

5540 C./Q./M./S. (A./R.Q.M.S.) M. King, 2nd Bn., S.A. Infy.

As company quartermaster-serjeant and acting regimental quartermaster-serjeant he has rendered conspicuously zealous and gallant service. His devotion to duty on all occasions has considerably helped towards the efficiency of the battalion. During the months March to August, 1918, including the critical weeks of the earlier stages of this period, he showed marked gallantry under fire when delivering rations to his company in the front line.

SAHA/509 Sjt. W. N. Sinclair, M.M., 74th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (S.A.H.A.).

During the past six months he has rendered most valuable services, and has repeatedly behaved in a very gallant manner under heavy shell fire, showing great coolness and judgment. He has always set a splendid example to the men in his detachment and to the battery.

NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

1974 A./C./Q./M./S. W. Haynes, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

He has shown conspicuous gallantry and powers of leading as a platoon commander, and his services have been very noteworthy. On one occasion in April, south of Neuve-Eglise, when the enemy were attacking in force and had broken through on the left flank of the battalion, he grasped the situation at once, and under heavy fire led his platoon forward and counter-attacked. He drove the enemy back, reorganised the line, and held it against further attack. He has previously shown great capacity as a platoon commander.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards, which appeared in the London Gazette of the 7th February, 1919, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made:—

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

240207 A./C./S.M. W. Chisholm, 4th (R.) Bn., Gord. Highrs., and 2/2nd K. Afr. Rif. (Peterhead). (E. AFRICA)

For continuous conspicuous gallantry in action and high devotion to duty. He has at all times displayed great determination and ability in action as a platoon leader, and has also performed some bold patrol work, rendering most useful service.

L/8076 Cpl. G. Hobday, 2nd Bn., R. Suss R., and 1/2nd Bn., K. Afr. Rif. (Belfast).

(E. AFRICA)

For gallantry at Medo, on 12th April, 1918, in remaining at his post when wounded and thereby setting a fine example of courage to all ranks. In addition, he has commanded a platoon with exceptional ability and courage, and has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

290861 A./Sjt. J. McCallum, 2/7th Bn., R. Highrs., and 4/4th K. Afr. Rif. (Cawdenheath). (E. AFRICA)

For the constant display of the greatest gallantry and resource in action. On two occasions while firing a Lewis gun he fearlessly exposed himself under very heavy fire in order to bring his gun into action against a portion of the enemy's line which was enveloping his own firing line. Not only has he set a very fine example, but he has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

4th Cl. Asst. Surgn. D. M. Mackay, Indian Sub. Med. Dept. (India). (E. AFRICA)

For the display of great courage and presence of mind at Medo on 12th April, 1918, when he repeatedly went out to collect wounded under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. His services on this occasion were admirable.

173622 Ftr./S./Sjt. E. Mason, R.G.A., attd. 22nd Derajat Mtn. Bty. (F.F.) (Stoke-on-Trent). (E. AFRICA)

On 1st May, 1918, at Koronje, Portuguese East Africa, when the battery was attacked on the line of march at short range by a field company with two machine guns, he, with two Indian non-commissioned officers, went out under heavy machine-gun fire and successfully brought in the breech of a howitzer which had been bucked off by its mule between the escort and the enemy. An act of great gallantry, as they were under fire from both sides, and the enemy was very close; but for these three men the breech might have been captured.

127971 Spr. W. E. Oughton, R.E. (Signals) (Kensal Rise, N.W.). (E. AFRICA)

For consistent good service and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy. Nominally an instrument repairer, he has, owing to the sickness amongst the drivers, taken cable to columns, often at great personal risk, and has likewise taken out linesmen when the line has been cut. He has twice been involved in ambushes, when he has on both occasions exhibited great personal gallantry and initiative.

570033 Sjt. G. Vanhinsbergh, 17th (R.) Bn., Lond. R. (Shepherds Lane, N.E.).

(E. AFRICA)

For conspicuous gallantry at Nkinjiri on 17th April, 1918, when he was twice wounded in endeavouring to render assistance to one of his company officers who was mortally wounded. He has at all times displayed great gallantry and initiative.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

A/70 Cpl. J. L. Beith, British S.A. Police. (E. AFRICA)

From August, 1915, to June, 1918. He has been in the field since August, 1915, and has performed continuous good work in action throughout, more especially in the fight at Mkapira in October, 1916, where he was wounded. He had previously been wounded at Bismarckburg in June, 1916.