

9306 C.S.M. J. Malia, D.C.M., Bord. R. (Chesterfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, when the officer commanding the platoon had become a casualty, he took command and handled the men under heavy fire with conspicuous skill and ability and great personal gallantry. During the period under review he has frequently distinguished himself by the energy and courage of his behaviour in action, setting a fine example to the men of his company.

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

18/126 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) E. Oldridge, Durh. L.I. (Darlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During two years' continuous service in the field this W.O.'s leading and conduct have done much to uphold the efficiency of the battalion. As R.S.M. he has been of great assistance to his C.O., especially in active operations against the enemy. While in the lower ranks his readiness to share in all dangerous undertakings were an incentive to others of his company to follow his example.

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

14716 Sjt. H. Parke, D.C.M., M.M., Norf. R. (East Harling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. has performed his duties in a very excellent manner, and has shown courage and qualities of leadership of a high order. On one occasion he led a counter-attack with great skill and gallantry on a post we had lost, and another time he captured sixteen prisoners single-handed. He has been on many occasions conspicuous as an example of courage in action and of cheerfulness under trying circumstances.

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

6/17090 Sjt. J. Pearson, D.C.M., S. Wales Bord. (U. Parkstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the period under review Sergeant Pearson has carried out every duty of a platoon sergeant with the utmost devotion, and has rendered services of great value. During the absence of his platoon commander he commanded the platoon with marked ability and vigour, setting a fine example of a thoroughly efficient N.C.O.

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

240101 C.S.M. H. Schofield, D.C.M., W. Rid. R. (Huddersfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This W.O. has rendered valuable services to the battalion for many months, and he has the full confidence of his men. On a critical occasion, when all the officers of his company became casualties, he took command, and carried on successfully till wounded.

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

630316 B.S.M. W. T. Shirreffs, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer has performed conspicuously good and gallant service during the period under review, and his fine example of unremitting devotion to

duty has been an encouragement to all ranks.

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

14766 Sjt. E. Spalding, Suff. R. (Hemgrave).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has shown outstanding qualities of leadership and judgment. On one occasion, when an enemy patrol approached our lines, he went forward and shot two of the enemy, dispersing the remainder. This is but one example of many that have shown his power of prompt action in difficult situations.

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

27379 B.S.M. H. F. Spratley, D.C.M., R.G.A. (Paddington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer, who has been serving continuously for over three years with the battery in France, has displayed gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order, on many occasions during that period. His reliability has been a firm support to every commander who has had charge of the battery, and his example has been of the utmost value to the men under him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

74091 Sjt. E. W. Surplice, D.C.M., R.E. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as detachment commander. For a long period he has rendered exceptional service. During an action, when lines were frequently cut in the forward area by heavy shelling, and again throughout a heavy bombing raid one night, he showed great coolness and personal disregard for danger. By his thoroughness and devotion to duty he has been a firm example to men in the whole company.

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

25290 Sjt. J. W. Tugby, D.C.M., M.G. Corps (South Shields).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer has rendered consistently good service during the last six months. On one occasion, when the section officer and many of the gun detachments had become casualties under the heavy barrage fire of the enemy, Serjt. Tugby reorganised the gun teams and brought them into action again.

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

L/18727 Sjt. G. T. Vernon, D.C.M., R.F.A. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This non-commissioned officer has performed continuous and exceptional good work in command of a gun detachment in minor operations, particularly on one occasion when under a heavy gas and high explosive barrage, the enemy attempted a raid on the trenches. He kept up a rapid fire, and largely helped in repelling the attempt.

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