Bishop, John E., Regt. No. 3849

Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold II (2nd Class without Croix de Guerre - Belgian)

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"For gallantry". 26 September 1918 and 14 October 1918.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 26th September 1918, he voluntarily took out a daylight patrol into No Man's Land to endeavour to locate certain enemy machine gun positions, previous to our attack on the 28th September. When within about 50 yards of the enemy line the patrol was fired on, wounding one of the party.

Notwithstanding this and although fired on continually, under great personal risk, Sgt. Bishop succeeded in obtaining valuable information, thus assisting our artillery in locating the exact line for their initial barrage.

Later on the 14th October, during our attack from Ledeghem, when his platoon officer had been killed, and the platoon had been held up by machine guns firing from a farm, Sgt. Bishop showed remarkable bravery and initiative in his attack on the farm, which resulted in the capture of 2 machine guns and 18 prisoners.

Throughout the whole of the operations he showed remarkable courage and leadership and his conduct is worthy of the highest praise.