

Lt. Arthur Stafford Cooper, Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a covering party of 20 men during a raid, he covered the approach of the main body so successfully that the enemy received no warning. Later at a critical moment he personally led his men to the attack on a hostile patrol, killing four and dispersing the remainder. He then crept up to the enemy wire and cut three belts at the selected point of exit for the raiding party. He showed great coolness and gallantry, which contributed largely to the success of the raid.

Lt. Alexander George Donald, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. He led his men to the assembly position through a heavy gas shell bombardment. Finding that the enemy's wire was not sufficiently cut, he reconnoitred the wire, skilfully altered his dispositions, and led his men through a partially cut gap in the wire into the enemy's trench. He at once attacked and captured a machine gun, killing the whole crew. His party then encountered and killed the personnel of a bombing post, and, moving up a communication trench, destroyed two occupied dug-outs and captured a prisoner. He finally withdrew his party safely in intense darkness and under heavy fire. He showed the greatest coolness and daring, which were a splendid example to all ranks.

Capt. Sydney D. Johnson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and leading a raid. He made several daring reconnaissances, and located gaps in the enemy's wire. He led his men in the assault with great determination and coolness, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and captured six prisoners. He brought the whole of his party back safely to our lines.

Capt. Terence Newcomen, Dgns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of the two leading parties which during a raid penetrated the enemy's lines to a depth of 350 yards. He maintained touch between the parties, working down two separate trench systems, and on several occasions engaged the enemy single-handed, killing several of them. He displayed the greatest dash and coolness.

Lt. Pryce Rawson Philipps, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reconnoitred the enemy's position for two nights in the face of great difficulties, and then led a raid on some trenches and a house occupied by the enemy. He met with strong opposition, and after a severe struggle, in which casualties were inflicted on the enemy, he captured and brought back a prisoner. He set a splendid example of courage and initiative.

Lt. Harold Ray Simpson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Volunteering to lead a raiding party on the enemy's lines, he made a thorough reconnaissance of his objective both by day and night, and in the raid itself led his party under the barrage, directing the clearing of the raided area. Having secured three prisoners and gained valuable identifications, he withdrew his party, setting by his gallant conduct a fine example to the whole battalion.

Lt. Ronald Owen Wheatley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and leading a raid. He made several daring reconnaissances in preparation for the raid. He led his party into the enemy's trench, personally overpowered a listening post of two men, and then cleared a hundred yards of trench, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and capturing six prisoners. His splendid leadership and courage were largely responsible for the success of the operation.

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Lt. Irvine Julius Barton, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When, as one of a reconnoitring patrol, he was lying concealed well within the enemy outpost line, by the light of a hostile flare he saw a party of eight of the enemy approaching. He allowed them to come within a few feet of his position, and then summoned them to surrender. Revolver fire was opened on them and a bomb thrown, resulting in four of the enemy being badly wounded. He displayed coolness, dash and military judgment of the highest order.

Lt. Alexander George Bates, D.C.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. He led his party of twenty men up to the enemy's wire and rushed the position as soon as the barrage lifted. Inspired by his splendid leadership and courage, his men captured seven of the enemy, put a number of others out of action, and returned without a casualty. He had previously carried out a reconnaissance which contributed largely to the success of the enterprise.

Rev. Ignatius Ernest Bossence, T./C.F., 4th Class Aust. Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on a strongly defended hostile position, he advanced with the foremost assaulting line under heavy shell, machine-gun and rifle fire, rendered first aid to wounded men and assisted them to safety. His fine example of courage and cheerfulness had a most inspiring effect on the men.

Lt. Arthur Harold Castles, Infy.

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