

424365 Pte. F. J. Tingley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining with his company though wounded and going through an attack with them. He took charge of putting in a block in an advanced communication trench. He got on top of the parapet to get a better field of fire and accounted for a large number of the advancing enemy. When short of grenades he went back along the trench collecting bombs and S.A.A., so enabling his party to hold out for another twenty minutes till forced to retire when their ammunition was exhausted.

71051 S.M. E. B. Underwood, M.C., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of ammunition carrying parties. He also supervised the clearance of the battle field, and it was due to his excellent work that all our wounded were carried out.

412735 L./Sjt. P. Way, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon to their objective after the platoon officer had been killed. On entering the enemy trench he worked round behind a M.G. which was inflicting heavy casualties, and captured the gun and crew of twelve men.

19791 L./Sjt. J. Wennevold, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as platoon serjeant. After the objective was secured he did good work, evacuating the wounded and disposing of prisoners. Later, in command of the extreme right-hand post of the battalion, he beat off four counter-attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

77757 Pte. A. G. Wilson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion runner. He went forward with the attack, jumped into the front line, and killed two of the enemy. An officer was hit, and although himself wounded, he slipped in front of the officer and killed three of the enemy.

22101 Sjt. W. Witherington, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his platoon, leading them to their objective and connecting up with troops on his flank. Later, he was wounded.

204417 Cpl. L. G. Woodward, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by a M.G. in the final trench, he and his company commander and two other men made for the gun, 300 yards away. Though his officer fell almost at once, mortally wounded, he led his men on, capturing the gun and killing the crew.

766524 Pte. E. Wren, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying his ration party under heavy fire, though himself severely wounded and knocked over. He succeeded in bringing his rations up, though he was wounded altogether four times.

SOUTH AFRICAN.

700 Gnr. R. N. Dollery, R.G.A. (S.A.H.A.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signaller. When his post was severely shelled and practically destroyed by a direct hit which killed and buried several of the occupants, including this gunner, he extricated himself and assisted to dig out the wounded during forty minutes of intense barrage. Through his energy two of the wounded were recovered, although one of them was immediately killed by another shell. Gunner Dollery has on previous occasions displayed similar gallantry and devotion to duty under fire.

NOTE.—Since this list of awards was placed in the hands of the printers, a number of the recipients have been advanced in permanent, temporary or acting rank, and in some cases temporary or acting rank has been relinquished, but it has not been found practicable to make the necessary changes in description in the Gazette.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Non-Commissioned Officers and men upon whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded:—

Gazette, 1st January, 1918.

14358 C.S.M. F. Sandison, 31st Bn., R. Fus. B.9632 A./Sjt. E. C. Tye, R.M.A., attd. S. Afr. Arty.

Gazette, 19th November, 1917.

The award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to 380177 Pte. T. Pickford, L'pool R., is cancelled, the medal having been previously awarded in the London Gazette dated 2nd February, 1916.

With reference to the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 26th November, 1917, the following are the statements of service for which the decoration was conferred:—

BAR TO DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

Z 1890 Sjt. H. Draper, R. Bde. (Darwen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his company was going forward to reinforce the front line, the enemy suddenly opened a very heavy barrage, which put all the officers out of action. He at once took charge of the situation, and with great courage and determination guided the company forward to their destination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

67590 C.S.M. G. Tolley, M.G. Corps, (frmly. 1161, W. York. R. (Harrogate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a dug-out was blown in and twenty men buried. Although under shell-fire, he organised a rescue party, and by his own efforts was able to rescue three men still alive.

(D.C.M. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)