

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

Lt. David Henry Elias, 2nd Bn., S. Afr. Infy.

At Chapel Hill, near Gouzeaucourt, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 21st and 22nd March, 1918. Though early wounded, he refused to leave his platoon, and gallantly and ably handled his men all through the day. He set a very fine example to his men.

AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

93304 Gnr. C. Edwards, D.C.M., 8th Bty., R.F.A. (Shepherd's Bush).

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Benagadi, near Baku, on 31st August, 1918. When acting as telephonist to his F.O.O. he frequently left his trench to repair the telephone wires in the open, though the enemy were sweeping our position with heavy fire. Later, when our line was compelled to withdraw, he again established communications, and although wounded in the neck continued at duty until the severity of his wound forced him to withdraw.

(D.C.M. gazetted 1st May, 1918.)

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

79673 C./S./M. P. W. Husk, M.G. Corps (Motors) (Tunbridge Wells).

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Kurdamir, Persia, on 9th July, 1918. Whilst covering the withdrawal of an allied force he dispersed single-handed a determined attempt by hostile irregulars to cut off the rearguard, and by his dash and initiative was mainly instrumental in enabling the rearguard to extricate itself. Throughout the operations he displayed courage and ability of a high order.

20384 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) J. Martindale, 1st Bn., H.L.I. (Kendal).

(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq on 26th October, 1918. He displayed marked coolness and courage in defending a shallow trench which the enemy persistently tried to enfilade. By keeping his Lewis gun continuously in action on the flank of the trench and quickly directing fire he averted a serious situation. His cheerfulness and fine example inspired all ranks.

3/8859 C./S./M. E. Moore, 1st Bn., W. York: R. (Rotherham).

Near Vaux-Vrancourt on the evening of the 21st March, 1918, he was the only warrant officer left in the battalion, and he was invaluable in helping to reorganise the remnant of the battalion, which reached the Haig line. During that night he took charge of several patrols sent out to keep the front clear. Next day he took a leading part in driving back many enemy attacks and establishing blocks. Throughout he showed marked gallantry and devotion to duty.

232376 Cpl. A. J. Shilton, 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R. (Weybridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability. At Travecy, on March 21st, 1918, he was the

Lewis gun N.C.O., and for two days his position was surrounded by overwhelming numbers of the enemy. It was largely due to his handling of his three gun sections that the position was enabled to hold out so long, and to repulse with heavy loss the repeated attacks of the enemy, on whom he inflicted many casualties.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

3593a Sjt. W. Murray, 52nd Bn., Aust. Infy.

During a strong enemy attack at Dernancourt on the 5th April, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and initiative. He had charge of a Lewis gun team commanding an important position, against which the enemy launched determined assaults. He repeatedly repulsed them, and by his accurate fire inflicted heavy casualties. When all his crew had become casualties and he himself was wounded in three places, he continued to use his gun with great effect. He set a fine example of coolness and courage.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:—

CANADIAN FORCE.

919462 Pte. J. A. MacDonald, 14th Bn., Can. Infy.

(London Gazette, dated 16th Jan., 1919.)

445387 Sjt. G. M. McKiel, P.P.C.L.I.

(London Gazette, dated 16th Jan., 1919.)

116045 Sjt. A. O. Swanby, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., C.M.R.

(London Gazette, dated 16th Jan., 1919.)

624758 Sjt. B. M. Trimming, 78th Bn., Can. Infy.

(London Gazette, dated 15th Nov., 1918.)

540031 Sjt. J. Murphy, Gen. Dep., late Can. Corps, Cyc. Bn.

(London Gazette, dated 17th April, 1919.)

261704 Pte. E. Engelbretsen, R. Can. R.

(London Gazette, dated 12th March, 1919.)

201499 Sjt. W. R. Thomas, 4th Bn., Can. Infy.

(London Gazette, dated 12th March, 1919.)

AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

255 Sjt. J. L. Foreman, 9th Aust. L. Hse. Regt. (EGYPT)

(London Gazette, dated 17th April, 1919.)

NEW ZEALAND.

32945 C./S./M. J. H. Evans, 2nd Bn., Auckland Regt.

(London Gazette, dated 18th Feb., 1919.)

The notification of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to 6594 Sjt. G. Sexton, V.C., D.C.M., 13th Bn., Aust. Infy., as announced in the London Gazette, dated 5th December, 1918, should be read as awarded to 6594 Sjt. M. V. Buckley,