

2nd Lt. Sydney George Phillips, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in the attack in a very gallant manner, and after reaching the final objective continued to expose himself fearlessly whilst organising the consolidation during bombardments and threatened counter-attacks. Later, though wounded, he carried out a valuable reconnaissance. He showed great courage and determination.

Capt. Edmund Lewis Reid, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He accompanied the battalion in the attack, and attended to the wounded with magnificent fearlessness under heavy fire in the open. He visited and attended to cases in the front line, and it was largely due to his efforts that the wounded were quickly dressed and cleared. His courageous conduct saved many lives.

2nd Lt. Max Saphir, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On reaching his objective he found a strong point consisting of several "pill-boxes" on his left, and clear of his objective. He promptly attacked and captured the position with his platoon, silencing the machine guns, which were inflicting considerable casualties. In order to attack the position his platoon had to cross a difficult and swampy piece of ground in the face of the enemy fire. His initiative and skilful leading saved many lives.

Capt. Thomas Harold Symons, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great gallantry in the attack, and directed and organised the consolidation of the captured ground, fearlessly exposing himself on all occasions. When other officers became casualties, he took command of their portion of the line also, directing and encouraging the men during counter-attacks and bombardments. His example was magnificent, and his initiative did much towards the success of the operations.

2nd Lt. Sydney Charles Vincent, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company when his company commander was wounded early in the advance. During the halt at the first objective he pushed forward with a Lewis gun to cover a party who were attacking a strong point. He showed great skill and gallantry on this and several other occasions.

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2nd Lt. Eric Reginald Augustus Chafe, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. After his company commander was killed he took charge, and by his personal energy and bearing instilled the greatest vigour into the attack, and carried it through, in spite of heavy losses. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination to his men.

2nd Lt. Henry George Hicks, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of part of the line when several officers became casualties, and made the position secure when a unit on his flank was forced back, and held it against a heavy counter-attack. He showed great courage and determination.

Capt. Joseph Nunns, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill in the attack, and captured all his objectives. Later in the day, when in a very exposed part of the line, he held his ground for many hours against repeated counter-attacks. He set a fine example to his men.

Capt. Robert Holland Tait, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully organised the forming up of the battalion on its assembly position under the most difficult conditions. After reaching the final objective, he made a reconnaissance of the whole line under very heavy sniping and shell fire, bringing back very valuable information.

1554 C.S.M. Albert Taylor, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His captain was killed beside him by a machine gun which was a short distance away. He at once attacked the machine gun with one other man, and put it out of action. His personal example and courage throughout the day were the greatest possible asset to the company. He personally killed with the bayonet a large number of the enemy.

NOTE.—Since the publication of these Officers and Warrant Officers' names in the Gazette of 26th November, 1917, promotion has, in some cases, been conferred, and the ranks herein shown are not therefore in all cases those now held.

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