

620163 Sjt. S. May, D.C.M., R.H.A. (Taunton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He obtained ammunition under the most difficult conditions, and having on his own initiative found out which battery was in need of it, he took up three wagon loads and delivered the same to the battery in question. He set a fine example of initiative and devotion to duty.

(D.C.M. gazetted 18th Feb. 1918.)

295478 Pte. W. B. Watson, D.C.M., R. Scot. Fus. (Lesmahagow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of the battalion stretcher-bearers, he worked incessantly under extremely heavy fire, and it was due to his energy and great devotion to duty that many of the wounded cases were collected and safely evacuated. He displayed conspicuous gallantry, coolness and courage.

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

D/20999 Sq. S.M. F. Allsopp, Dns. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He continually went backwards and forwards between squadron headquarters and the front line under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, carrying orders. His courage and example were of the greatest assistance in the successful organisation and defence of the line.

513275 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. C. Anderson, Lond. R. (Edinburgh).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of a rifle grenade section holding a post when the enemy attacked. When nearly all his men became casualties he quickly organised another section and held his ground against very superior numbers and under heavy fire until assistance arrived. His prompt and determined conduct held up the enemy when they were on the point of breaking into the post, and gained time for the remainder of the garrison to take up their position. He set a splendid example to his men.

12721 Pte. D. A. Ayley, Essex R. (Bishop's Stortford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the enemy raiding one of our front line posts, he, when acting as stretcher-bearer, proceeded on his own initiative to the post, where he attended to the wounded. After assisting one of the wounded men back for 300 yards to the support line, he returned through the barrage, and, remaining at the post, dressed the wounds of ten others of the garrison, finally evacuating them successfully. His resource and devotion to duty cannot be too highly praised.

11644 L./Cpl. (A./Cpl.) G. Barker, Lin. R. (Grantham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a section of a

raiding party against the enemy's front line trenches, he led his party over the first trench to their objective in the main trench. When doing so he observed the enemy counter-attacking over the open against his position. By his initiative and resource this attack was repulsed and seven of the enemy killed. Whilst withdrawing from the trench his right foot was blown off, but being determined not to be taken prisoner, he made his way back to our lines, displaying the greatest courage, remarkable grit and fine powers of endurance.

318076 Rfn. H. Barker, Lond. R. (Canterbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When holding a bombing block which was surrounded during an enemy attack, he together with his serjeant were taken prisoners and were led into the hostile lines by an enemy officer and N.C.O. On passing a bomb store he seized a bomb and killed the N.C.O. while his serjeant killed the officer. They then made their escape and returned with valuable information.

2565 Cpl. W. Beales, R.A.F. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst returning alone from a reconnaissance he was attacked by three enemy machines. Though he was wounded in the hand he drove down one of them out of control, and drove off the others in a running fight lasting ten minutes. On a later occasion he ably assisted his pilot in bringing down two enemy machines, one of which went down in flames. He performed excellent work during recent operations in engaging ground targets, often flying at very low altitudes under heavy fire. His keenness and determination have been a great incentive to the other N.C.Os. in his squadron.

16634 Sjt. W. W. Belcher, G. Gds. (Ware).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy made a determined attack in great strength and penetrated a small section of the front line. He at once organised and led bombing parties with splendid courage and determination and drove the enemy back. The rapidity with which the enemy were ejected with heavy losses was largely due to his excellent leadership and the example which he set his men.

235519 Sjt. W. H. Binns, W. Rid. R. (Harrogate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a flanking party in a raid on the enemy's lines, rushed and captured a machine-gun, and killed three of the team. His platoon captured 37 prisoners and 3 machine-guns, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He showed splendid leadership and determination.

D/14166 Sjt. C. R. Broster, M.M., D. Gds. (Tattenhall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He twice went forward from an advanced post under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, located the enemy infantry, and obtained valuable information. Later, when