

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

374008 B./S./M. C. F. Grayson, "C" Mtn. By., R.G.A. (Lewes).

For great gallantry in action at Tarasevo on the 29th January, 1919. When the enemy had broken through our lines, and had opened fire with rifles and machine guns from within 200 yards, he took a leading part in the withdrawal of the second gun from its exposed position. The gun horse had bolted into the enemy lines, and it was necessary to improvise harness at the last moment, and it was due to the coolness and example shown by this Warrant Officer that this was possible. Throughout the whole action he did splendid work.

201421 Sjt. E. Harrison, 6th Bn., York. R. (Thornaby-on-Tees).

For gallantry and able leadership during the attack on Zemstovo on 25th March, 1919. When the attacking platoon was held up by deep snow and heavy machine-gun fire, he led his platoon forward with great skill to support the attack. He took up a position close to the village and succeeded in covering the withdrawal of the attacking platoon and the evacuation of the wounded, and finally extricated his platoon from a difficult position without casualties. The determination and resourcefulness displayed by him were admirable.

63953 Pte. P. Hughes, 13th Bn., York. 3. (Egremont).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on two occasions. On the night of the 31st March-1st April, 1919, he engaged the enemy with his Lewis gun. The enemy was attacking with two machine guns. By his action the patrol was enabled to withdraw safely to the blockhouse. On the 3rd April, when sent forward with a patrol to ascertain the whereabouts of the enemy, he got his Lewis gun into action and saved the party from being cut off. He also showed great gallantry while covering the subsequent withdrawal to the blockhouse.

65761 Sjt. E. McLaughlin, 13th Bn., York. R. (Callaby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Sred Mekrenga on the 17th March, 1919, he set a fine example to his men. When the situation was obscure, he carried out a reconnaissance of the enemy's dispositions under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and obtained very valuable information. He was always the first man into action, and the last man out.

66005 Sjt. A. O. L. Parsons, 2/10th Bn., R. Scots, attd. R.E. Signals (Harrow).

He showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the enemy attack on Mala-Beresnik on 1st May, 1919. He repeatedly repaired wires under heavy fire, working for twenty-three hours without rest of any kind. On 5th May, under intense bombardment, he on three occasions went out into the open to repair the line to the forward outpost position, thus enabling the artillery to get observation. He behaved splendidly.

13021 C./S./M. W. Rutter, 6th Bn., York. R. (South Hetton).

During the attack on Zemstovo on 25th March, 1919, and the subsequent operations, he displayed marked gallantry and determination. When the flank on the village was held up by machine-gun fire, he forced his way through deep snow and heavy rifle-fire to the outskirts of the village, acting as guide to one platoon of his company, which endeavoured to carry the village by a frontal attack. When this platoon was held up by very heavy machine-gun fire and deep snow, and ordered to withdraw, he supervised the evacuation of all the wounded. He set a fine example to all.

66242 Pte. A. Turton, M.M., 2/10th Bn., R. Scots (Sutton Bridge).

On 20th September, 1918, when the column commander wanted to regain touch with headquarters, and called for volunteers to row a boat some five miles through the shelled area and minefields, Lance-Corporal Turton immediately volunteered, and was given the despatch, and was also told to note the positions of the mines. In spite of shelling from river craft he steered his boat cleverly through the mines and delivered the despatch and a report on the position of the mines. His cool courage and ability were of very great service.

83709 C./S./M. A. G. S. Vincent, 252nd Coy., M.G. Corps (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered and went on some exceedingly dangerous patrols, bringing back valuable information. All through the attack he set an excellent example to the men.

CANADIAN FORCE.

85697 Bdr. C. H. Colwell, Can. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. He, with three other men at Kur-gomen on 27th October, 1918, volunteered to go out with the infantry in the attack on Topsis; and in case of success to man any guns. His party, with four marine artillerymen, when the infantry attack failed and some disorder ensued, refused to retire until ordered, although practically surrounded, and eventually fought his way out, bringing his party back complete.

41013 B./S./M. T. Tomkinson, Can. Fd. Arty.

At Kodema, on 15th December, 1918, all the serjeants of the battery being in charge of other guns on other fronts, he acted as No. 1 of the gun employed in this operation with great success and marked courage at a range of 800 yards under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

43800 Sjt. C. D. Winegard, Can. Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and good work. On 1st March, 1919, at Vistafka, heavy enemy shell fire caused an outbreak of fire in the billets, stables and ammunition dump. He mustered the drivers and spare gunners and saved all the horses and a considerable quantity of ammunition. On 3rd March, at Vistafka, when the enemy had surrounded the