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1465 Sjt. H. P. Diamond, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy machine gun and rifle fire he rendered great assistance in placing his men, and in controlling the fire in the most effective manner. On this occasion he displayed marked resource and initiative, and on all previous occasions his fine soldierly spirit and example have proved a great incentive to his men.

5852 Sjt. W. K. Gibson, S. Af. Infy., K. Af. Rif. (Paisley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one of his machine gun crew becoming a casualty, he took his place and remained firing the gun, though himself wounded, with the most telling effect upon the enemy, who were charging. At all times when in action his courage, contempt of danger and endurance have been most marked, and prove him to be an N.C.O. of the highest merit.

94 Sjt. A. E. McNevin, Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the face of heavy enemy fire he handled his gun with great coolness and remained himself in action with it after the majority of his team had become casualties. His courageous determination was most praiseworthy.

I.D.1445 Pte. Masumbuko Bin Nganga, Intell. Department.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was one of a party under a N.C.O. sent to obtain water, which was urgently needed, from a post held by the enemy. Though the rest of the party failed to procure any water, he, by the skilful use which he made of the local natives, succeeded in obtaining it. On the following day, when in charge of an outpost station, he handled his men with great judgment on the approach of an enemy patrol. He also skilfully disarmed two native soldiers of the enemy who had approached his post. On all occasions he has shown courage and ability of the highest order.

C.M.118 Sjt. D. N. Olive, S. Af. M.G.C. and K. Af. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fired his machine gun with great effect under a very heavy fire, showing an utter disregard for danger, and was largely instrumental in repelling the hostile attacks. Later, he took charge of two guns, and firing them alternatively, did great execution in the enemy ranks. He finally withdrew his teams in good order, and saved his guns from imminent danger of being captured. His courage, coolness and resource cannot be too highly praised.

15756 Pte. M. F. Venter, S.A. Inf.

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The following are the correct descriptions of Non-commissioned Officers and Men upon whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal has recently been conferred:—

(London Gazette, 30th June, 1915.)

6754 Pte. J. Rowlinson, R. Lanc. R.

(London Gazette, 4th March, 1918.)

120 Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) J. W. Gration, Aust. Inf.

674 Cpl. D. C. Robertson, Aust. Inf.

(London Gazette, 22nd October, 1917.)

37552 Pte. A. Piggott, Manch. R.

(London Gazette, 26th November, 1917.)

L/6435 A./Cpl. F. T. Pillans, R.F.A.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 10274 Pte. A. G. Hall, Linc. R., announced in the London Gazette dated 26th November, 1917, is cancelled, it having previously appeared in the London Gazette dated 22nd October, 1917.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 200432 L./Cpl. J. W. Elliott, North'd Fus., announced in the London Gazette dated 1st January, 1918, is cancelled, and the following substituted:—

No. 200334 L./Cpl. F. Elliot, North'd Fus.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to No. 3/1626 L./Cpl. H. Sykes, K.O.Y.L.I., which appeared in the London Gazette dated 1st January, 1918, is cancelled.

The names marked with an asterisk have already appeared in the London Gazette without deeds.

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