

Later on two of his comrades were buried by a shell, and, in spite of very heavy shelling and machine gun fire, he managed to extricate them.

During the 96 hours the battalion was in the line Pte. Carroll displayed most wonderful courage and fearlessness.

His magnificent example of gallantry and devotion to duty inspired all ranks in his battalion.

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For most conspicuous bravery in attack.

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