

With reference to the announcement of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal, which appears in the London Gazette dated 3rd June, 1918, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the decoration has been awarded:—

14369 Cpl. W. Adams, S. Staff. R. (Hanley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and excellent work for many months in active service. On one occasion his high courage and splendid example, under heavy fire, were of the greatest value in completing the difficult task of building a strong point in a captured area. He invariably displayed the greatest contempt of all danger.

21464 2nd Cpl. W. H. Adams, R.E. (Yeovil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the construction of lines in badly shelled areas, on one occasion reconstructing a loop line under continuous shell fire and gas barrage.

241844 Pte. (L./Cpl.) H. Ainsworth, N. Lan. R. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty for many months, especially during a day of fierce fighting, when he carried important messages, making no less than eight journeys between a front line pill-box and battalion headquarters. His work as a runner has been worthy of the highest praise.

134934 Sjt. C. E. Alderton, R.E. (Buxton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during active operations, particularly during a period of three months, when he carried on the work of a division officer R.E., in the absence of an officer.

300375 Gnr. J. Allan, R.G.A. (Millport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has on all occasions done conspicuously good work as a signaller, and has always been ready to volunteer for any dangerous duty in laying or mending wires. His courage and resource have been most marked.

52761 Sjt. F. Allen, Ches. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer has rendered valuable assistance in obtaining information and taking responsible duties when officers have become casualties. He has proved himself to be a gallant and resourceful leader, and by his personal example has set up a high standard of efficiency among the N.C.O.'s and men of his company.

13953 T./R.S.M. H. Anderson, Army Cyclist Corps (Yarmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has at all times set and maintained a high standard of discipline. His perseverance during dangerous and distressing times and the conscientious way in which he performs his duty have contributed largely towards the efficiency and high moral which exists in the battalion.

23728 Gnr. J. Anderson, R.G.A. (Walsall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as linesman. He has often succeeded in maintaining communication during very heavy shell fire, and his cheerfulness and enthusiasm have been a great incentive to his fellow signallers and linesmen.

L./7051 R.S.M. A. W. Andrews, E. Kent R. (Upchurch, near Sittingbourne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has invariably shown the most conspicuous courage and coolness in action. On one occasion, when in charge of a carrying party, he several times passed through the hostile barrage, and also, when his company commander was badly wounded, he carried him back over 300 yards under heavy rifle fire. His influence for good in the battalion has been most marked.

10310 Serjt. (A./C.Q.M.S.) S. Andrews, Sco. Rif. (Dalkeith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. has always shown marked ability and coolness in action, and has been wounded three times, on the last occasion whilst acting company serjeant-major, when he refused to leave the field until ordered by his company commander. He has set a splendid example throughout.

42122 Sjt. E. Ankers, R.E. (Crewe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has on many occasions shown great presence of mind under heavy shell fire, and great determination in pushing on work under difficult conditions. On one occasion, though wounded, he finished his task under heavy shelling.

R./7483 R.S.M. W. Archer, K.R.R.C. (Letchworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when serving with his regiment in the line, and later on with an infantry school. This W.O. has set a brilliant example, inspiring to all ranks both in the line and at the school, by his energy, strict sense of discipline, and tact, which has made a permanent impression on all those who have passed through his hands.

4802 R.S.M. G. T. Arlett, O. & B. L.I. (Henley-on-Thames).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has been responsible for the high standard of efficiency amongst the N.C.O.'s and men in his battalion. He has been instrumental in keeping up discipline when the battalion has come out after a hard time in the trenches, and made himself invaluable in working for the comfort of the N.C.O.'s and men.

M2/100291 Serjt. T. Armstrong, A.S.C. (Upton Park, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done extremely good work in charge of tractors, remaining at duty and carrying out gun shifts under continuous fire. He showed a splendid example of perseverance and courage.