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3380 Sjt. H. G. McLauchlan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a strong point which the enemy attempted to raid under cover of an intense bombardment. The enemy attacked from a flank, and owing to the darkness were close to his position before they were observed. He at once opened Lewis gun fire and organised a counter-attack with bombs, and when the Lewis gun jammed he remedied the defect with great coolness and got the gun into action again. He showed splendid determination and resource, and encouraged by his example his men offered such a spirited resistance that the enemy were driven off, having suffered several casualties and leaving a prisoner, a machine gun and four bags of grenades in his hands.

2406 Pte. (L./C.) B. Quintal, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a Lewis gun in a strong point which the enemy attempted to raid under cover of an intense bombardment. He at once opened Lewis gun fire, and when the gun jammed he attacked the enemy with bombs and assisted in driving them off with considerable losses. His coolness and initiative were an inspiration to his comrades.

28977 T./Sjt. P. Sheehan, T.M. By.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted in keeping his trench mortars in action in support of a raid under very heavy fire. At the end of the operation one of the gun positions was destroyed by shell fire, and an officer and the crew were buried. With the help of one man he succeeded in digging them out in spite of continuous and heavy fire. By his courageous and determined action he saved three lives.

815 Sjt. J. Watson, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the left flank party of a reconnoitring patrol he rushed towards a ruined building, in which the enemy had been observed, and succeeded in capturing one of the enemy. Whilst returning to our lines with his prisoner a second party of the enemy was encountered, which was successfully attacked, and, thanks to his coolness, gallantry and resource in the handling of his party no casualties were suffered, and the object of the patrol was accomplished, that of securing an identification.

3204 Cpl. A. T. Winter, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He was responsible for keeping direction on the flank during the advance, and guided his men with splendid judgment and skill under the most difficult conditions. The party met with strong resistance from the enemy, and he showed great determination in the hand-to-hand struggle which ensued, personally accounting for two of the enemy.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

120 Cpl. A. T. Chrystal, Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was ordered to counter-attack he took his Lewis gun forward, with utter disregard of danger, under heavy fire, and gave invaluable assistance in driving the enemy from their position. He showed splendid courage and determination.

Sjt. J. R. Allan, Rif. (Belfast).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a strong enemy position one of the advancing platoons was heavily counter-attacked by the enemy. With great courage and initiative he fired his Lewis gun in the open, under heavy machine-gun fire, and succeeded in holding up the enemy's counter-attack. His gallant action was of the greatest value, and saved many casualties.

NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

793 Cpl. L. J. Fitzpatrick, M.M., The Royal Newfoundland R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the first to come forward when volunteers were called for to retake part of a trench which had been lost. He, leading a squad along the trench, succeeded in rescuing a wounded officer who had been left behind. Though on first encountering an enemy bombing party he withdrew through lack of bombs, he procured some of the latter, and eventually drove back the hostile party, killing two of the latter himself.

With reference to the award of the D.C.M. conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 11th April, 1918, the following are the statements of service for which the decoration was conferred:—

240484 Cpl. W. W. Andrew, Devon. R. (Peterboro').

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of the battalion signallers during the operations, and carried out his duties with great skill and initiative. He went forward to lay a telephone line between brigade and battalion headquarters during an attack. He was wounded before reaching battalion headquarters, but his skilful organisation resulted in the line being completed, and so enabled the battalion commander to keep in touch with the brigade.

202746 Pte. R. Barber, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an engagement. He continually carried messages to and from the firing line under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. Though he was twice wounded he continued at his duties without any thought for his own safety, and thus ensured communication being maintained during a critical period. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.