leader of men. (D.C.M. gazetted October 20th, 1916; 1st Bar gazetted August 29th, 1917.)

25188 Sjt. F. Mossop, D.C.M., M.M., L'pool R. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy suddenly attacking in mass formation and overwhelming the front line by weight of numbers, he checked their advance to the second line by firing upon them steadily with a Stokes gun, which caused a great number of casualties. Seeing that he was in danger of being outflanked,

he used his rifle with good effect, while his men withdrew the gun. He then rejoined his team, and after obtaining a new supply of ammunition continued to fire on the enemy. He displayed conspicuous courage and set a heroic example to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted July 27th, 1916.)

His Majesty the KING has been pleased to award the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

86173 A./Sjt. T. Adams, M.G.C. (Trehingell).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy advancing on the village, the officer in charge and an N.C.O. became casualties in attempting to get the first gun into action. This N.C.O. finding it impossible to get a gun into action at the same spot, returned and got the remaining two guns in action in another position. He continued to control these two guns until all the ammunition was expended, and then personally went four times across a road swept by machine gun fire in order to procure ammunition. On being ordered to withdraw he got away three guns and brought them into action again later. His gallantry and determination were worthy of the highest praise.

3/5959 C./S./M. J. Aiken, D.C.L.I. (Devonport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack he was always in advance of his company, and led the Tanks through the enemy first line and on to his main defensive position. Personally accounting for several of the enemy, he, on arrival at his company's objective, immediately organised a pursuit. His example was of great value, and he set a standard of dash and initiative which did much to carry through the attack.

14649 Sjt. A. S. Akehurst, C. Gds (Brighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of one of the leading parties in a raid, and succeeded in leading his men to the prearranged spot in the enemy's lines, a most difficult task owing to the extreme darkness and rain. On entering the trench he was faced by a machine gun which was on the point of opening fire. With another serjeant he attacked and captured the gun, and so prevented many casualties. He then bombed some dug-outs which were occupied by the enemy, captured twelve prisoners, and withdrew. Throughout he set a magnificent example of courage, initiative and good leadership.

240590 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) W. Aldridge, Hamps. R. (Silchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, being sent out with an advanced patrol to cover the consolidation, he came under heavy rifle fire, but proceeded forward to ascertain whether the troops in front were friendly or hostile. Having discovered that these troops were hostile, he opened fire and enabled his party