

pany commander, and set a fine example to all ranks.

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

795382 Sjt. E. Richardson, D.C.M., M.M., R.F.A. (Bradford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations this N.C.O. showed exceptional courage and resource. It was largely his courage and total disregard of danger that so inspired his gunners and enabled the guns to be saved under extremely difficult circumstances.

(D.C.M. gazetted 17th September, 1917.)

2/5499 R.S.M. J. Ring, M.C., D.C.M., R. Muns. Fus. (Limerick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. volunteered to go with a party to retake a position on the flank which had been occupied by the enemy. It was largely owing to his efforts that the attack was entirely successful and the enemy driven out, leaving three dead. The flank was thus secured, and this enabled the main position to be held for some hours.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st April, 1915.)

12844 (formerly 4967) Sjt. A. E. Seton, D.C.M., Lrs. (Rotherhithe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. When in charge of the right section of a front line, about 200 yards of it, on the right of the regiment, broke and retired. Realising the danger he, by his fine example of courage and coolness, steadied his men, who retained their position and beat back a heavy attack, thus saving the whole line from being turned.

(D.C.M. gazetted 16th January, 1915.)

241337 Sjt. B. Siswick, D.C.M., W. Rid. R. (Paddock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack, when the front company ran short of ammunition, this N.C.O. organised a party, and in spite of intense machine-gun and rifle fire made three journeys, leading the way himself, and bringing up sufficient ammunition for the company to meet the next attack.

(D.C.M. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

12316 Sjt. J. Smith, D.C.M., Shrop. L.I. (Llangollen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties he took over the command, moving up and down his company front under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, steadying and encouraging the men. He controlled the fire to such good effect that he kept the line intact against the enemy attack.

(D.C.M. gazetted 19th November, 1917.)

2831 B.S.M. T. Smith, D.C.M., R.G.A. (Tottenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a retirement. He controlled the supply of ammunition to the guns under most difficult conditions, enabling 700 rounds to be fired by one section, and he personally helped to carry badly wounded men under cover and saw to their evacuation. He displayed marked courage and determination

when guns had to be moved under heavy shell fire, and he and a party of men of the battery man-handled a heavy howitzer for some miles. Throughout he behaved in a magnificent manner.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

240991 C.S.M. W. Stewart, D.C.M., R. Highrs. (Buchin).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy gas shelling he was of the greatest assistance to his company commander in repelling enemy attacks and inflicting heavy casualties on them. His cheerfulness and courage were an example to all.

(D.C.M. gazetted 28th March, 1918.)

17312 Sjt. G. Still, D.C.M., M.G.C. (Acton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his officer was wounded this N.C.O. took command of the section. Although slightly wounded himself he remained in action two days, assisting in repulsing repeated enemy attacks.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

L/9895 C.S.M. (A./School S.M.) G. W. Taylor, D.C.M., R. Fus. (Sutton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was invaluable in directing and fighting with fresh troops who were fresh to the work. He accounted for several of the enemy himself, and set a fine example of steadiness and courage.

(D.C.M. gazetted 25th November, 1916.)

9444 Sjt. E. Thomas, D.C.M., E. York. R. (Wandsworth, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When leading a platoon he single-handedly bombed the enemy out of a trench, establishing communication with the unit on his right. Later, he occupied a pill-box with his platoon, and forced the enemy to evacuate a trench which was threatening his rear. He did magnificent service.

(D.C.M. gazetted in this Gazette.)

9589 Sjt. E. R. Vickers, D.C.M., G. Gds. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O. was acting as C.S.M. to his company when it attacked, and when all the officers of the company became casualties, owing to a withering cross-fire of rifles and machine guns, he took up the command, and was alone responsible for the repulse of two hostile attacks, in both of which the enemy far outnumbered his own men. His handling of the company showed great skill and determination.

(D.C.M. gazetted 4th March, 1918.)

7494 B.S.M. S. C. Walton, D.C.M., R.G.A. ("E" Portsmouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When it became necessary, owing to the near approach of the enemy, to withdraw the guns, this W.O. set a fine example to all ranks, supervising the withdrawal of each gun under heavy fire. Afterwards, he volunteered to join a cavalry regiment which