

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Frank Naden, M.C., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in temporary command of his battalion during an action. When the situation was obscure owing to the unit on his left having been held up, he made a thorough reconnaissance at great risk, and obtained valuable information. He then directed the attack of his battalion, capturing all his objectives. Throughout the day and the following days he went about under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, encouraging his men and directing the consolidation. The skilful manner in which he handled a most difficult situation was a great factor in the success achieved.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. Henry Forbes Panton, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The evacuation of casualties, amounting to 60 officers and 1,100 men, after an advance of 3,000 yards was most successfully carried out, chiefly owing to the initiative and sound judgment displayed by him. He spent twenty-four hours in the forward area, visiting every regimental aid post and sending back hourly reports until the battlefield was completely cleared of wounded.

2nd Lt. (T./Maj.) Tom Anderson Peddie, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his battalion throughout the operations with great success. His bearing, coolness, and courage were beyond all praise, and the notable success of his battalion was largely due to his example and ability as a leader.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Wyndham Raymond Portal, L.G., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When, during an attack, a village in the rear of the attacking troops was discovered to be still occupied by the enemy, he successfully organised a defensive flank, and personally led forward a company, who had lost most of their officers, to fill a gap. The splendid behaviour of his battalion, which suffered heavily, in a critical position was largely due to his personality.

2nd Lt. James Preston, Sco. Rif., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He led his men with great skill and determination under heavy fire to the capture of a concrete emplacement which was holding up the advance, taking two officers and twenty-two other ranks prisoners, and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His prompt and fearless action enabled the advance to continue to the final objective.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Harold Radford, M.C., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions he took command of his battalion when the commanding officers became casualties, and displayed the greatest ability and courage under heavy fire throughout the operations. He contributed largely to the success achieved.

T./Capt. Ernest Harold Robinson, M.C., Shrop. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack until further advance was impossible. He then reorganised them, and collecting all men available of other companies, successfully repelled two counter-attacks, although the troops on either flank fell back. His skilful leadership and resolute bearing were a magnificent example to the remainder of the battalion.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Trevor Coleridge Spring, Hamps. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the advance of his battalion to a counter-attack between two assaulting battalions he showed an admirable grasp of the situation, filling up the gaps on the flank and reinforcing the front when necessary. Being at short notice ordered to undertake a minor operation, he himself passed through a heavy barrage, in which several of his men had already been killed, to convey the orders to his subordinate officers about the attack, which was a complete success.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (A./Maj.) Robert Hal-lam Studdert, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two occasions when gun-pits were struck by shells and the camouflage and ammunition set on fire he personally, with the help of two N.C.O.'s, extinguished the fire with water from a shell-hole. It was largely due to his fine example that the morale of the battery, which was suffering heavy casualties, was maintained at a very high standard.

Rev. Mazzini Tron, M.C., A. Chaplains Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His cheerful demeanour had a great influence in keeping up the spirits of all ranks whilst assembling for an attack. He went forward with the attack and exposed himself fearlessly in attending to the wounded, regardless of his own safety. His unceasing efforts under heavy fire and the most adverse conditions are worthy of the highest praise.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) John Ryie Webster, M.C., Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a battalion in an attack. When a strong point, manned by four machine guns, had been passed over by the leading troops in the attack, he promptly organised a party and led it to the capture of the strong point. He then led his battalion forward in the advance and, in spite of serious opposition, took all his objectives and held them against three enemy counter-attacks. The remarkable dash and determination of his battalion during the operations was mainly due to his splendid example and leadership.

2nd/Lt. (A./Capt.) Reginald Coleridge Wilde, M.C., L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack his party met with very strong resistance from an enemy strong point consisting of ten concrete dug-outs.