

trench. He then, after his officers had become casualties, took command and commenced consolidation, though wounded by an enemy bomb. Finally, he had to be ordered back to the dressing station.

212 Coy. Sjt.-Maj. Frederick Smith, Oxf. & Bucks, L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. During a successful bombing attack on the enemy's trench he showed great determination, and subsequently, when the captured trench was heavily bombarded, he was largely instrumental in maintaining the position. He has done other fine work and has always shown great coolness under fire. He has been seriously wounded.

456 Coy. Sjt.-Maj. William George Tibbles, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his officers had become casualties he took command and carried on the fight. He succeeded in holding the captured trench and in consolidating the position.

Captain Joseph Wilkie Scott, M.D., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry in going forward with his stretcher-bearers and when all his party, with the exception of one non-commissioned officer, had become casualties he reached our advanced trench. In a shallow broken trench he tended wounded for several hours. He carried back wounded at great personal risk, and for some time organised the removal of wounded from the advanced trench.

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Capt. Raymond Asher Milton Allen, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He was wounded in the advance, but, refusing to be attended to, went forward with his men, and was seen later filling sand bags himself. Later he withdrew, but, on hearing that an officer was required to keep work going at the front, he immediately went forward again.

2nd Lt. Benjamin Angwin, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the other officers of his company had become casualties prior to the attack he reorganised the platoon commands and started off the attacking waves in good order. Later he displayed great coolness under heavy machine gun fire, going up and down the line cheering his men.

Capt. George Bond, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company in two attacks with great dash and did fine work consolidating the most forward enemy trenches captured.

Lt. John Allan Broadbent, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. His bombing platoon was sent to assist another battalion which was being heavily attacked. By his skill and courage he assisted greatly in repelling the attack, at

a critical time, throwing bombs himself for nearly an hour.

Lt. John Gurner Burnell, Aust. Eng.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. After the capture of enemy trenches he, on his own initiative and by himself, carried out a most risky reconnaissance. The result of his report was the occupation of further trenches.

2nd Lt. Percy Willesby Chapman, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He repeatedly led bombing attacks along the enemy's trenches, and fought them back long enough to enable many of our wounded to reach safety.

Capt. Charles Cosgrove, Aust. Army Med. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He tended the wounded throughout and for many hours after the action. He was frequently under heavy fire, but carried on quite regardless of personal danger.

Lt. William Denoon, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. At a critical stage he was ordered to make a counter-attack, across ground swept by rifle and machine gun fire, on part of the enemy's trench, from which we were being bombed. His attack won some 50 yards of trench before he was badly wounded.

Lt. Reginald George Downing, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When in charge of machine guns his fine work materially assisted in repelling two enemy counter-attacks, and at dawn he effectively covered the right flank.

Lt. Arthur Kilworth Flack, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Though wounded before the infantry advance, he took his guns into action, and although his detachment suffered severely, he kept them both going by firing one gun himself.

Lt. James Lionel Fletcher, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He laid telephone wires under heavy machine gun and shell fire, and continued to maintain communications after the men with him had suffered severe casualties. On another occasion, though wounded, he refused to retire, and rallied his men under heavy shell fire.

2nd Lt. Trevor Francis, Aust. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Though severely wounded when leading his platoon in the attack, he continued for four hours to command the party protecting the exposed flank of the main body against a heavy attack.

2nd Lt. Harold Willoughby Fry, Aust. Eng.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He constructed a sap across "No Man's Land" with great rapidity. This sap subsequently proved of the greatest value to our troops which occupied the enemy's trenches.