

back some bombs that they found there. Later, they again crawled out and took up a position near the post.

T./Lt. Harold Vincent Sims, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was with a battery of machine guns conducting a barrage when his commanding officer became a casualty. Assuming command, he kept his guns firing according to programme despite intense shelling and heavy casualties amongst his men. On the enemy counter-attacking, he took command of all the troops in the vicinity, rallied them, and by his coolness and courage was instrumental in restoring the line.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) William Skeat, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a successful attack. He formed up and led his company under most trying conditions through mud and marsh, and reorganised them for defence after gaining his final objective, successfully beating off a serious counter-attack at dusk.

Lt. Howard Strong Smallman, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On two gunners being wounded, one of them having an arm blown off and both legs shattered, he immediately went out to the assistance of the dangerously wounded man, dressed his wounds and assisted him to a place of safety, during which period the hostile shell fire continued to be very heavy. But for his prompt and gallant action the wounded man would undoubtedly have bled to death.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Neville George Smith, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company and capturing his objectives. His two subalterns and company serjeant-major having become casualties, he, single-handed, organised the defence of the first objective, and supported the company passing through him to the further objective.

*Capt. William Smith, Lond. R., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in thirty-two long-distance bomb raids, many of which were carried out under very unfavourable weather conditions.

T./Lt. Edward Coultman Snape, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a trench mortar battery. He carried out important wire cutting with great success under heavy fire. While observing the fire of his battery during an attack he saw a party of the enemy entering a dug-out which had been overlooked by the attacking troops. He entered the dug-out with one man and captured five prisoners. He also sent in valuable information as to the progress of his attack.

T./Lt. (T./Capt.) Jerrold Bernard Solomon, Ox. & Bucks. L.I. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a patrol lasting nearly three hours in a very high wind and low clouds, flying at an average height of

500 feet, and brought back a valuable report. During this flight he attacked and drove down an enemy two-seater machine under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire from the ground. He also made a valuable reconnaissance in very bad weather, flying at an average height of 100 feet under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, in the course of which he engaged a hostile battery with his machine gun. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

2nd Lt. Ralph Alfred Erskine Somerville, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting to extinguish an ammunition dump which was on fire and salving the cartridges under fire. Owing to the heat one of the shells caught fire. He rolled the shell about forty yards away and extinguished the flames, thereby saving the stack of shells from exploding.

Lt. Leon Joseph Gustave Souchon, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He acted under the most trying conditions in a most gallant and capable manner, keeping his men together by his example and courage. He was always visiting the most critical points in the front line and encouraging his men, showing great ability in maintaining an important position.

2nd Lt. Herbert Sparling, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his company during an attack and led it with great coolness and determination. He remained in command though wounded, and during an enemy counter-attack displayed remarkable coolness and resource.

2nd Lt. Arthur Spencer, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company. Hearing that a heavy bombardment of one of his posts had caused eleven casualties and buried the remainder of the garrison, he went through the barrage to this post, collected the survivors, and moved them forward to a fresh position, so as to be inside the barrage line.

Capt. John Blanchard Springman, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed splendid leadership under heavy fire, and saved his company many casualties. He inspired all ranks by his gallant bearing and resource, and led his company with great determination in the assault.

Capt. Wintringham Norton Stable, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though wounded early in the day, he continued to inspire his men with confidence under trying conditions, kept them well in hand, and led them with great dash in the assault.

T./2nd Lt. George Stevens, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having been up in the forward area on three previous days to reconnoitre for a suitable position, he succeeded in establishing a wireless station, and arranged for its