

out of action. Though his right arm was shattered early in the attack he continued to lead his men until all opposition had been overcome. His courageous and determined action enabled the advance to continue.

Lt. Frank William Tickle, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his company throughout with such fearless disregard of danger as to inspire his men to great effort. When they came under heavy shell fire he halted his men in shell holes, and went out to a flank and engaged the enemy with a machine gun. During the fight for the final objective he was again heavily opposed by a machine gun. He led his men forward with great gallantry, and personally killed the entire gun crew and successfully captured the position. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

Lt. George Tufnell, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack. He was in charge of reserve gun teams, and hurried forward to reinforce the front line through a heavy barrage. He kept his guns in action under heavy shelling, visiting each gun and encouraging the men, inspiring them by his courage and coolness under trying conditions.

Lt. Percy Albert Waters, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great determination in the attack, and though blown up and buried by a shell early in the action he continued the advance. When held up by direct fire from a machine gun and a field gun he attacked and killed six of the gun crew with the bayonet, the remainder surrendering. His splendid action inspired his men with confidence, and the position was taken without further loss, largely owing to his fearlessness and leadership.

Lt. George Turner Wensor, Fld. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was very heavily shelled, several casualties were caused, and a gun-pit was set alight. With three others he immediately went to the assistance of the wounded, and by pulling away the burning material and extinguishing the fire they not only saved the lives of the wounded men but prevented an explosion of the ammunition. He was under shell fire throughout, and showed the greatest courage and initiative.

Capt. Eric William Beresford Woods, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For several days he worked at his aid post under very heavy shell fire, attending to all stretcher cases in the open with great courage and complete disregard of danger. His untiring energy and organisation saved many lives.

Lt. Frank Leopold Wright, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two guns in the attack on the second objective. He also collected and rallied some infantry without

officers, under heavy machine-gun and shell fire, and set them to work to consolidate a portion of the objective.

446 S.M. Cyril Arnold Pryor, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack in face of heavy machine-gun fire. He reached a strong point and captured a machine gun and some prisoners. He was twice wounded in the leg, but would not withdraw until again wounded by shell fire. At his own request he took the place of an officer who had been wounded.

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Capt. William Norman Abbott, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was untiring in his efforts in attending to the wounded under heavy fire during an attack. He worked without rest for seventy-two hours, and set a magnificent example to all.

2nd Lt. William Patrick Aitken, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in the attack against strong opposition and heavy shell fire, and captured his objectives. During the consolidation his men were exposed to heavy fire from two machine guns. Taking two men with him, he worked round to a flank, killed the gunners, and captured the guns. He set a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Louis William Bassett, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great courage and resource in the attack. After his objectives were captured he led an attack on some "pill-boxes" in front of his position, from which the enemy were inflicting casualties with machine guns, and successfully disposed of them. He showed great courage and initiative.

2nd Lt. Samuel Charles Beasley, Mach. G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led four machine guns forward through a heavy barrage, and though suffering heavy casualties among his teams he succeeded in bringing all his guns into action in support of the advancing infantry. He maintained communication about the forward situation which was of great value, and was cool, capable, and determined throughout.

2nd Lt. Roland Egerton Bennett, Fd. Arty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The battery was very heavily shelled, and the whole of one detachment became casualties. He at once went to the gun-pit under fire and assisted in removing the wounded. He showed total disregard of personal safety, and set an excellent example to his men under heavy fire.

Capt. Stephen William Bone Brooker, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the assembly he led his company with great skill and coolness quickly and quietly into position under heavy shell fire and adverse conditions. In the attack he