

others. Our advance, which was nearly held up, proceeded without a check. His gallantry and dash were witnessed by the whole platoon, who were greatly encouraged by his brilliant example.

3774 Sjt. C. Brooker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on the enemy trenches. Although early wounded he rallied his platoon and led them on to the objective, himself being the first into the enemy trench and killing three of the enemy before falling down unconscious from loss of blood. He showed a splendid example of courage and devotion to duty to his men.

2257 Pte. G. Cargill, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack on enemy trenches. When his platoon was held up by a strong machine-gun post, he rushed forward and placed his Lewis gun on the enemy trench slightly to a flank and swept it with his fire, effectually silencing the machine guns. His act of courage and promptitude enabled the advance to continue.

785 Sjt. H. C. Clucas, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a platoon in the attack and captured a trench system when many of the enemy were killed and several prisoners taken. He led his men with great skill and determination, himself killing several of the enemy with the bayonet. An enemy counter-attack was annihilated by fire of a Lewis gun which he had placed in a most effective position. By his personal gallantry and dash he set a splendid example to his men.

1886a Pte. T. S. Cullen, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was company runner, and while carrying a message he came across an enemy machine-gun post carefully hidden. He rushed the post single-handed, killing the whole crew and capturing the gun. His gallant and dashing exploit saved many casualties.

4695 Pte. P. Debono, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy raided and had entered the trenches at places. He was then carrying a message overland to the front line. On reaching the trench he was faced by six of the enemy; he immediately bayoneted one, and his determined attack so cowed the others that they at once surrendered. Thanks to his prompt and gallant action six of the enemy were accounted for.

3734 Cpl. A. J. Duncan, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous skill and courage during a daylight operation, when he advanced with his platoon and captured an enemy post. To cover consolidation he pushed his Lewis gun forward under heavy fire. In spite of losing the whole crew, he kept the gun in action, silencing one enemy machine gun and keeping down the fire of two others, thus enabling his platoon to consolidate in time to resist a heavy counter-attack.

3089 Sjt. H. Duncan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He attacked an enemy machine gun, killed some of the crew, and captured two. During the clearing of the enemy trench he displayed fine courage, and throughout the operation set a striking example to his men.

837 Pte. A. J. Dunn, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He formed part of the attacking wave, and when the advance was held up by an enemy machine-gun post he rushed towards it. Several men followed, and the gun was captured. Throughout the day he made several journeys with wounded through heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and, although wounded, continued this work for some hours before he was sent to the dressing station.

3550 Pte. M. J. Fitzgerald, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his section when the commander was severely wounded early in the attack, and led it with conspicuous success. He was on the outer flank of his unit, and kept touch with the other battalion while clearing the resistance offered by enemy posts. On reaching the objective he captured an enemy machine gun which he set up and used against the enemy. He was wounded during the consolidation, but carried on till the end of the day, when he was ordered back to the R.A.P. His initiative and powers of leadership were remarkable, and he displayed fine courage under fire and great endurance.

101 Sjt. G. W. French, L.H. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in defence of a hill. Acting as troop-leader on the exposed corner of the hill, he twice led bayonet charges to clear away enemy bombers who had reached to within 20 yards of his position. Although one-third of his troop of 16 became casualties, he hung on to his exposed position and set a splendid example of coolness and determination to his men.

2657 Pte. J. Gallagher, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He was No. 1 of a Lewis gun team, and his section encountered an enemy strong point with two machine guns and 30 men. All the section except him were killed. He got his gun into action, firing from the hip, and after using up two magazines, he, with two men from another section, rushed the post and captured the two guns and seven prisoners, the only ones left alive. His prompt action and conspicuous gallantry enabled the rest of the platoon to advance.

3749 Cpl. M. L. Goodger, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a section during an attack. He led his men into the enemy trench and then began bombing up the trench, greatly assisting the assaulting company to push home their attack. He was badly wounded.