

and completed the firing of all available ammunition.

2607 Pte. D. Smart, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in action. Private Smart's courage, energy and absolute indifference to danger as a stretcher-bearer were most marked. His work was done entirely in front of our line, dressing and carrying in wounded under an intense shell and machine-gun barrage. He was wounded.

8097 L./C. F. Smith, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried messages under very heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination. He has previously done fine work.

8255 L./Cpl. R. Smith, I. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack, resulting in the capture of a trench. He killed several of the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting, and by his bravery and resource under very heavy fire, he greatly encouraged all ranks in the subsequent consolidation.

8001 Sjt. A. Smithers, Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assumed command of and led his company with great courage and determination. He set a splendid example to his men.

9797 Coy. S./M. F. Snook, G. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When all the officers near him had become casualties Coy. Serjt.-Maj. Snook, although wounded himself, collected what men he could and pushed forward to the most advanced firing line, assisting his company commander to collect and reorganise men of various battalions under most trying conditions and heavy fire.

18433 Pte. W. T. Soutar, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He handled his platoon with great courage and determination. Later he reorganised his men and consolidated the position with marked skill and coolness.

85061 Sjt. R. C. Spalding, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assisted an officer to lay torpedoes in the enemy's wire, displaying great courage and ability. He has done fine work on many previous occasions.

1462 Coy. S./M. T. Spence, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assumed command and reorganised his company with great courage and initiative. He set a fine example to his men.

17263 Pte. H. C. Spencer, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during a bombardment, when he heard the striker of a short-fuse Stokes bomb fly off, and without hesitation he seized the bomb and threw it out of the emplacement. It burst a second

later. His brave action undoubtedly saved lives.

4979 L./Cpl. N. P. Spooner, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He made a valuable reconnaissance under heavy fire, displaying great courage and initiative. Later he was foremost in the attack. He set a fine example.

81 Sjt. W. A. Stanton, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When the officers of his company had become casualties he organised the men near him and led them to their objective with ability and determination. Later he gallantly held the ground captured.

10394 Pte. C. Steadman, S. Lancs. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He signalled to the artillery under very heavy fire, enabling the line to advance, displaying great courage and determination.

8714 Sjt. F. Steggle, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon with great courage and determination. He rendered most valuable services throughout.

9834 Sjt. (Actg. Coy. S./M.) A. Stevenson, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He organised and controlled the men round him, displaying great courage and initiative.

P.1104 Sjt. C. Stewart, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When all the officers of his company had become casualties Serjeant Stewart led the third attack in enemy trenches with great bravery and skill, and gave a fine example of devotion to duty.

38428 Sjt. F. Sullivan, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He tended the wounded under very heavy fire, personally attending to over 50 cases, and displaying great courage and determination.

4/13138 Cpl. (Actg. Sjt.) W. Sullivan, S. Wales Bords.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried a message under very heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination.

S/7658 Pte. P. Tait, Arg. & Suth'd Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When two gun teams were buried, and both its C.O.'s in charge killed, Private Tait set to work, under heavy shell fire, and successfully dug out three of his comrades, undoubtedly saving their lives.

11003 L./Cpl. C. Taylor, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his bombing section with great courage and determination, himself killing five of the enemy. He had previously carried out a daring reconnaissance. He was severely wounded.