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

240022 (frmly. 821) C.S.M. H. T. Gardner, D.C.M., Mdd'x R. (Acton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was acting as R.S.M. when the enemy penetrated into our trenches. He at once organised bombing parties, and, by his energy and total disregard of danger, succeeded in driving the enemy out.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

19109 Sjt. F. G. Hatherill, D.C.M., R.E. (Gillingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the action he was in charge of the forward station, between which and headquarters he succeeded in establishing communication in spite of very heavy shell fire. Later, he repeatedly essayed to lay lines to the advanced battalion, and at length was successful in obtaining communication, though he was throughout this period exposed to shell and machine gun fire of extreme violence. He remained at his post for forty-eight hours under circumstances which called for the greatest determination and courage.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th November, 1916.)

7268 C.S.M. H. Kearney, D.C.M., R. Innis. Fus. (Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He was in charge of his company when the final objective was reached, and directed the consolidation of the position and reorganised the company. Though wounded, he remained with his men until the position was secured, setting a splendid example of courage and determination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 6th September, 1915.)

11161 Pte. L. Lomas, D.C.M., S. Wales Bord. (Banbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout two days' operations. He brought in wounded on several occasions under heavy fire. The company runners having become casualties, he volunteered to take a message to Bn. H.Q. He also volunteered to retrieve a Lewis gun about 60 yards in front of the trench, and did so under heavy sniping.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th May, 1916.)

5300 C.S.M. J. Norris, D.C.M., Hamps. R. (Martyr Worthy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion during lengthy operations. During a counter-attack he collected stragglers and led them forward, driving the enemy some distance back. He also rendered valuable work in reorganising a line of defence and establishing posts at a critical time.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

22680 C.S.M. J. Pead, D.C.M., Bord. R. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led a platoon with great ability in the attack, cleared up several difficult situations, and mopped up several parties of the enemy. He worked untiringly during the consolidation organising

supplies, and inspired his men with confidence by his courageous example.

(D.C.M. gazetted 12th March, 1917.)

S/14429 Corp. W. Pugh, D.C.M., M.M., Rif. Bde. (Kidsgrove).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during a very heavy hostile counter-attack. The enemy, having penetrated the line to his left, got behind his company. With a few men he broke up all attacks from front and flank, and held on for some three hours until reinforcements arrived. His splendid courage and example assisted greatly in preventing a serious break through.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

T/Z 1571 P.O. Punton, D.C.M., R.N.V.R. (Pelaw-on-Tyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the enemy attack he manned his gun and fired over fifty rounds when surrounded by the enemy. On the base plate of the gun sinking, he proceeded to dismantle the gun, although the enemy were but fifty yards away, and brought it back safely, finally remounting it at headquarters under the supervision of the Commanding Officer. He then returned to the gun-pit with the intention of blowing up the ammunition, but this was found to be impossible, as the enemy were occupying the pit. His behaviour throughout, under the most intense barrage, was magnificent, and he set a splendid example to all the men with him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th March, 1917.)

292495 Sjt. (A./Coy.S.M.) W. F. Raistrick, D.C.M., R. Highrs. (Deighton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. made many daring personal reconnaissances of the enemy trench, bringing back valuable information. Later, when the hostile barrage and machine gun fire was very heavy, he went round the posts of his company in daylight, and greatly encouraged the men by his magnificent example and total disregard for danger.

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

3/5989 Sjt. A. D. Sime, D.C.M., Cam. Highrs. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering several times to guide parties to and from the front line posts through intense shelling. On returning from patrol duty he found a stretcher-party held up in the mud and assisted and guided them under heavy fire.

(D.C.M. gazetted 20th October, 1916.)

2303 Sjt. W. Usher, D.C.M., Ir. Gds. (Clonmel).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and entered the trenches held by his company under cover of an intense barrage, he organised and led an immediate counter-attack over the open under heavy fire, and drove the enemy out. He was of the greatest assistance to his Company Commander in reorganising the company, which had suffered somewhat severely, and in preparing to meet the enemy's next attack. His