

attack. He personally led two assaulting parties, both of which gained their objective, and rendered valuable assistance in rallying men who had become disorganised.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

Lt. David Cecil Armstrong, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon. He established a forward post with great skill, afterwards taking command of his company and re-establishing several posts which had been driven out. He made personal reconnaissances under heavy fire, although at one time rendered unconscious by the explosion of a heavy shell.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Edward Alexander Winchester, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing the positions ordered under very difficult circumstances, owing to darkness. Later, when three of his posts had been driven out by hostile artillery fire, he made personal reconnaissances and re-established his posts. His personal example and skilful leadership ensured the success of the operation.

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:—

8460 A.C.S.M. E. Brady, R. Ir. Regt.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in capturing single-handed two enemy snipers. He also displayed great resource and fine courage in leading the rear wave of his company straight to its objective after the first wave had become detached and he had no officers with him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

32091 B.S.M. W. J. Byrne, R.F.A.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the utmost coolness in getting several teams away during heavy shelling, also assisting his officer to extinguish a fire in a gunpit with utter disregard of personal danger.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th May, 1917.)

2105 Sjt. W. Evans, S. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded early in the operations, he made repeated and determined attacks upon the enemy posts, afterwards contributing largely towards the successful consolidation of the position by his fine personal example.

(D.C.M. gazetted 11th December, 1916.)

13028 Sjt. J. W. Kimberley, Notts. & Derby. R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and directing the fire of his Lewis gun section against hostile counter-attacks and under hostile barrage. He also made valuable reconnaissances, and skilfully turned a captured machine gun upon the enemy, showing on all occasions the

utmost coolness and initiative and setting a fine example to his men.

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

60216 Sjt. E. Playle, R.F.A.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Assisted by a comrade, he removed two wounded men from a gunpit that had been hit by a shell. Later, he extinguished a fire in his gunpits unaided, thus preventing a gun from being out of action and ammunition from being destroyed just before an attack. Both of these gallant actions were performed under heavy shell fire of every description, during which he was seriously affected by gas.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

10642 Pte. J. Stout, Linc. R.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer. When nearly all the garrison of a strong point were killed and wounded he organised and carried out the evacuation of the wounded, making several journeys himself under heavy shell fire. Finally, he returned when all the wounded had been brought in and made a further thorough search of the shelled area. His splendid example of devotion and fearlessness greatly inspired all the other stretcher-bearers, who were ready to follow him anywhere.

(D.C.M. gazetted 2nd February, 1916.)

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:—

285169 Pte. T. N. A'Bear, Yeo.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when at a listening post in advance of our line. During a fierce enemy attack he came under heavy shell fire, but in spite of being isolated he remained unmoved, bombing the advancing enemy and causing them to retire. His splendid determination and courage contributed largely to the failure of the enemy's assault.

20704 Sjt. W. Aistrophe, M.G. Corps.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his team was knocked out he rushed his gun into position and used it with great effect, afterwards showing great initiative in getting his guns forward and dispersing the enemy, who were concentrating.

41241 Sjt. C. H. Allsopp, R.E.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in reorganising his men during an attack under intense enemy bombardment and in carrying out the work, after his officer had been killed, with the utmost courage and efficiency.

49051 C.S.M. N. Archer, R.E.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under a heavy gas shell bombardment. Regardless of any personal danger, he