

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:—

5/6562 L./Sjt. C. S. Allcock, 2nd Bn., R. Muns. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid. He was the first man of his party into the enemy trench. Later he carried a wounded man through a fire-swept zone of 350 yards to our trench, and, returning, assisted back another. Finally he went out again to search for other wounded under heavy fire.

7218 Sjt. C. E. Anstey, 2nd Bn., Ir. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry. As second in command of a raiding party, he led his men forward into the enemy trenches under heavy machine gun fire after he had been wounded. He was wounded a second time during the withdrawal.

S/4840 Sjt. F. S. Arbuckle, 8/10th Bn., Gord. Highrs.

For consistent and conspicuous gallantry. On one occasion during a bombardment, after being twice knocked down by trench mortar bombs, he held his own in the remains of his sap and retaliated with rifle grenades. On another occasion, though himself wounded in three places, he carried a wounded comrade into safety. He has set a fine example.

2560 Pte. W. A. Archibald, 1/1st Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeo. (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry. He showed great coolness and determination, and inspired confidence by repeatedly throwing back the enemy's grenades as they landed.

703 Pte. P. Austin, 2nd S. Mid. Mtd. Bde., Transport and Supply Colm., A.S.C. (T.F.).

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when assisting his officers in dressing and carrying out of action under heavy rifle fire several wounded men.

S/4763 Sjt. A. Balloch, 11th Bn., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry when raiding the enemy's trenches. He bombed and destroyed a machine gun, and then bombed eight dug-outs. Later he searched for wounded men under fire.

20891 Pte. T. Barratt, 1st Bn., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a bombing attack on an enemy barricade. He went forward three times to the attack, and finally jumped over the barricade. He showed throughout an utter contempt of danger.

18358 Sjt. F. D. Bartley, 13th Bn., Essex Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry. He led his section of a raiding party with great dash, accounting for many of the enemy, and remained out till daylight bringing in the wounded.

9567 L./Cpl. R. W. Beal, 9th Bn., Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination. When his officers and N.C.O.'s had

become casualties and he himself had been wounded, he took command and led his company to their final objective.

F/233 Sjt. H. C. Bear, 17th Bn., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry. When his officer had become a casualty he at once took command, restored confidence by his cool behaviour, and led the party on rapidly, thus lessening the opposition and rendering our casualties small.

1127 Cpl. W. H. Bellinger, 2nd Rhodesia Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry in holding a peak all night with only nine men, six of whom became casualties.

2/423 Sjt. R. Birnie, 1st By., New Zealand. Fld. Arty

For conspicuous gallantry. On four occasions he has done fine work, serving his gun and repairing emplacements under heavy fire.

18220 Sjt. J. Blair, 20th Machine Gun Coy., Machine Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry. After a rush across the open he saw that a man carrying a machine gun had been wounded. He went back through rifle and machine gun fire at close range and brought up the gun.

16067 Pte. H. Bloor, 18th Bn., Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous courage, determination and coolness. During an intense hostile bombardment telephone communication between adjoining troops was cut. Endeavours to get a message through to the front line by runner failed. Pte. Bloor volunteered to take a message, and, though wounded on the way, he delivered his message and brought back a reply.

23209 Pte. A. G. Boothman, 3rd Bn., Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in holding, with one other man, a detached post, his supporting party having been driven back. Subsequently he showed conspicuous courage in an attack, and was wounded.

P.W./949 Pte. T. C. Bowyer, 18th Bn., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry when carrying into safety severely wounded men under heavy shell fire.

12547 Coy. S./M. T. Box, 1st Bn., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry in rescuing two men from a mine, one after the other, under very dangerous circumstances.

26665 Sjt. S. Bradwell, 16th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He repelled an enemy counter-bombing attack, driving three of the enemy into a dug-out, where he bombed them. Later he assisted in the rescue of one of his officers who was wounded during the withdrawal.

270 Sjt. R. Budd, 11th Bn., R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although buried and badly bruised