

R.E. material to an advanced position under shell fire. His gallant conduct was previously noted for unloading lorries under heavy shell fire.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:—

5968 Lce.-Cpl. A. Adams, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a successful raid on the enemy's trenches. He bayoneted one of the enemy, showed a fine power of leadership, and finally joined his officer in covering the withdrawal.

490 Pte. F. R. Baker, 22nd Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry. During a heavy bombardment a shell wounded and buried two machine gunners. Private Baker dug them out, got them into safety under heavy shell fire, and, though slightly wounded himself, bandaged their wounds.

1855 Sjt. W. J. Baldwin, Bucks. Bn., Oxf. and Bucks. L.I. (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry on reconnaissance. When withdrawing from superior numbers of the enemy he found that two of his men had dropped. He instantly returned under heavy rifle and grenade fire, and, though wounded in three places, helped to carry their bodies some 700 yards to our lines.

G11/4703 Sjt. C. T. Beamish, 8th Bn., E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry when his picquet was attacked by a very superior number of the enemy. He rallied his men, and was the last to retire, rescuing a wounded man although severely wounded himself. The position was recaptured.

53448 Gunr. W. H. Beckley, 40th Trench Mortar By., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry. When a live bomb fell in his emplacement he immediately picked it up and unscrewed the fuze, which exploded as he threw it away. This prompt action certainly saved casualties.

7164 Lce.-Cpl. W. G. Belsey, 1st Bn., R. Muns. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry on several occasions as a stretcher-bearer. He was himself wounded in several places while attending a wounded comrade.

24390 Sjt. S. T. Bennell, 24th Hy. By., R.G.A.

For conspicuous good work on several occasions, notably when, under heavy and

accurate shell fire, he inspired his men by his personal coolness and kept up his fire continuously throughout the night.

406 Actg. Coy. Sjt.-Maj. C. W. Bowles, 1/2nd Lond. Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry when employed on wiring work under heavy fire. He set a fine example.

2983 Pte. D. Brennan, 1st Bn., Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry in going out under heavy fire and rescuing wounded comrades from a fiercely burning fire.

79760 Sjt. R. Brown, 173rd Tun'lg. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry. He set a fine example when working in a mine, both entrances to which had been blown in. There was great danger of the temporary exit becoming closed by the bombardment.

108122 Pte. J. F. Bulger, 1st Canadian Mtd. Rif. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry. He picked up and threw over the parapet a live bomb that had fallen back into the trench. It exploded immediately afterwards.

7691 Actg. Sjt. S. Butterworth, 1st Bn., N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry, notably when he organised a counter-attack and completely repulsed the enemy, and, on another occasion, when he held his post with great determination, although very heavily bombarded by aerial torpedoes.

32091 Sjt. W. J. Byrne, "C" By., 174th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in rescuing a wounded comrade under heavy and accurate shell fire.

7661 Sjt.-Maj. W. Callaghan, 1st Bn., R. Muns. Fus.

For conspicuous devotion to duty. He refused to go to hospital when wounded, and on three other occasions remained at his duty when sick. He has set a fine and gallant example.

16445 Pte. A. W. Cameron, 7th Bn., R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry. During a raid on the enemy's trenches he found an enemy bomb store, and, using the bombs, effectually held up a counter-attack, and thus assisted in the withdrawal of the raiding party. He was the last man to leave the enemy trench.

2140 Sjt. W. P. Carlin, 1st Bn., North'd Fus.

For consistent good work and devotion to duty when in charge of stretcher-bearers, notably when he searched continuously under heavy shell fire in the open and in trenches captured from the enemy, until all the wounded had been evacuated.