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829340 Pte. O. G. Swire, M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack made by another unit. He took charge of a party whose non-commissioned officers had become casualties, and held a block assigned to him for several hours. He killed three of the enemy, and showed great courage throughout.

29028 Sjt. A. R. Taylor, Infy.

Following the advance and in the midst of heavy machine-gun fire and shelling, this non-commissioned officer led his stretcher-bearers, bandaging the wounded, and sending them back to the dressing stations. The promptness and precision with which he organised the evacuation of the wounded no doubt saved many lives.

1431 L./Sjt. N. M. Taylor, A.M.C.

At the risk of his life, under heavy shell fire, this non-commissioned officer dressed many wounded and superintended their evacuation to the R.A.P. He remained out in this exposed position until bearers and wounded had reached a safe place. By his gallant determination he undoubtedly saved many lives.

59960 C./S./M. S. Thomas, Infy.

This W.O. by his initiative and resource was largely responsible in keeping the direction of his company through a heavy mist. He led a party against a machine-gun nest under heavy fire, capturing three guns and shooting six of the crew with his revolver. He set a splendid example throughout the fighting.

79639 Sjt. I. Tidswell, M.M., Infy.

When this N.C.O.'s platoon was held up by a strong machine-gun post he went forward alone, reconnoitred the post, came back and directed his platoon to a flank, then personally rushed the post in front to cause a diversion, and so allowed the platoon to dash in and capture over 30 of the enemy. His conduct in this case and on previous occasions set a splendid example to the men of his platoon.

624758 Sjt. B. M. Tremming, Infy.

This N.C.O., acting as battalion scout sergeant, showed great coolness and resource in assisting to locate bridges under exceptionally heavy fire. Although badly bruised and shaken by a shell burst he continued at his job. A few days later, during an enemy counter-attack, he with ten scouts held a flank. While assisting a wounded man he was himself badly wounded.

602808 Pte. G. Van Valkenburg, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. He led his section with great dash and determination, mopping up a number of dug-outs and capturing a

machine gun and killing the crew. He was responsible for the capture of twenty-three prisoners and a quantity of valuable information. He did splendid work.

449002 Cpl. E. Villeneuve, Infy.

This N.C.O. in charge of battalion scouts made several reconnaissances, during one of which he rushed a machine gun, killing the No. 1 and capturing the gun and the remainder of the crew, opening the way for the battalion's advance. After the battalion had consolidated he again made valuable reconnaissances, sending back information of the highest importance to his C.O.

195236 Pte. W. Waterson, Infy.

This man, when a party of infantry were held up, approached to within a few yards of an enemy post, and opened fire with a Lewis gun. This did not effectively silence the enemy, so he with another man worked up a trench and rushed the post, killing at least ten.

77571 C./S./M. J. L. Watson, M.M., Infy.

This W.O. led his men against many machine-gun nests with great coolness and dash, his quickness in attack with the bayonet being most remarkable. Although wounded in the leg he refused to go back until the final objective was gained.

434623 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) W. G. Watson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. This signaller worked with the greatest energy in keeping up communication under heavy fire. On one occasion he located a nest of eight of the enemy, and together with two men he captured the lot. Throughout the operations he showed an utter disregard for his personal safety.

204396 Sjt. J. H. Wells, Infy.

This N.C.O. was advancing with his platoon through the mist when he ran against an enemy machine-gun post. He immediately dashed forward and single-handedly captured the gun, killing some of the crew and taking some prisoners. His quickness and daring were worthy of the highest praise.

696928 L./Cpl. G. E. Westover, M.M., Infy.

This N.C.O. was in charge of a section which could not advance owing to an enemy machine-gun post on the right flank. He rushed at it alone, killing three and captured the rest of the gunners. Though wounded he skilfully directed his section on to its objective, where he fell exhausted.

138728 Pte. D. Whitehead, Infy.

He advanced with the leading wave of the attack, using his rifle with deadly effect, and at a sunken road, where heavy machine-gun fire checked the advance, borrowed a Lewis gun, and, dashing forward, enfiladed the road, absolutely annihilating the garrison. His work throughout that day and the next was consistent with the above.