

every moment he rescued one Tank out of the blaze and drove it through intense shell fire to a position of security. He behaved splendidly.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June 1918.)

200530 Sjt. T. Williamson, D.C.M., S. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. When all the officers of his company had been wounded he took command of the company and led it to the objective. When the attack on his left had been held up he formed a defensive flank with great skill. He showed splendid judgment and leadership.

(D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

8090 Sjt. J. Woods, D.C.M., M.M., L'pool R. (Garston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his officers became casualties he assumed command and led the company with great dash and determination under heavy fire. He showed a sound military knowledge throughout the attack and subsequent consolidation and patrolling, and proved a most capable leader.

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

CANADIAN FORCE.

63969 Cpl. W. Gough, D.C.M., Infy.

This non-commissioned officer showed conspicuous gallantry and initiative when his company was held up at the crossing of a river. With one private he rushed an enemy machine-gun post which was denying the crossing. Although under heavy fire, he pushed on regardless of danger, capturing the post, with four prisoners.

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

430337 Sjt. G. H. Soles, D.C.M., Infy.

When a Tank which had fallen behind commenced firing upon our men, this non-commissioned officer immediately put a steel helmet on his bayonet and ran to the Tank through a storm of bullets until he attracted their attention and diverted the fire. His conduct in charge of a platoon throughout the operations was characterised by daring and high fighting qualities.

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

466132 Sjt. F. W. D. Sorby, D.C.M., Infy.

When his platoon was advancing on a village along a sap, the enemy attempted a flanking movement. This N.C.O. rushed out with a Lewis gun, beating them off with heavy casualties. The platoon was next held up by a defended wire block. In attempting to rush it he was wounded by a bomb bursting on his helmet. He next found one of his men, who was missing, lying very badly wounded. He picked him up and carried him back under a hail of bombs.

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

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

203791 C.S.M. G. Alder, R. Berks. R. (Burnham, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding a platoon in a raid. He led his platoon with determined dash, reached and captured his objectives, took about twenty prisoners, and covered the left flank of the whole attack. He rendered valuable service, and showed great ability to command.

7989 Sjt. F. Allen, Essex R. (Wickford).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. When all the officers of his company became casualties he took command and led his men to the final objective. He set a splendid example of coolness and contempt of danger under the most difficult conditions.

9/814 Sjt. A. Amos, M.M., R. Mun. Fus. (Cardiff).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. When the Company Serjeant-Major was wounded, he took over his duties and was of the greatest assistance in rallying the company, which had become separated during the intense barrage, and in leading the men forward to the objective. He led a mopping-up party, cleared part of the captured position, and, though wounded, remained with his men, setting them a splendid example of courage and determination.

2454 Cpl. A. Amsom, Lan. Fus. (Penketh).

For conspicuous gallantry in command of a patrol. He attacked and caused the enemy to leave a post, considerably lightening the task of the attacking party. His behaviour after being wounded while bombing the enemy out of the post was most gallant and plucky.

12100 Sjt. W. Anderton, M.M., K.O.S.B. (Sutton).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon splendidly, and on reaching the final objective started his men to consolidate, and then without orders led a section to get touch with the next battalion. Later, he single-handed stalked an enemy post and accounted for the four occupants. His conduct was a magnificent example to all ranks.

G/15767 C.S.M. F. Ashby, E. Kent R. (Rochester).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. After all his company officers had become casualties he assumed command and led his company with great skill and determination to the final objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He did very fine work.