

porting an advance by the infantry. Observing an enemy post harassing the advance with machine-gun fire, he brought his fire to bear on the position, moved forward himself single-handed, and rushed the post, capturing six prisoners and a machine gun. His splendid act of courage and determined initiative enabled the infantry to continue their advance.

40724 L./Cpl. J. Silifant, Rifle Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while sniping in "No Man's Land." In a skilful and fearless manner he worked his way to within twenty yards of the hostile trenches, where he killed ten of the enemy. Later during the attack he did excellent work in sniping the enemy as they showed themselves in throwing bombs.

9/1747 Tpr. P. Weaver, Otago Mtd. Sqdn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy pierced the line of posts of the unit on his left. Seeing twelve enemy coming down the sap towards him, he, with two men, rushed towards them and killed two with bombs. The remainder ran away and he followed them, leaving the two men to watch a side sap. One of the enemy attempted to use a machine gun, but he bombed him before he could use it. The gun was captured, and the remainder of the enemy were forced by this non-commissioned officer towards a body of men of the unit on the left, who captured them. His fine courage and initiative throughout inspired all near him.

14513 Sjt. A. S. Webster, Auckland R.

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5573 L./C. W. Cawthorn, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set a very fine example of courage and devotion to duty when as non-commissioned officer stretcher-bearer he went forward during and after our attack and attended to wounded men under fire. He was able to bring in several men, and he saved many lives. He was himself severely wounded in a gallant attempt to rescue a wounded man under heavy fire.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men to whom the Distinguished Conduct Medal has recently been awarded:—

2983 T./R.S.M. T. Butterworth, N. Lan. R.

(London Gazette dated 26th August, 1918.)

C/6036 C.S.M. R. Carding, K.R.R.C.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

R/40014 Pte. S. Wilby, K.R.R.C.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

127 Sjt. S. B. Smith, M.G.C.

(London Gazette dated 26th June, 1918.)

448 Sjt. T. C. McCracken, M.M., M.G.C.

(London Gazette dated 26th June, 1918.)

12627 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Blurton, Notts. & Derby. R.

(London Gazette dated 10th January, 1917.)

88193 C.S.M. J. Dauris, R.E.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

279653 Sjt. W. G. Gerow, Can. Rly. Troops.

(London Gazette dated 3rd September, 1918.)

80020 Sjt. A. Sprake, Yeo.

(London Gazette dated 4th September, 1918.)

The second announcement of the award of the Military Cross to T./Capt. William Smith S.A.M.C., which appeared in the London Gazette of the 16th September, 1918, is cancelled, and the award of a Bar to the Military Cross is substituted.

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