

4/1818 Sjt. R. V. Manson, M.M., N.Z. Divl. Sig. Coy., N.Z. Engrs.

On the morning of the 12th September, 1918, during an attack by his brigade east of Havrincourt Wood, the hostile barrage broke all forward line communications. He went out early to get the lines through, and worked unceasingly under the gas and shell bombardment for seven and a-half hours. By that time he had restored the communications. On one occasion during the period he was gassed and fell unconscious. Half an hour later he was brought to by the explosion of a shell alongside him, and continued his work. Later in the day he organised a party to lay new lines to the left and centre battalions, and again carried out his work despite the enemy fire.

35299 Sjt. M. O'Grady, 2nd Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Ruyaulcourt, 4th/6th September, 1918. When his company was held up by machine guns within 200 yards he twice got up from cover to draw their fire and locate them, and did so successfully, enabling the advance to proceed. On 5th September he penetrated Havrincourt Wood between two enemy posts and brought back accurate information as to the enemy's dispositions. The same night, after patrolling the wood, which was still occupied in places by the enemy, he succeeded at dawn in getting in touch with the battalion on the left. His cool courage on all occasions were an example to all ranks.

32378 Cpl. P. S. Putnam, 1st Bn., Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on Mill Cross, east of Bapaume, on the 2nd September, 1918. Some enemy machine guns at the cross roads were holding up the advance and causing many casualties. He took his section and led them round to a flank under heavy fire, and succeeded in killing or capturing the enemy crews, and enabled the advance to proceed. His courage and initiative relieved an awkward situation and saved many lives.

24/1189 C./S./M. P. A. Scully, 2nd Bn., N.Z. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in the operations from September 8th to 13th, 1918, near Gouzeaucourt Wood. His company being without officers he took it into the final line to relieve troops who were to attack the following day. During the attack on

the 9th he had charge of his platoon in the support line and controlled it with great skill. On one occasion with one man he took a load of bombs to the front line, and when returning observed a machine gun firing on the flank of the battalion. He at once rushed it, and bombing the crew killed them all and captured the gun.

32923 Pte. J. L. Shackleton, 1st Bn. Canterbury R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Bapaume on the 2nd September, 1918. Although wounded he worked his way along a row of shell holes and disconnected trenches, and captured from 15 to 20 prisoners. He was unsupported, and his prompt action secured the left flank of the attacking party from any turning movement during the advance.

SOUTH AFRICA.

14304 Sjt. J. Warren, S.A. Spec. Ser. Coy. (E. AFRICA.)

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action at Nuanarroc, Portuguese East Africa, on the 24th August, 1918. He fired his machine gun with effect, showing great control over both gun and team. When his gun was out of action by a direct hit, his skill and promptitude enabled it to resume fire almost immediately.

AMENDMENTS.

The announcement of the award of the D.C.M. to No. 23301 B./S./M. C. Turner, D/16th Bde., R.F.A., which appeared on page 45 of the London Gazette, dated 1st January, 1919, is hereby cancelled, it having previously appeared in the London Gazette, dated 3rd June, 1918.

The second announcement of the award of the D.C.M. to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, which appeared on pages 38 and 39 of the London Gazette dated 1st January, 1919, is cancelled, and the awards should now read "Bar to D.C.M."

No. 9429 A./R./S./M. C. Clarke, D.C.M., Bord R., attd. 1st Bn., Wilts R.
(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd October, 1918.)

No. 313002 B./S./M. S. Eardley, D.C.M., 1/1st (N. Mid.) Hy. By., R.G.A., T.F.
(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

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