

War Office,

13th July 1920.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Military Medal to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer :—

FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2001 Sjt. D. Tonks, M.M., 35th Aust. Inf. Bn. (M.M. gazetted 25th April 1918.)

For conspicuous gallantry south of the Somme on 8th August 1918. He went forward in a fog to obtain information of the progress of the attack when a machine gun opened fire at 20 yards range. Without hesitation he rushed the position, shot the gunner and secured 25 prisoners.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Medal for bravery in the Field to the undermentioned Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men :—

FRANCE AND FLANDERS

(except where otherwise stated).

CAVALRY.

L./8538 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) Deedman, F., 9th Lrs. (St. John's Wood).

On 9th August 1918, east of Vrely, when under heavy fire, he showed great gallantry in bringing his gun into action against the advancing enemy. Later, when in full view of the enemy, he went forward and successfully located the position of a wounded Officer.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

319482 Fitt.-Gnr. Hutson, W. A. (Putney).

At St. Venant, on 5th July 1918, he assisted in rescuing a badly wounded man from a gun-pit, and, despite heavy shell fire, carried him to a place of safety.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

16335 Spr. (A./Sjt.) Symes, E. (New Plymouth, N.Z.).

At Proven Station, on the 2nd May 1918, he set an excellent example to his men by working under continuous shell fire to maintain telephone communication over a disconnected line.

ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT.

9262 Cpl. Taylor, H., 1st Bn. (Cradley).

Whilst commanding a platoon during the attack on St. Servins Farm Ridge, on 30th August 1918, he successfully led his men over some very difficult ground to the second objective, collected stragglers, and displayed great resource in reorganising and consolidating the position won.

LIVERPOOL REGIMENT.

87114 Pte. Jones, C., 7th Bn. (Liverpool).

For conspicuous gallantry while a platoon

runner during the capture of Hendecourt, on 1st September 1918. He successfully conveyed an important message through heavy enemy shell fire and returned with the answer in time to join the attack.

WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

13725 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) Simmons, T., 11th Bn. (Barrow-in-Furness).

For gallantry and admirable leadership during the attack on Inverness Copse, on the 19th and 20th September 1917. He kept his men together so close to the barrage that they were able to account for several enemy groups without delay, and later consolidated his objective before the next wave had passed through.

DORSETSHIRE REGIMENT.

5913 Pte. Bond, W., 1st Bn. (Brackendale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Violaines, on the 2nd October 1914. He frequently exposed himself to heavy fire, and by his coolness and disregard of personal safety rendered great assistance to his Company Commander in observing fire.

10221 Pte. Haskell, W., 5th Bn. (Branksome).

As a stretcher bearer this man rendered invaluable service during the operations Oisy Le Verger and Epinoy from 27th September to 9th October 1918. He continually carried in wounded over ground swept by heavy fire, and it was partly due to his heroic conduct that so many lives were saved.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

5520 Pte. Smith, R. S., 1/7th Bn. (Enfield).

For great personal gallantry while Battalion runner at Bouleaux Wood, on 15th September 1916. He continually passed between the firing line and Headquarters, and is one of the few runners who have survived.

WILTSHIRE REGIMENT.

33175 Pte. Phillips, T., 1st Bn. (Camden Town).

At Villers-Guislain, on the 19th September 1918, a large party of the enemy were observed to be holding a fortified position. This man, with only two others, dashed forward and shot the sentries, causing the garrison to surrender, and capturing 87 prisoners.

GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

S/3110 Pte. (L./C.) Duncan, J., 1/6th Bn. (Glasgow).

On 23rd July 1918, N.W. of Nanteuil, when all the Lewis gun team had become casualties, he carried his gun into action, and, during the battle, returned under heavy fire for ammunition. He served the gun alone, and was responsible for dispersing a hostile machine-gun nest and killing the garrison.

CAMERON HIGHLANDERS.

S/32631 Pte. Davidson, J., 1st Bn. (Port Glasgow).

During the forcing of the Sambre-Oise