

on the 5th/6th September, 1918. This W.O. displayed great courage in supplying the front line with ammunition, food and water under heavy fire. Rations had been delivered at Battalion headquarters on the night 5/6th September, but it was inadvisable to withdraw carrying parties from the front line companies. He with a small party of men worked without ceasing until daylight the following morning, conveying under very heavy shell and rifle fire food, water and S.A.A. to each company. Owing to his tireless energy every man was fed and ammunition delivered to all posts. His conduct was a great example and undoubtedly increased the moral of all ranks.

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

12071 Sjt. G. R. Richer, D.C.M., M.M., 8th Bn., Linc. R. (King's Lynn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During hard fighting near Havrincourt on 9/10th September, 1918, he led men of his platoon with conspicuous gallantry and, at the head of a bombing party which cleared 800 yards of trench, he rushed an enemy machine-gun crew, killing eight and capturing two. He rendered very valuable assistance to his officer in establishing the captured line. His courage and devotion to duty were throughout a fine example to his men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 10th January, 1917.)

G./1192 Sjt. A. W. Trevor, D.C.M., M.M. 7th Bn., R. Suss. R. (Portslade).

For conspicuous gallantry near Meaulte on 22nd August, 1918. At the first objective he showed great initiative in clearing up dugouts in which the enemy had collected, doing it all single-handed. On reaching the final objective, seeing a party of the enemy on his flank, he went off by himself and returned with one officer and fourteen other rank prisoners. From the commencement of operations his courage and devotion to duty has continually been brought to notice.

(D.C.M. gazetted 5th December, 1918.)

2259 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) O. F. Waddington, D.C.M., M.M., 1st Bn., W. Gds. (Llantrisant, Glam.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 17th September, 1918, at Moeuvres. When the enemy attack opened after a heavy bombardment, during which he visited all the posts of his platoon and got up an extra supply of bombs and ammunition, he was wounded almost at once. He remained, however, with his men and beat off the enemy, throwing many bombs himself. The successful and immediate repulse of the attack at an important point was largely due to the gallant and determined leadership of this N.C.O., who in spite of his injuries left the line only on the order of his Company Commander. His splendid example of devotion to duty and endurance greatly encouraged the men under his command.

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

G./39939 C.S.M. J. Willy, D.C.M., 7th Bn., R. W. Surr. Regt. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Tara Hill on 23rd August, 1918. He was slightly wounded at the commencement of the attack and, though suffering intense pain, continued to rally the

men and lead them forward in face of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire. He was almost the only one in authority left, most of the Officers and N.C.O's. having become casualties, and it was not until the final objectives had been consolidated that he reported his injuries, and was evacuated, after a fine example of endurance.

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

CANADIAN FORCE.

116045 Sjt. A. O. Swanby, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., Can. Infy.

For courage, coolness and organisation during the attack on Le Quesney, on 10th August, 1918. After his officer was wounded he took charge of his platoon, and with good leadership pushed on to his final objective. When held up by a hostile machine-gun post he, with two others, rushed the post, killed the garrison and captured four machine guns. Later, on the capture of the village, he showed great judgment in selecting a position to safeguard our left flank.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

55723 C.S.M. J. E. Thomas, D.C.M., 19th Bn., Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his Company Commander was wounded during operations at Fransart, on 16th August, 1918, he at once took charge of the H.Q. Section. On reaching the objective he made a reconnaissance of the Corps' position and finding that the right flank was in the air he volunteered to return and bring reinforcements. He accomplished this successfully despite persistent enemy sniping and machine-gun fire. During the action he captured twenty-four prisoners, and at all times set a fine example to his men.

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

204396 Sjt. J. H. Wells, D.C.M., 15th Bn., Can. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource during the attacks on west of Drocourt-Queant line on 1/2nd of September, 1918. The day previous to the attack, his company suffered many casualties from the hostile barrage, but he kept the men's spirits up, and got the wounded evacuated. On the first day of the attack, he skilfully disposed his platoon to cope with a difficult situation, and captured a strong patrol of eleven men. He was wounded in the advance on the second day, but insisted in carrying on until he was again dangerously wounded while attacking a machine-gun nest. His energy and initiative were largely responsible for the success of the platoon in carrying out its task, despite heavy casualties.

(D.C.M. gazetted 15th November, 1918.)

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:—

230696 Sjt. J. W. Adams, 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R. (Westminster).

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership during the attack on Peizieres on 10th