

quick grasp of the situation and great courage were invaluable at a critical period. (D.C.M. gazetted 1st April, 1915.)

G/14368 Sjt. T. Watson, D.C.M., R. Fus. (Finsbury Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as C.S.M. during a heavy counter-attack. He organised a bombing block in a trench under severe hostile fire, holding it practically single-handed, until the supply of bombs was exhausted. Later, when by weight of numbers his company were compelled temporarily to give ground, he organised another party, bombed the enemy back, and held a position, although wounded, until compelled by loss of blood to withdraw. (D.C.M. gazetted 18th July, 1917.)

280506 (frmly. 5506) Sjt. T. Whitehead, D.C.M., R.G.A. (Finsbury Park).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two ammunition trucks were set on fire by hostile shelling, and one blew up, wounding several men and horses, he got the wounded away, and afterwards rendered splendid help in putting out the fire in the second truck. Both trucks were in the middle of a trainload of ammunition, and hostile shelling and bombing from aircraft was going on the whole time. (D.C.M. gazetted 13th February, 1917.)

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

2587 Sjt. W. S. Parkinson, D.C.M., Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. Finding that the enemy were occupying a strong point, he rushed the position with one man, causing about 100 of the enemy to retire across the open, where they were cut up by machine gun fire. Though wounded, he brought up the remainder of his troop and consolidated the position. He displayed splendid courage, and set an excellent example to his men. (D.C.M. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

386 Sqdn. S./M. A. R. Townsend, L.H.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy opened up a heavy fire upon our men, who were assaulting the final objective, from a certain redoubt. He, together with a Serjeant, went forward to this redoubt, where ten of the enemy were killed, two captured, and the remainder routed. This performance was one of great coolness and courage, and by this gallant deed many valuable lives were saved. (D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1918.)

**His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—**

26056 C.S.M. T. Abbott, Welsh R. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his company officers had become casualties, he took charge of the com-

pany and, with the survivors, repelled numerous counter-attacks. He continued to perform invaluable work until wounded.

8807 C./S./M. A. Adie, R. Lanc. R. (Leamington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile counter-attack he rallied the men, and, on the flanks giving way, he held the centre, and was instrumental in stopping the counter-attack by organising fire, which caused heavy casualties to the enemy. His conduct, when in sole charge of the company throughout the operation, set a splendid example to the men.

27245 L./Cpl. J. Alcorn, R. Innis. Fus. (Hornhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up during an advance by machine gun fire from a strong point, he led a party in an attack on the position over ground swept by machine gun fire. He showed the greatest courage and determination, and captured the position, together with two machine guns and some prisoners.

301146 Sjt. W. M. Allan, R.A.M.C. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of bearer squads. He was himself wounded, but refused to be relieved. When the officers and men were ordered to leave the advance dressing station he remained behind dressing wounded who were brought to him till the station was re-established there. He handled his squads with the utmost coolness when clearing wounded from the aid posts, which, owing to the withdrawal, were in the front line.

267579 Sjt. (A./S./M.) A. Allerton, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the brigade runners in an attack. His work was carried on night and day, and frequently under heavy shell fire, and it was to a great extent due to him that communication was kept up. He showed great initiative and determination.

17/8361 Pte. A. Alton, Manch. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy bombardment a trench was blown in in several places and several men were buried. He at once started to dig them out under a very heavy fire, and rescued two men single-handed. He behaved in a most cool and courageous manner throughout the bombardment.

729 Sjt. A. G. Amos, M.M., E. Surr. R. (Billericay).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack this N.C.O. commanded a platoon, and displayed great courage and resource in leading his men, showing a fine example of disregard for danger. By leading his men round by the flank when hostile machine-gun fire checked them in front, he gave proof of initiative and appreciation of the tactical situation, and his prompt action undoubtedly averted a serious check to our advance on the extreme flank.