

577 Pte. F. M. Shaw, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as No. 1 of a Lewis gun during an attack. He rushed forward and engaged an enemy machine gun, enabling his men to get into the post and bayonet the garrison. Shortly afterwards he rushed at another machine-gun post two hundred yards away, firing from the hip, killing the officer and another man. Eight enemy dead were found in the post. Throughout the operation he showed conspicuous gallantry, dash and initiative.

2981 Cpl. P. G. Shilcock, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his section, which he only joined as they were lying waiting for the signal of zero hour, with great success, capturing an enemy machine-gun post after a determined resistance. His platoon commander and serjeant were wounded and he took command and drove back a party of the enemy who were endeavouring to develop a flank attack. He displayed qualities of leadership and initiative of a very high order and set a splendid example of courage under fire.

2398 L./Sjt. T. G. Strachan, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as one of a silent daylight raid consisting of an officer and sixteen other ranks. He led his party with conspicuous daring, and during an encounter, in which he captured a prisoner, he was wounded in the leg. In spite of this he held his prisoner and brought him back to the lines. When his officer was severely wounded he brought him, under heavy machine-gun fire, into the trench. He then remained at his post for four hours until he collapsed and was carried to the regimental aid post. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

3957 Cpl. (Sjt.) G. E. Thomas, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and coolness in leading a small party of men against a strong enemy position. In spite of wire entanglements hidden in the crops and a heavy barrage of bombs and machine-gun fire, he succeeded in entering the position and killing thirty of the enemy, the remainder fleeing in disorder.

1742 Cpl. G. W. Torney, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When a portion of the line was held up he dashed forward alone against an enemy machine-gun post, threw a bomb amongst the crew, jumped into the post and single-handed killed the crew and captured the gun. The attack then proceeded. He behaved magnificently.

2732 Sjt. G. W. Turner, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a patrol of two men he rushed an enemy post, killing the three occupants, captured a machine gun, and brought his party back without casualties. Later, in an attack on enemy machine-

gun posts, he led his men with great ability through heavy machine-gun fire to his objective and brought back information which contributed largely to the success of the operations. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to his men.

6432 Pte. A. G. Weatherall, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a party of fifty of the enemy raided the front line and commenced to enfilade the trench with machine-gun fire. He immediately jumped up on the parapet with his Lewis gun, and, though exposed to machine-gun and hand-grenade fire, brought a heavy fire to bear on the enemy. Continuing to fire from the hip, he moved along the parapet, causing heavy casualties to the enemy and greatly contributing to the success of the bombing party attacking down the trench. He did very fine work.

4041 Sjt. J. W. Westwood, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, and good leadership during an attack. He early took charge of his platoon and led them with great daring and ability to the final objective. After consolidating his position he went with one man to get in touch with the company on his right, and, finding them held up by an enemy machine-gun, he, single-handed, rushed the post, wounded the gunner and captured three prisoners and the gun. He showed splendid courage and initiative.

4225 Cpl. R. A. Wilkin, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a post of eight men and a Lewis gun. He was attacked by enemy raiding parties from three directions. Two parties were driven off, and, when the third entered the trench from the rear of his post, he immediately rushed them and drove them out. Owing to his courage, initiative and resource the raid was a failure.

1112 Sjt. G. Yeates, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. Whilst arranging his Bangalore torpedoes for destroying the enemy wire an enemy bomb wounded him and one of his men. He remained absolutely quiet, and, though suffering great pain from his wound, fired one of the torpedoes personally according to programme. He stayed at his post during the operations assisting in the evacuation of wounded and prisoners, and then proceeded back to his lines, reorganising and checking his platoon before reporting to the regimental aid post. His cool courage enabled the raiding party to surprise the enemy after finding his wire broken.

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24844 C./S./M. G. B. Baker, M.M., Cyclist Bn.

During an attack, when all the officers in his company had become casualties before attainment of the first objective, this war-rant officer assumed command, and with great courage and ability led them on to the