

obstructing the road and causing a serious block in the traffic, he, with two gunners, removed the wounded and cleared the road. When the officer in charge was wounded he took command of the section and led each gun and wagon through the shelled area, thereby setting a most inspiring example to the men under his command.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th January, 1919.)

G/5989 C./S./M. J. S. Edmonds, D.C.M., M.M., 13th Bn., R. Fus. (nr. Rye, Sussex).

For gallantry and devotion to duty on the morning of 8th October, 1918, north of Hurtebise Farm. When the officer in charge of the leading wave was killed he immediately went forward and reorganised the line, which was somewhat shaken, under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. He then led the leading wave forward to its first objective. He later formed a defensive flank with a platoon also under heavy fire. Throughout the day he displayed the greatest gallantry and complete disregard of personal safety.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

18258 Sjt. W. A. Ellis, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., Bedf. R. (Watford).

His platoon was making a wide flanking movement, on 22nd September, 1918, east of Ronsoy, to attack the enemy on a flank. The approach was very difficult, and the platoon came under heavy machine-gun fire in shallow trenches. He moved over the open under fire and got in rear of his platoon, where he managed to bring the platoon up to its position of deployment up to time with a minimum of casualties. When the attack developed he was always in front, encouraging and directing his men, and causing great consternation and casualties to the enemy. By his dash and boldness he succeeded in surrounding a large number of them.

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

775 Sjt. R. R. Ewbank, D.C.M., 1st K. Edward's Horse (Birkenhead).

For very daring and successful patrol leading, on 18th October, 1918, between Lille and Forest south of Roubaix. With a small patrol he galloped through the enemy's outpost line under machine-gun and rifle fire from posts on both sides of him, reconnoitred successively Fort de Babylone, Annappes and Ascq, being in contact with enemy cavalry all the time, and sent in good reports in quick time. Later, having rejoined the squadron, he led a very dashing attack on a farm just west of Forest, which was holding up the advance, drove out a stronger party of Uhlans, and seized a bridge over the River Marcq. He showed great dash and initiative throughout.

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

457142 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. W. Fairless, D.C.M., M.M., 446th (N'bn.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (Ashington).

On nights of 12th, 14th and 15th October, 1918, he formed one of a small party engaged on important reconnaissances of River Selle, from Le Cateau to St. Souplet. The work had to be carried out at a distance of about 500 yards in advance of our outpost line. On each occasion he rendered very valuable assistance, and displayed great coolness and

courage in entering deserted buildings near the river, and when under fire from enemy snipers and machine guns. On the morning of our attack he rendered invaluable service in leading his section of sappers, and in getting the infantry bridges across the Selle. Throughout he showed great gallantry and zeal.

(D.C.M. gazetted 30th June, 1915.)

13070 Sjt. F. Farrar, D.C.M., 6th Bn., North'n R. (Wellingborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership of a platoon during operations north-east of Bousies on 24th October, 1918. His platoon being somewhat disorganised after suffering very heavy casualties, he quickly reorganised them under very heavy enemy fire, and by his fearlessness and leadership got them forward from position to position. He set a very fine example to his command.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

8461 C./S./M. J. Froud, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (Ayr).

From the commencement of the advance east of Ypres, he, by his determined courage and devotion to duty rendered conspicuous service. At Rollegem Cappelle, on the 14th October, 1918, the only officer in his company was wounded. He thereupon took charge and led it in a most successful manner, and although wounded continued at duty. At Vichte, on the 20th, when the enemy succeeded in surrounding his company, by his fearless initiative and resource he succeeded in fighting his way back to our lines with about twenty men. Throughout all operations his example had a most inspiring effect on the men.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

9083 Sjt. F. A. Godfrey, D.C.M., M.M. (late 1st Bn.), R. Mun. Fus. (Portsmouth).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on Proville, south of Cambrai, on the 30th September, 1918, he was wounded while his company was crossing the Canal bridge. He refused to go back and be dressed, but went to the assistance of other wounded, and saved some from being drowned. He then got his company across the Canal, and, all the officers being wounded, led them to the attack. He was wounded three times before he eventually left the company. He behaved splendidly.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1916.)

6817 C./S./M. (A./R./S./M.) A. Gourlay, D.C.M., 11th Bn., R. Scots (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, on the 1st October, 1918, at Ledeghem. This warrant officer, with a few men and two Lewis guns, worked his way down the railway, and engaged the enemy who had established two machine guns astride the railway, and succeeded in causing them to retire. Throughout he showed great courage and disregard for danger.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st April, 1915.)

10140 B./S./M. E. Heath, D.C.M., 127th Bn., 29th Bde., R.F.A. (Preston).

For gallant conduct and initiative on the night of 1/2nd September, 1918, in front of Arras. Four wagons of smoke shell were