

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 gallantry and distinguished service in the field:—

61040 Pte. F. I. Abrahams, R.W. Surr. R. (Limehouse).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. Realising that no officers or N.C.O.'s were left in his vicinity, he took command of the men near him, and, with great courage and determination, led them to the assault. It was practically due to his fearless leadership that a strong enemy position was carried.

S/11095 Pte. T. Adams, Gord. Highrs. (Govan).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he, with four others, encountered a party of eighty of the enemy. He immediately attacked them with a Lewis gun, inflicting heavy loss and causing the remainder to surrender. With another man he ultimately brought down to battalion headquarters sixty-one prisoners, handed them over, and at once returned to the front line. His gallantry was magnificent, and he set a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to all.

300014 C.S.M. W. Admason, Durh. L.I. (Pelton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he walked continually up and down his company front under heavy fire, encouraging his men and directing their fire. When the attack broke down he went out into "No Man's Land" and brought in several unwounded and many wounded prisoners. Throughout the battle he set a splendid example of courage and determination to all.

D/635 Sqdn. S.M. S. Aldridge, Dn. Gds. (Netheravon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a mounted advance. When his squadron was heavily enfiladed by machine-gun and rifle fire, he displayed the greatest coolness in getting the horses handed over, and in organising the defence of a trench at a critical moment. His initiative undoubtedly saved many casualties in men and horses. Later, when some enemy were enfilading the trench with rifle fire at close range, he volunteered to go out and locate them, and succeeded in bringing in three prisoners.

25409 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. A. T. Alexander, R. Lanc. R. (Ipswich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great dash and determination. When the front line had almost reached a village, he rushed forward some distance in front of his platoon under heavy fire, and captured about twenty of the enemy. The speed of this local advance enabled a Lewis gun to enfilade another party, thereby causing them to surrender. He did splendid service.

50053 Spr. J. Allen, R.E. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on a railway embankment. After he had expended his last charge in blowing up dug-outs he discovered an enemy bomb dump. He returned to the near side of the embankment for more explosive. Meantime the enemy put down a heavy barrage on the embankment, and the raiding party was withdrawn. In spite of this he took a mobile charge, returned alone through the barrage, and succeeded in destroying the dump.

16305 Sjt. S. Allen, M.G. Corps (Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He assumed command of two machine guns and used them with great courage and skill in covering the withdrawal of the infantry, remaining till the enemy were within thirty yards and bombing his gun position. When his guns were knocked out, he organised his remaining men as an infantry section, and continued to delay the enemy's advance with rifle fire.

106558 Pte. F. Amos, M.G. Corps (St. Ebbs, Oxford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a machine gun in the front line during an enemy attack. Though his position was discovered by the enemy and continually harassed by heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, he kept his gun in action and held up the enemy attack on his front. He was completely isolated but remained at his post, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His splendid example of courage and coolness was of the greatest value in encouraging the men serving under him.

50290 L./Cpl. F. J. Anderson, R.E. (Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing lines and maintaining communication under heavy fire and also in volunteering to deliver messages to one of the company commanders whose location was supposed to be in enemy hands. He made his journey under shell fire, and eventually, with difficulty, found the position, which was vacated by our troops but not yet occupied by the enemy.

24803 Sjt. J. Anderson, M.M., Dur. L.I. (Wingate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he handled his four Lewis guns with great skill and judgment. On one occasion he himself accounted for the entire team of an enemy machine gun. Later, he went out into "No Man's Land" and brought back several unwounded and wounded prisoners. Throughout the battle he set a splendid example of courage and cheerfulness to all.

134151 Sjt. J. Apps, R.F.A. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by our troops, the position occupied by a Newton 6-in. Trench Mortar, of which he was No. 1, was heavily