

Though his right flank was exposed and the enemy made every endeavour to turn it, he so disposed his men as to resist every attempt and to beat off all attacks. It was entirely owing to his promptness and initiative that the line was held at a critical period.
(D.C.M. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

16795 C.S.M. J. Smitheman, D.C.M., S. Staff. R. (Tipton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered invaluable assistance to his company commander throughout the attack and during the consolidation. He took out a patrol and brought back valuable information, which contributed largely to the repulse of an enemy counter-attack. He showed the greatest courage and initiative.
(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

8536 Sjt. A. Sturgess, D.C.M., R. Berks. R. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon forward although wounded, capturing a redoubt by a bayonet charge and himself killing many of the enemy. The success of this part of the attack in which the enemy suffered heavy casualties was due to him.
(D.C.M. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

12367 Sjt. D. O. Keefe, D.C.M., A.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of stretcher bearers at a forward relay post. When a number of men were wounded at the post he went out under heavy fire and assisted in carrying them in. It was largely owing to his personal example that stretcher bearers kept working for such long periods over muddy and shell-torn country without rest or sleep.
(D.C.M. gazetted 25th August, 1917.)

His Majesty the KING has been pleased to award the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

19630 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) A. Adams, Manch. R. (Ashton-on-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer. Although wounded in three places he continued to attend to the wounded in full view of the enemy and under heavy machine-gun and shell fire.

G/67474 L./Cpl. R. Allen, R. Fus. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rushed and captured an enemy machine-gun strong point, taking 30 prisoners. He gained and consolidated his objective and repelled strong enemy counter-attacks, setting a splendid example of courage and initiative to his men.

165997 A./Fitter S./Sjt. G. L. Alleway, R.G.A. (Plumstead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the ammunition at the battery position was set alight, at great personal risk he succeeded in extinguishing the fire and saving the ammunition. He continually

showed great courage and initiative in keeping his guns in action in difficult circumstances.

34550 L./Cpl. J. Allison, York & Lanc. R. (Quarrington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's position. Seeing three of the enemy leaving a dug-out he at once attacked them and killed them all. Later, when some of his party had missed their way in the smoke and dust he rushed forward at great risk and brought them back to our lines. His courage and determination were a fine example to his men.

355706 L.C. O. D. Arnott, R. Welsh Fus. (Lisworney).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men to the assault under heavy cross fire and captured single-handed two officers and eleven other ranks. He showed splendid leadership and courage.

7850 Sjt. F. Ashby, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing up his platoon from support on his own initiative and helping to beat off a counter-attack. He directed the fire of his men with great skill. During the attack he led them with great coolness and courage until wounded.

12400 Pte. C. W. Ashley, R. Berks. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying his platoon and leading them forward when all the platoon N.C.O.'s had become casualties. He collected ammunition from the killed and wounded and distributed it to the men in the line, and afterwards did good work helping to carry back wounded men.

40508 Sjt. T. Ashmore, M.M., R.A.M.C. (Somerset).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of bearers. He led three parties of stretcher bearers through heavy shell fire to clear R.A.P.'s. He was wounded in the arm while bringing in a wounded man, and later on gassed, but continued to perform his duties until ordered to withdraw.

13447 Pte. T. Ashmore, Dorset R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After heavy bombardment by mustard gas shells, from which his company suffered severely, he carried out his duty as a stretcher bearer. Although almost blind and vomiting severely, he continued until quite exhausted and unable to see.

4741 L./Cpl. J. N. Aston, Hrs. (Stafford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy enemy attack he took command of his machine-gun troop at a critical moment and handled the guns with marked ability and coolness, thereby greatly assisting in repelling the enemy's attack. He showed no regard for his own safety and set a fine example to his men.