

other company commanders when telephone communication was impossible owing to heavy shell-fire. He carried out his duties for several hours in a very exposed position, and with complete disregard of personal safety.

Lt. Arthur James Wigley, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a mining party close to the enemy. At a most critical moment, when the discovery of our mines seemed certain, owing to their being exposed by shell-fire, he personally superintended the apparently impossible task of reconstructing and disguising our work, thus veiling our plans from the enemy when secrecy was of supreme importance.

Capt. Alan Standish Wilder, Mtd. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his squadron with great skill and gallantry in an attack upon a concealed enemy position. Although wounded in two places, he continued in command until a third time wounded, setting a fine example throughout.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Owen Wallis Williams, R. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in the attack with great skill and judgment, by his personal example inspiring all under his command.

Lt. Robert Wood, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack which was held up by a machine gun he led his men with great determination and skill, and captured the gun and twenty prisoners. Later, with his platoon reduced to twelve men, he continued to advance upon a number of enemy who were resisting in shell-holes, killing fifty of them and driving off the remainder. His gallantry and energy have at all times been most marked.

2nd Lt. Erling Ziesler, R. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of his brigade dump. He so controlled his working parties under continuous shell-fire that he kept his own brigade supplied with ammunition and water, as well as meeting the demands of other brigades. On several occasions his dumps were blown up, yet, owing to his untiring energy, there was no shortage of munitions, water or rations.

*The names marked with an asterisk appeared in the London Gazette dated 11th May, 1917, without deeds.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers and Men:—

S/2946 C.S.M. R. Burns, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company and led them through a village. When a

withdrawal became necessary he kept his own men and those of other units well together, and brought them back to the assembly place. Throughout his example was invaluable.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June 1917.)

290019 Sjt. G. H. Hibbott, R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of regimental stretcher-bearers, in carrying men back from an advanced position with absolute disregard for his personal safety. The following day he showed exceptional gallantry in removing wounded from an exposed position after the enemy had turned machine-gun fire on them.

(D.C.M. gazetted 2nd Feb. 1917.)

7804 Sjt. (A./Coy. S./M.) P. McArthur, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry. He rallied and reorganised the remnants of three battalions after an unsuccessful attack, displaying great initiative and total disregard for danger. He brought in about sixty of our wounded out of "No Man's Land."

(D.C.M. gazetted 10th January, 1917.)

680657 Sjt. E. G. Shonk, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great courage and skill in handling his platoon when held up by an emplacement manned by eighteen of the enemy. He bombed them out, killing two men and capturing the remainder. He afterwards gave valuable assistance in reorganising his company, and worked indefatigably for three days.

(D.C.M. gazetted 24th June, 1916.)

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

25/708 Sjt. H. Anderson, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed fine leadership and initiative in commanding his platoon under heavy shell fire during and after an attack. Although his trenches were constantly blown in, he kept complete control of his men, and by his courage and example set a very high standard to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

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:—

15810 C.S.M. F. Abbott, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance to his Company Commander in assembling his men preparatory to an attack, and later in maintaining their direction to their correct place in the final objective. Although twice wounded, he continued to advance with his company until ordered to withdraw.

14780 C.Q.M.S. (actg. C.S.M.) J. H. Airey, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he showed great