

resistance and capturing sixty prisoners. After consolidation he made a reconnaissance under machine-gun and sniper's fire 200 yards ahead, with the result that he moved part of his line to a more commanding position.

2nd Lt. Ernest Percy Orman, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a fighting patrol sent out to obtain identification from an enemy position at a farm. Finding the farm strongly held, and large enemy working parties in the vicinity, he sent back his patrol, and with his platoon serjeant made a careful reconnaissance of the position under machine-gun and rifle fire. Next night, when his company attacked over the same ground, he led his platoon with great dash, and captured three machine guns and eighteen men.

Lt. Joseph Eric Piercy, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the forward party in a raid. He successfully performed the all important task of destroying the enemy's wire with Bangalore torpedoes, and then led his party forward and established two blocks in an enemy communication trench, personally killing several of the enemy who offered resistance. When the order came to retire he satisfied himself that no wounded had been left behind, and used his men to cover the retirement of the remainder of the raiding party. His fine courage and leadership did much to ensure the success of the raid.

Lt. John Thomas Pocknell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a raiding party he located an enemy machine gun enfilading his party as they entered the trench from a spot about forty yards to his flank. He attacked the gun single-handed, killing one of the crew, taking two prisoners, and capturing the gun. He then engaged another enemy post single-handed, killing three and wounding two of the garrison. His gallantry during the raid and the care with which he made his preparations for the enterprise greatly helped to make the raid as successful as it was.

Lt. Allan Livingston Raff, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations against an enemy position Lt. Raff led a party with great gallantry and initiative against an enemy post which was dangerous to our outpost line. He captured the post with a machine gun and two prisoners. His quick appreciation of the needs of the situation and immediate action were mainly responsible for the success of the enterprise.

Lt. Percy Pedder Scrivener, Aust. F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when as forward observation officer and liaison officer he transmitted, under heavy shell fire, the intention of the infantry to capture some enemy posts, and thus

enabled his brigade of artillery to efficiently support the infantry. All objectives and some prisoners were taken. Also he repaired the telephone line under heavy shell fire, maintained communication with his brigade, and afforded the infantry an opportunity to report progress over his wire, all other means of communication at the time being dislocated. Later, on the same day, he rendered valuable service as forward observation officer, engaging several targets with his battery most effectively.

Lt. Cyril Leggatt Sell, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a party of 300 of the enemy attacked his trenches, fifty of whom entered into the front trench and opened enfilade fire with a machine gun. He led a bombing party of thirteen men along the trench, and after a stubborn fight, in which he showed persistent gallantry against considerable odds, routed the enemy, capturing two machine guns and three prisoners. He did fine work.

2nd Lt. James Barry Shaw, Engrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to go with an infantry officer on a reconnaissance of an enemy tunnel system, an entrance to which the infantry officer had found close to the enemy front line. His technical knowledge and readiness to expose himself to danger were of the greatest assistance.

Lt. Francis John Smedley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the platoon in front of him, during an attack, had lost its commander, who was severely wounded, and had suffered heavily in other casualties, he immediately pushed forward with some of his own men, and, taking command of the platoon thus reinforced, proceeded to drive off the enemy, with very heavy casualties of killed and prisoners, as they attempted to prevent the consolidation of the position he had captured, and which he then disposed for defence and held against counter-attacks. His courage, initiative, and skill were largely responsible for the success of the enterprise.

Lt. Henry Franklin Smiley, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When our barrage lifted, he jumped into the trench well ahead of his platoon, and single-handed captured six prisoners. He rapidly reorganised his platoon under heavy fire, and consolidated the captured position.

2nd Lt. Frederick Stephenson, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great ability in an attack, and it was due to his fine example and leadership that the enemy opposition on his front was quickly beaten down, with slight casualties. He was severely wounded.