

quarters, led them to the attack, and beat off the advancing enemy.

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2nd Lt. (actg. Capt.) Thomas Riversdale Colyer-Fergusson, late North'n R.

For most conspicuous bravery, skilful leading, and determination in attack.

The tactical situation having developed contrary to expectation, it was not possible for his company to adhere to the original plan of deployment, and, owing to the difficulties of the ground and to enemy wire, Capt. Colyer-Fergusson found himself with a Serjeant and five men only. He carried out the attack nevertheless, and succeeded in capturing the enemy trench and disposing of the garrison. His party was then threatened by a heavy counter-attack from the left front, but this attack he successfully resisted.

During this operation, assisted by his Orderly only, he attacked and captured an enemy machine gun and turned it on the assailants, many of whom were killed and a large number were driven into the hands of an adjoining British unit. Later, assisted only by his Serjeant, he again attacked and captured a second enemy machine gun, by which time he had been joined by other portions of his company, and was enabled to consolidate his position. The conduct of this officer throughout forms an amazing record of dash, gallantry and skill, for which no reward can be too great having regard to the importance of the position won.

This gallant officer was shortly afterwards killed by a sniper.

No. 939 Sjt. Robert Bye, Welsh Guards (Penrhiwceiber, Glamorgan).

For most conspicuous bravery.

Sjt. Bye displayed the utmost courage and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's position. Seeing that the leading waves were being troubled by two enemy blockhouses, he, on his own initiative, rushed at one of them and put the garrison out of action. He then rejoined his company and went forward to the assault of the second objective.

When the troops had gone forward to the attack on the third objective, a party was detailed to clear up a line of blockhouses which had been passed. Sjt. Bye volunteered to take charge of this party, accomplished his object, and took many prisoners. He subsequently advanced to the third objective, capturing a number of prisoners, thus rendering invaluable assistance to the assaulting companies.

He displayed throughout the most remarkable initiative.

No. 11795 Cpl. Leslie Wilton Andrew, Infy. Bn., N.Z. Force.

For most conspicuous bravery when in charge of a small party in an attack on the enemy's position.

His objective was a machine gun post which had been located in an isolated building. On leading his men forward he encountered unexpectedly a machine gun post which was holding up the advance of another company; he immediately attacked, cap-

turing the machine gun and killing several of the crew.

He then continued the attack on the machine gun post which had been his original objective.

He displayed great skill and determination in his disposition, finally capturing the post, killing several of the enemy, and putting the remainder to flight.

Cpl. Andrew's conduct throughout was unexampled for cool daring, initiative, and fine leadership, and his magnificent example was a great stimulant to his comrades.

No. 31161 Cpl. James Llewellyn Davies, late R. Welsh Fus. (Nantymoel, Glamorgan).

For most conspicuous bravery.

During an attack on the enemy's line, this non-commissioned officer pushed through our own barrage and, single handed, attacked a machine gun emplacement after several men had been killed in attempting to take it.

He bayoneted one of the machine gun crew and brought in another man, together with the captured gun.

Cpl. Davies, although wounded, then led a bombing party to the assault of a defended house, and killed a sniper who was harassing his platoon. This gallant non-commissioned officer has since died of wounds received during the attack.

No. 17114 Pte. Thomas Barratt, late S. Staffs. R. (Tipton).

For most conspicuous bravery when as Scout to a patrol he worked his way towards the enemy line with the greatest gallantry and determination, in spite of continuous fire from hostile snipers at close range.

These snipers he stalked and killed. Later his patrol was similarly held up, and again he disposed of the snipers.

When during the subsequent withdrawal of the patrol it was observed that a party of the enemy were endeavouring to outflank them, Pte. Barratt at once volunteered to cover the retirement, and this he succeeded in accomplishing.

His accurate shooting caused many casualties to the enemy, and prevented their advance.

Throughout the enterprise he was under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, and his splendid example of coolness and daring was beyond all praise.

After safely regaining our lines, this very gallant soldier was killed by a shell.

No. 265579 Pte. George McIntosh, Gord. Highrs. (Buckie, Banffshire).

For most conspicuous bravery when, during the consolidation of a position, his Company came under machine gun fire at close range.

Pte. McIntosh immediately rushed forward under heavy fire, and, reaching the emplacement, he threw a Mill's Grenade into it, killing two of the enemy and wounding a third. Subsequently, entering the dug-out, he found two light machine guns, which he carried back with him.

His quick grasp of the situation and the utter fearlessness and rapidity with which he acted, undoubtedly saved many of his com-