

platoons under heavy enemy barrage, showing utter disregard for personal safety. The only company officer having become a casualty, he took command and organised the defence so ably that it withstood the enemy counter-attack. His conduct throughout was a splendid example to all under him. (D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

240054 C.S.M. D. Houston, D.C.M., 1/5th Bn., E. Lan. R. (T.F.) (Church).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance of his company the headquarters, numbering six men, encountered an enemy patrol of one officer and 42 other ranks. He led his party against them, killing the officer, wounding two others, and taking the remaining 40 prisoners. He set a splendid example of courage and leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

51277 Cpl. J. Lynch, D.C.M., R.E., attd. 2nd Gds. Bde., Sig. Sec. (Redditch).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he succeeded in maintaining communication between battalions and brigade headquarters throughout four days' operations. He reorganised the visual signalling stations and showed great coolness under fire.

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

390569 C.S.M. E. T. MacKenna, D.C.M., 9th Bn., Lond. R. (Ilford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer contributed largely to the success of two night operations, especially on the second night, when he led his company, which had lost all its officers, to the final objective, consolidated and reported to the nearest officer. During both attacks he showed the highest courage, and inspired the men of his company by his example.

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

16355 Sjt. J. McMillan, D.C.M., 13th Bn., R. Scots (Blackridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy put a heavy barrage on the outpost line, lasting half an hour, this N.C.O., without waiting for orders, brought his platoon up through the barrage to reinforce the posts, and organised and led a bombing party, driving the enemy back and capturing two machine guns. He later did good work with a Lewis gun, and set a fine example to his men.

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

4389 C.S.M. E. J. O'Hare, D.C.M., 1st Bn., I. Gds. (Londonderry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all his officers had become casualties he took command and handled them brilliantly. He consolidated them in their new position, reorganised them under heavy machine-gun fire, and showed the greatest coolness and disregard of danger. He had the company during two days' fighting and showed marked ability to command.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

11406 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) A. Robertson, D.C.M., 3rd Bn., S. Gds. (Kincardine).

For conspicuous gallantry. When in command of a patrol to locate the position of the enemy he was fired on by machine-guns. Realising that these would seriously impede the attack of the battalion which was about to advance, he turned back and led his patrol against the enemy, charging with the bayonet, putting the guns out of action and killing the crews. By his great courage and contempt for the odds against him he enabled the attack to progress without Tanks to their final objective. He was severely wounded.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd September, 1918.)

8491 Pte. E. A. Whiting, D.C.M., M.M., 2nd Bn., C. Gds. (Hempnall, Norfolk).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the officers and most of the N.C.O.'s had become casualties he led two platoons through intense enemy fire with splendid courage and skill directly on to the objective. His quick grasp of the situation was invaluable, and he took many prisoners, and set a brilliant example to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

#### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

967 C.S.M. L. J. Mathias, D.C.M., 33rd Bn., Aust. Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In advancing through a wood this warrant officer with four men captured three enemy strong points, killing three and taking sixteen prisoners. Although cut off from the rest of the company by dense fog, he went on with great dash, and rushed a field gun which was firing over open sights, capturing the gun, killing two gunners and taking two prisoners. His leadership and initiative in the attack and his energy in consolidating, were an inspiration to all ranks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

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:—

23299 Pte. A. Acton, 2nd Bn., G. Gds. (Knutsford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He brought up much-needed ammunition to a Lewis gun which was closely engaged with several enemy machine-guns. Though one man had been shot in the attempt, he succeeded in reaching the Lewis gun over open ground, continually shot at by machine-gun and rifle fire at close range. He did splendid work.

S/17484 L./Cpl. A. Anderson, 1st Bn., Gord. Highrs. (Ballygrant, Islay).

Whilst in charge of his section in operations, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative in capturing hostile machine guns with their crews. On one occasion, in rushing the guns, his two men were killed. Single-handed he attacked the enemy, killed two of