O'Brien, Edward, Regt. No. 3603

Military Medal

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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the morning of 14th October 1918, during the advance from Ledeghem towards the Lys, almost before the barrage had lifted, these two men dashed forward at a pill-box. A few of the enemy were leaving the pill-box and as soon as they saw Ptes. Trask and O'Brien threw bombs at them, but these two men rushed in and bayoneted three of the enemy. They then went to the pill-box and threw a bomb into it, then entered it and captured an Officer, 35 Men and two machine guns. It was entirely due to the prompt action and dash of these two men that the enemy were prevented from bringing their machine guns into action and causing heavy casualties.