



Best, Frank Gordon, Regt. No. 42

Military Medal

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This N.C.O. was one of the Scouts in a raid on the enemy's trenches on the night of 17/18 July 1917 east of the Yser Canal. On nearing the enemy lines the raiding party were bombed, but Cpl. Best, being the nearest man, rushed into the trench and drove the enemy along to the right, thus allowing the rest of the party to get in without opposition. Under the Corporal's lead the bombing party accounted for several of the enemy and took one prisoner. This N.C.O. showed himself to be absolutely fearless and it was owing to his initiative and courage that the raiding party entered the enemy's lines without casualties. He voluntarily led the rear guard covering the retirement to the British lines. (Strength of the raiding party – 2 officers and 50 other ranks.)