

killing all its detachment. He then rallied all the leaderless men he could find, and pushed on to the final objective. He displayed the utmost disregard of danger during the advance, and the cool judgment he exhibited in his work of consolidation showed him to be possessed of great capacity as a leader and organiser.  
(D.C.M. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

10773 R.S.M. G. Eastham, D.C.M., North'd Fus. (Choppington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two separate occasions he left the trenches under the heaviest shell fire in order to observe and find out the situation; this he succeeded in doing, thereby enabling his commanding officer to appreciate the position.

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

19066 Sjt. W. Ellis, D.C.M., M.M., Notts. and Derby. R. (S. Normanton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. showed pluck and daring of a very high order during an enemy attack, especially when going forward with his commanding officer to reconnoitre the situation. His C.O. was wounded and Sergeant Ellis, though wounded himself and with the enemy within a few yards, managed with the help of two others to bring him back under cover.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

42972 Sjt. F. H. Fisher, D.C.M., M.G. Corps (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section of machine guns. He controlled them with skill and inflicted severe losses on the enemy. He did not withdraw his guns until the enemy were within fifty yards, when, though severely wounded for the second time, he remained behind alone with one gun to cover the withdrawal, and succeeded in bringing his gun out of action when the enemy were almost on top of him. Thanks to his splendid courage and determination he was able to successfully cover the withdrawal of his comrades and kill a large number of the enemy.

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

29955 Sjt. W. Fraser, D.C.M., M.M., L'pool R. (London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the occasion of a raid. For two whole nights he crawled about "No Man's Land" reconnoitring ground. On the night of the raid, with his usual skill he guided the men, coolly cut the enemy's wire and crawled forward. As soon as the barrage lifted he dashed into the post, hurled a bomb at the first of the enemy, captured another, and wounded several as they fled.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th June, 1918.)

2741 Rfn. J. P. Gilmore, D.C.M., R.I. Rifles (Ballyclare, Co. Antrim).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty for a fine display of pluck and determination on a night raid with a party of fifteen men. On coming in contact with an enemy post, the men detailed to cut the wire were all wounded and most of the party became casualties, including the officer in

charge. L.-Cpl. Gilmore killed two of the enemy himself and brought in the officer, who was badly wounded. He remained in "No Man's Land" until all the thirteen wounded were safely back.  
(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

19647 Sjt. E. T. Jones, D.C.M., R.W. Fus. (Ruabon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made several journeys with rations to the companies under intense machine-gun fire. Later in the day he rallied stragglers and placed them in defence of a position, which he held for some considerable time. Later, again, he assisted in reorganising remnants of his battalion and in taking up a new defensive line. This N.C.O. has always set a fine example of courage, determination, and intelligent enterprise.

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

16825 C.S.M. W. Kerrigan, D.C.M., Midd'x R. (Birr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer displayed great coolness and disregard of danger, together with very skilful organisation and initiative, during an attack on the enemy trenches. While his company were bombing down the trenches, consolidating meanwhile as the attack progressed, he was organising the assignment of posts and the details of consolidation. A party of the enemy on the flank endeavoured to react, but in the midst of other duties he organised and dispatched two parties with instructions to surround and capture the enemy, which was successfully accomplished, a machine gun and eight prisoners being taken. His behaviour throughout was admirable.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

3/2072 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) O. Maltby, D.C.M., York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. At a time when all the companies had been overwhelmed he was put in charge of an important piece of trench and a bomb block, which he defended most gallantly for twenty-four hours. Despite repeated attacks he kept his men in good order. He kept up the ammunition supply throughout the action, and it was chiefly due to his courage and initiative that so many of the enemy were killed by rifle and Lewis gun fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

20891 C.S.M. T. Martin, D.C.M., Durh. L.I. (Scotswood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He organised and led a party which successfully bombed some enemy snipers established close to his wire. He showed great coolness and determination, and set a splendid example to his men throughout the battle.

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

55271 C.S.M. S. Phillips, D.C.M., Worc. R. (Drybrook).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Seeing that his company were practically cut off, he collected a handful of men and took up a posi-