

Lt. Francis Charles Turner, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raiding party which rushed a machine-gun post after crawling up to within twenty yards of it. Although wounded in four places, he retained command of the party, saw to the getting out of three wounded cases under heavy machine-gun fire, and finally withdrew his party when the task had been carried out.

Lt. James Archibald Tuxford, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He made long, tedious and perilous reconnaissances. During a raid he led his platoon forward with great gallantry and vigour. He showed great pluck and presence of mind in taking prisoners, in completely destroying the enemy's trench, and in assuring himself that his whole platoon was withdrawn.

Lt. George Henry Vancorbac, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of the left platoon of a Company in a raid on the enemy's trenches. As soon as the barrage lifted he dashed forward with his men, personally inflicting several casualties, and heading off a party of ten, who were subsequently taken prisoner. On the recall signal he directed the retirement of his men with wounded and prisoners, being the last to leave.

Capt. Philip Iderton Walker, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the section of trench held by the company of which this officer was in command had been obliterated and the wire destroyed by the enemy's bombardment, he disposed his men in new positions with great skill, and when the enemy attacked in some force he personally directed the fire of the Lewis gun and the riflemen with such success that the attack was completely broken up, with very heavy losses. He set an admirable example of gallantry and coolness to all under his command.

Lt. Harold John Ward, Rly. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when forming part of a small composite force. He was sent forward with his platoon to occupy and strengthen a strong post in advance of the first line, and by his personal courage and example his platoon was able to carry out the task and hold on under very heavy shell fire until relieved by regular troops. He has always displayed coolness in carrying out his orders under difficult conditions.

Lt. Arthur Edwin White, Rly. Troops.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, in the face of the greatest danger, worked untiringly throughout the night, getting much needed ammunition up to the guns. The railway lines were broken in several places by shell fire, four light railway wagons loaded with ammunition had been cut off, and they had to be got out. At another dump seven wagons laden with ammunition were isolated, and three separate trips were necessary to withdraw them. During each trip the track

was repeatedly broken, but it was again and again repaired under continuous fire. He was mainly responsible for the carrying out of the work.

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Lt. Percy John Abercrombie, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack when our advance was held up by the fire of a hostile machine-gun, this officer rushed forward with a bomb, with which he killed the gunner and put the gun out of action. Rallying the men, who had been checked, he charged forward with fearless energy, and captured, after a hand-to-hand fight, the objective in his front, securing fifteen prisoners. Throughout the operation, his coolness under heavy fire and his disregard for danger set a very fine example to his men.

Lt. Norman Charles Aldridge, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his company through many days' fighting with skill and determination, frequently making ground and inflicting losses by skilful reconnaissance and rapid bombing attacks.

Lt. Angus Sutherland Allen, Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in establishing an observation post. Though frequently subjected to heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he made constant reconnaissances, and never failed to keep his battalion well posted with information. He successfully organised his snipers that at least twenty-five of the enemy were accounted for.

Capt. Geoffrey Penrose Arnold, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night counter-attack this officer formed his regimental aid post in the open just in front of the jumping-off line, and continued to dress wounded there for twenty four hours under continuous fire. The medical officers of two other battalions both became casualties early in the attack, and he attended to the wounded of these battalions besides his own. His coolness and splendid work saved scores of lives.

Lt. Thomas Francis Arnold, D.C.M., M.M., Infy.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When, during an attack, the left company was hung up by wire, he went forward through a murderous machine-gun fire found the position of the right company and communicated it to the left. He then went to battalion headquarters with full dispositions and returned with fresh orders through intense machine-gun fire. His work throughout the attack was magnificent and a model of devotion to duty.

Lt. Victor Grey Barnden, Pnr. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a night attack on the enemy, this officer was responsible for consolidating the left flank. He brought his party up in the dark, and found the position strongly held by the enemy. He attacked, capturing some