

4152 Pte. A. J. Loubser, South African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He showed the greatest devotion to duty and as stretcher-bearer during three consecutive days. Under heavy shell fire he carried in two severely wounded men.

1813 Sjt. J. Naisby, S. African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry when under heavy artillery, rifle and machine gun fire. He constantly exposed himself in assisting wounded and fetching ammunition and water. His cheery pluck was most marked.

348 Coy. S./M. E. E. Prebble, S. African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great coolness under heavy fire, and did fine work throughout the operations.

3058 Actg. Coy. S./M. J. M. Thomson, South African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leading during operations. After all his officers were wounded, and when he had but few men left, he refused to retire and hung on with the greatest determination.

429 Pte. N. J. Vlok, S. African Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great coolness under heavy fire, and did fine work throughout the operations.

The undermentioned have been awarded a Bar to their Distinguished Conduct Medals for subsequent acts of conspicuous bravery:—

8490 Sjt. G. B. Hillings, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry while Acting Company Serjeant-Major. His company commander was killed early in an attack, and finally he was left in command. He supervised the erection of blocks and the general consolidation of a captured trench with great ability, under very heavy fire, and held on in spite of repeated hostile attacks.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in London Gazette, dated 3rd June, 1915, page 5346.)

11500 Sjt. J. Hosker, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack. He was the only man of his section to reach the objective, after covering nearly 600 yards of open

ground, exposed to rifle, machine gun and shell fire. He located and put out of action a hostile machine gun. His coolness and bravery were most marked.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in London Gazette, dated 15th April, 1916, page 3990.)

54003 Cpl. S. McKenna, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in attending to and carrying in under heavy fire large numbers of wounded, who had been lying in the open. He repeatedly led stretcher-parties to the front line, and refused rest and food while he knew wounded were lying about.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in London Gazette, dated 15th April, 1916, page 3991.)

9827 C./S./M. C. E. Metcalfe, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Though wounded, he refused to leave the line, and continued to carry out his duties most ably. During the following nine days, while holding the front line trenches, he rendered invaluable assistance in reorganising the battalion. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in London Gazette, dated 3rd June, 1915, page 5353.)

19344 Actg. Cpl. G. Smith, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry. He voluntarily crossed over 300 yards of "No Man's Land" in broad daylight, and, though fired at by machine guns and rifles, dressed the wounds of men lying near the enemy's wire. After collecting food and water for them from dead men lying round, he, assisted by a corporal, partly dragged and partly carried the two worst cases back to our lines.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in London Gazette, dated 30th June, 1915, page 6402.)

1829 Cpl. J. Williams, Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in action, when he led repeated bomb attacks, and, although badly wounded in the right arm, continued to use it until it stiffened. He then threw bombs with his left hand until he collapsed.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in London Gazette dated 11th March, 1916, page 2738.)