

his lines. Throughout the operation he set a fine example of courage and handled his men skilfully.

Capt. George Edward Swinton, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He commanded his company with great ability, courage, and determination against largely superior numbers of the enemy. After being twice wounded, he remained at duty, and did not allow himself to be evacuated until he had successfully organised a line of defence.

2nd Lt. Harold Alexander Symons, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and daring while making a reconnaissance to find out whether the enemy had located his outpost line. He led his patrol some two thousand yards forward in broad daylight and found the trench full of the enemy, who killed and wounded some of his party. Having gained his information, he skilfully withdrew, bringing his wounded with him. The result of his information was an advance beyond the enemy outpost line.

T./2nd Lt. William Tait, Tank Corps.

This officer's tank was burnt out owing to a direct hit. Although a long way ahead of the infantry, he formed a strong point and held it for six hours. When parties of the infantry reached him, he led them to the final objective, where he was wounded. It was largely owing to his courage and fine leadership that the infantry reached their objectives at this point.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Leonard Taylor, Manch R.

For conspicuous gallantry whilst leading his company. He not only took his men forward to the most advanced line reached, but collected large numbers of stragglers who had lost their officers. His utter disregard of danger had a marked effect on the spirit of these men, who eventually held and maintained a valuable advanced line for forty-eight hours.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Tedcastle, Ches. R.

He showed fine determination and courage, although suffering much from a shell splinter, and refused to leave his platoon until the engagement was over. He reorganised his men on the advanced line, and personally took several patrols forward to the enemy's position and obtained valuable information.

2nd Lt. Edward Alexander Thackery, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led the men of his platoon against an enemy machine gun that was causing many casualties and captured it. He then led the remaining men forward under heavy fire against further gun positions, but fell, badly wounded. He showed fine qualities of courage and leadership.

Lt. George Maclaren Thom, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On three successive nights this officer volunteered to take ammunition up to the forward gun positions under very difficult conditions and heavy shell fire. On each occasion he successfully accomplished his task, and his coolness and determination were fine examples to all ranks.

T./Lt. George Gordon Thomson, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. As battalion signalling officer he kept up communication with companies, on one occasion repairing the wire under intense shell fire. When the adjutant became a casualty he assumed his duties, and it was largely due to his energy and fine example that the troops were quickly reorganised and the line firmly established.

T./2nd Lt. John Dales Thornley, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his platoon was ordered to break off the engagement owing to the operation being postponed, this officer, though badly wounded, covered the withdrawal of his men, and was the last to leave the position. He showed fine courage and leadership.

2nd Lt. William Burton Tobey, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire he led two platoons forward to a position from which he obtained a superiority of fire, and thereby enabled his company to move forward and consolidate. During consolidation, when the enemy attempted a bombing attack, he organised a party and drove them back. He did splendid work.

2nd Lt. Leonard Nicholson Tomlinson, R. Scots, Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon to the objective under very heavy fire, and held his advanced position throughout the day under most trying conditions. He was hemmed in on three sides by the enemy, and it was due to his cool courage and determination that the position was held.

T./Lt. Hugh Wakefield Tooker, Ches. R.

For exceptional leadership and gallantry during an attack, when he gained his objective, taking many prisoners, and consolidated the position in the face of heavy fire. Later, he took command of the whole outpost line and held it against hostile counter-attacks after heavy gas bombardment.

Lt. Clement Topham, R.E.

During operations in connection with an Allied counter-attack he displayed the greatest gallantry and energy in laying out lines at all hours of the day and night.