

305379 C./S./M. F. Attenborough, D.C.M., 1/8th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., T.F. (Netherfield, Notts.).

For marked gallantry and initiative. On 3rd October, 1918, during the attack at Ramicourt and Montbrehain, he did excellent work in clearing the enemy from Wiancourt, leading several parties in determined rushes on enemy machine-gun groups. Throughout the action he used his rifle and bayonet with great effect. Later, when the division on our left was held up, he did excellent work in establishing a defensive flank and keeping his company commander informed as to the situation.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th November, 1915.)

96965 Sjt. J. Booth, D.C.M., 175th Tunn. Coy., R.E. (Milton).

For conspicuous gallantry at Aveluy Wood on 5th August, 1918. He crawled out alone during the night, well in advance of the infantry, to a footbridge across the River Ancre, and removed an enemy charge placed on the bridge in midstream. The enemy were awaiting the approach of our troops to explode the charge by electricity. His skill and fearlessness in extricating the charge and thus saving the bridge, proved invaluable in the subsequent attack by our infantry.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

5874 A./C./S./M. J. E. Bowen, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., R. W. Fus. (Methley).

For distinguished gallantry and able leadership during the attack on the south-eastern outskirts of Englefontaine and the Foret de Mormal on 4th November, 1918. He led a platoon so well and skilfully that he arrived at the final objective without losing a man, in spite of their meeting with strong opposition from enemy rifle and machine-gun fire. He also volunteered to go to the assistance of the troops of the division on his right when they asked for assistance.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

435120 S./Sjt F. G. Burling, D.C.M., 2/1st (S. Mid.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and untiring devotion to duty. He has been in command of all the forward ambulance work during the whole of the recent operations from Vendegies to Mareschies—24th October to 2nd November, 1918—and refused relief until the fighting was over. On 26th October, during the attack on Sepmeries, he led the way through the hostile barrage, and was personally responsible for dressing and collecting fourteen severely wounded men, and ultimately brought them all to safety.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)

B/203252 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) N. Champion, D.C.M., M.M., 13th Bn., Rif. Bde. (Earlco-town).

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th November, 1918, near Louvignies. As signal sergeant he went forward with the advancing waves to establish communication from the front-line companies to battalion headquarters, and succeeded under very heavy fire in laying a line from the first objective to battalion headquarters. Whilst working forward with the line he noticed rifle fire coming from a house, and,

proceeding there with his linesman, discovered and disarmed fifty of the enemy. His conduct during the whole operation was exemplary.

(D.C.M. gazetted 15th April, 1916.)

13018 Sjt. S. Cochrane, D.C.M., 15th Bn., H.L.I. (Ballymoney, Co. Antrim).

On 1st October, 1918, during the operations at Sequehart, he displayed great gallantry under very heavy shell and rifle fire by bringing in several wounded men, though slightly wounded himself. On 3rd October, 1918, during an enemy counter-attack under cover of a very heavy barrage, he crawled forward from his trench and, taking a Lewis gun with him, opened fire on the advancing enemy, and succeeded in completely breaking up his formation. Throughout the entire operations he displayed marked courage and initiative.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th February, 1919.)

241028 Pte. (L./Cpl.) W. H. Coltman, V.C., D.C.M., M.M., 1/6th Bn., N. Staff. R., T.F. (Repton).

On the 28th September, 1918, near the St. Quentin Canal, near Bellenglise, he dressed and carried many wounded men under heavy artillery fire. During the advance on the following day he still remained at his work without rest or sleep, attending the wounded, taking no heed of either shell or machine-gun fire, and never resting until he was positive that our sector was clear of wounded. He set the highest example of fearlessness and devotion to duty to those with him.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

6603 C./S./M. W. Cummings, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., R. Dub. Fus. (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of the 6/7th October, 1918, near Villers Farm, N.E. of Gouy. He voluntarily went out under heavy machine-gun fire to cut a gap in the enemy wire. He succeeded in doing so in spite of continuous fire from an enemy machine gun from the direction of Villers Farm. He was at this time acting C.S.M., and his constant good work and gallantry was a splendid example to his company during the whole operation.

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

330271 Sjt. J. Diamond, D.C.M., M.M., 1/9th Bn., H.L.I., T.F. (Glasgow).

In the attack on Englefontaine on 26th October, 1918, he led a section with most conspicuous courage and ability. He personally accounted for a large number of the enemy, and in addition captured 15 prisoners and some machine guns. During the consolidation of the position he worked some 500 yards forward with a small party and later returned with valuable information. Throughout the whole operation he set a splendid example to those with him.

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

45028 Sjt. (A./B./S./M.) W. Doran, D.C.M., 139th Hy. By., R.G.A. (Baldon Colliery).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near St. Emilie on the night of the 25/26th September, 1918. A section of the battery was being moved to a forward position, and when a direct hit was obtained on some wagons in front of the guns, completely