

machine-gun, and bayoneted the whole garrison. His fearlessness and determination throughout the operations set a magnificent example to his company.

3400 Sjt. J. A. Spence, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men to the attack with great courage, capturing two enemy field guns and killing the crews. He afterwards displayed great fearlessness in patrolling under machine-gun fire, and worked with great energy during consolidation.

1016 L./Sjt. J. T. Stainbank, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in endeavouring to dig out four men of his platoon who had been buried in a trench under heavy lachrymatory gas attack. The position was under continuous shell fire the whole time, and although badly gassed himself, he carried out his duties with the greatest devotion and set a splendid example to his platoon.

357 Sjt. J. T. Stapleton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of his party when the officer became a casualty, and displayed great initiative and good leadership. His presence of mind at a critical moment in re-establishing communication with the leading wave after it had been wrongly reported wiped out, enabled him to lead his men forward with reinforcements and capture the position. His influence over his men was very great.

1246 Pte. H. R. Sternbeck, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing an enemy machine-gun position single-handed, killing two gunners and capturing the gun. His prompt and gallant action enabled our men to advance and also saved a number of lives, as the gun was causing heavy casualties.

1865 Sjt. P. Symes, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By encouraging his men he established them rapidly in a strong defensive position, afterwards taking water up to the outposts and bringing back a wounded man from "No Man's Land" under heavy fire. He also did invaluable work with bombs and rifle grenades during a hostile counter-attack upon a neighbouring unit.

6426 Cpl. A. D. Titheridge, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repeatedly repairing wireless aerial when broken by heavy shell fire until it became impossible to keep it working. He then established successful communication with amplifier, and continued to work for two days after his ration supply had been destroyed by shell fire, eventually bringing

away the whole of his wireless gear through heavy shelling.

131 Sjt. A. J. Townsend, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying telephone lines to forward positions to be occupied by advancing batteries. He and the party under him displayed the greatest gallantry in completing this work in view of the enemy, and subsequently under intense shell fire of every description, on two occasions passing through two barrages to establish communication. He has on many occasions done admirable work in maintaining artillery communication.

1668 C.S.M. J. Vincent, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions. He continually stimulated his company by his coolness and courage under heavy fire, showing great ability and initiative in consolidating a captured position and leading a patrol into enemy country and gaining most valuable information.

242 C.S.M. L. J. West, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of carrying parties. He continued carrying after thirty-six hours' continuous work, with all his party casualties. He proceeded in his work until the companies he was carrying for were supplied with water, although several times nearly blown up by shells bursting close to him.

9622 L./Cpl. (A./Sjt.) A. T. Wilkins, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a bearer sub-division. Although himself wounded in the head, he led his bearers forward, and when one of them was badly wounded he remained alone with him in a shallow trench for three hours under intense and concentrated shell fire, which finally smashed the stretcher on which the wounded man was lying. He eventually got him away to a place of safety, returned to look for more wounded, and succeeded in getting them away. He then reported his own wound.

2992 Pte. W. Williams, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking an enemy strong point that was holding up our attack and capturing twenty-three prisoners, aided by four of his comrades. He personally reconnoitred the trenches round the strong point and gained valuable information, afterwards assisting very ably to break up a hostile counter-attack.

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55796 Sjt. L. T. Beer, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a party twice to a large