

Tanks reached their jumping-off place exactly to time.

T./Lt. George Prescott, 9th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as company reconnaissance officer. Previous to an attack he laid a line of tapes from the starting point to the front line under heavy artillery, machine-gun fire and gas. The line proved of great value, enabling the Tanks to get into their correct positions in the dark. Throughout the operations he several times exposed himself in order to obtain important information for his company commander.

Lt. Jack Archibald Pringle, 14th Bn., R.W. Fus.

During three days' hard fighting he commanded his company with great ability, showing coolness and resolution. He personally led his men in the attack on a nest of machine guns that was holding up the advance, and captured one and dislodged another. He set a splendid example to his men.

T./Capt. Ernest Procter, attd. Midd'x R. (4th Bn.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and determination, and when the advance was checked by strong enemy pockets he attacked them and captured four machine guns and sixty prisoners. He displayed fine courage and leadership throughout.

2nd Lt. Arthur John Purchase, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. After all other officers of his company had become casualties he took command and so ably led them in an attack that he obtained the objective with the loss of one man, capturing thirty prisoners and two machine guns and accounting for many of the enemy. He has constantly done fine work.

T./2nd Lt. Amyas Septimus Quirke, 56th Bn., M.G. Corps.

He carried forward one of his guns under a very heavy and well-directed machine-gun fire, and successfully engaged an enemy gun that was particularly harassing to our advance. He set a splendid example to his men, firing one of the guns himself when six of the team had become casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Andrew Rae, 15th Bn., Dur. L.I.

When his company commander became a casualty he at once took command and, handling his men with great skill and determination, overcame the resistance of the enemy, who had held up the attack, and the advance was continued. He displayed great coolness under heavy fire.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alexander Ramsay, 1/5th Bn., R.S. Fus., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He went forward with the companies, which were a little late in starting, to ensure that they kept direction and got up to the barrage. He went on beyond the first objective and himself proceeded well out to a flank to try and get

touch, for a time being left alone behind the enemy. Although wounded, he did not come back until he had seen all the companies on their way to their further objectives. He then returned to battalion headquarters and made a clear report of the situation.

2nd Lt. Charles William Randall, 13th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. When the advance was held up by machine-gun fire he led forward a party into a railway cutting which was held by the enemy. There he cleared a number of dug-outs and captured some 400 prisoners. His determined action contributed greatly to the success of the attack. He did splendid work.

2nd Lt. William Curren Rattray, R.F.A., Spec. Res., attd. B/170th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and distinguished services whilst acting as forward observation officer. He conducted the fire of the brigade from a very exposed position under shell fire, and was able to send back valuable information regarding the movements of the enemy and our own infantry. Later he maintained a line under heavy shell fire in order to get close observation on to points where artillery fire could most effectively be brought.

T./Lt. Ernest Stanley Rawson, 2nd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a section of machine guns in an attack and led the section forward with great dash, capturing several hundred yards of enemy trench and some prisoners. He then held the trench with his machine guns until relieved.

T./Capt. Andrew Finlay Readdie, 21st Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While supervising the evacuation of the wounded from the front line he heard that a medical officer in charge of stretcher-bearers had been killed. He at once proceeded to the spot through heavy enemy barrage and took charge of the bearers, and it was due to his prompt action that no delay resulted. He has consistently done good work.

T./Capt. John Joseph Reynolds, R.A.M.C., attd. 15th Bn., Hamp. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He formed an advanced regimental aid-post on the side of the road, thus shortening the stretcher-bearers' journeys. Eventually he was forced to evacuate this position owing to hostile fire. Later, he dressed and attended to all the casualties of three battalions, though partially gassed himself. By his untiring energy he undoubtedly saved many lives.

Lt. Thomas Edward Stewart Reynolds, E. Surr. R., Spec. Res., attd. 12th Bn.

After his company had reached its final objective it was subjected to very heavy machine-gun and shell fire. The company commander and all other officers being wounded, he took command, and when