

11167 Sjt. P. Waine, R. D. Fus. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the head of his platoon in an assault and consolidation afterwards under a heavy barrage. When he came opposite an enemy M.G. he and another man dashed at it, killed two of the team, and captured the gun. Throughout the assault he captured numerous prisoners and inspired the men with confidence at a time when officers were continually becoming casualties. (D.C.M. gazetted 22nd October, 1917.)

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

843 C.S.M. J. Burley, Aust. Rail. Oper. Div.

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a train. A wagon containing shells was set on fire by hostile shelling, whereupon he uncoupled the remainder of the train and sent it to a safe distance, subsequently returning to the blazing wagon and endeavouring very gallantly to put out the flames. In spite of great efforts he was unsuccessful, and the truck exploded, but his energy had saved the remainder of the train, including a gun which was on board.

(D.C.M. awarded S. Africa, 1900.)

989 L./Cpl. F. Horan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He fought his way through several parties of the enemy, killing numbers with his bayonet and capturing others. When the enemy counter-attacked he led his men out to meet them, and broke up the attack before it reached our lines. Early in the operation he was wounded, but refused to leave until the battalion had been finally relieved.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1916.)

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

10/3878 Sjt. S. G. Foot, Well. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When his platoon officer became a casualty, he took command of the platoon and led it with great courage and initiative. In the attack on the final objective he encountered unexpectedly a very strongly held trench, which he captured with thirty-nine prisoners and seven machine guns. He quickly consolidated the captured ground and held on until wounded. He displayed leadership and gallantry of a high order, and inspired great confidence in his men.

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

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

L./41819 Sjt. M. Abraham, R.F.A. (Dublin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when the battery was heavily shelled while in action he rallied the men, and, in spite of casualties, got his gun into action again. On another occasion a fire was caused in a gun-pit by heavy enemy shelling. He was first on the scene, and by his prompt action and disregard of danger extinguished the fire, thus saving the gun and the ammunition. His coolness and gallantry on critical occasions is worthy of the highest praise.

203232 Pte. J. Anyon, Lan. Fus. (Neston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance he was wounded in the thigh, but carried on, and brought his Lewis gun into action on an exposed flank. The enemy counter-attacked, but he remained isolated in an advanced shell hole, and by sustained gunfire contributed to preventing the enemy from getting round the flank. Although alone, he remained at his post until reinforced the following day.

67096 C.S.M. W. Arkinstall, Notts. and Derby. R. (Wednesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was of the greatest assistance to his company commander throughout the attack, when all the platoon commanders became casualties. He reorganised the company with great ability, and it was chiefly owing to his energy, resource, and splendid example that the final objective was reached and successfully consolidated.

83116 Cpl. F. Bailey, M.G.C. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell fire he rallied the remnants of three Vickers gun teams, and after his section serjeant had become a casualty, led them forward to the final objective. He did excellent work stopping attempts to counter-attack.

8710 C.S.M. J. Bain, Sea. Highrs. (Forres).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in killing fifteen of the enemy during an attack. He was severely wounded by his last opponent, whom he killed. He is a grand fighter, and his example is contagious.

33806 L./S. G. Ball, N. Lanc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. When his officer was wounded he continued to lead his men forward to within fifteen yards of the enemy, where they were forced to dig in. Having got his men back by night, he returned to his officer, who was in a shell hole wounded, and remained with him until he was brought in. The enemy made two attempts to get at the officer, and but for this N.C.O.'s courage and determination the officer would have been taken prisoner.

31977 Sjt. H. J. Barker, M.G. Corps (Hull).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Soon after passing the first objective his officer became a casualty. He at once took command of his sub-section, and took them forward with the infantry to the second objective. When the O.C. the other two sub-sections was wounded he took command of all the guns in the line and got them all into action. When two were knocked out he replaced them by captured guns. In two days his guns accounted for large numbers of the enemy. He killed a considerable number himself with a rifle.

S/19290 Sjt. C. Bastow, Rif. Bde. (S. Pancras).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under intense machine-gun fire he attacked with one other man an enemy