

2nd Lt. John Allan Smith, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he went back through the barrage to give information to the artillery. Later, he showed a complete disregard for personal safety in his endeavour to get in touch with the flanks under heavy fire of all kinds.

Temp. 2nd Lt. John Leslie Smith, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol in daylight, and under machine gun fire closely examined the enemy wire, and brought back much valuable information. He has previously done fine work on patrol.

Temp. Lt. (actg. Capt.) Percy Bourdon Smith, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in carrying out several reconnaissances before dark, and personally laying out tapes for work required, frequently being exposed to heavy fire. Eventually he was severely wounded.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Percy William Smith, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during lengthy operations. When all the senior officers had become casualties, he commanded the Battalion in action with great courage and devotion until relieved some days later.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Robert Paterson Smith, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was placed in command of what was left of two companies. These he commanded throughout the remainder of the operations with untiring energy and devotion. He carried out several reconnaissances, and his reports were of the utmost value.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Edward George Hugh Smyth-Pigott, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness and initiative in the defence of a post which was surrounded and heavily attacked by the enemy in superior numbers. Owing to our machine guns and mortars being put out of action, it became necessary to withdraw, which was accomplished with very slight casualties under his skilful directions. He first buried the machine guns and mortars, which were brought back after the position had been retaken.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Joseph Snee, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with great skill and courage. He reorganised under the barrage and got into his final objective, doing great execution with his bombs. He displayed great gallantry throughout.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Frank Speak, E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in lengthy

operations, when he led two companies in an attack and organised the consolidation of the positions gained. Later, although wounded in a further advance, he remained at his post until relieved. His fine example throughout was inspiring to his men.

2nd Lt. James Spence, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the right half of his company to the third objective in the face of heavy machine gun and shell fire. Although wounded he continued to lead his men until the objective was reached. He was badly wounded a second time.

Lt. Fred Joyner Spencer, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in proceeding in full view and under heavy enemy fire to a front line trench in order to lay the lines of fire for a Stokes' mortar section. Part of the trench was in hostile possession. His gallant act enabled an accurate fire to be brought to bear on the enemy position.

Temp. Lt. George Vyvyan Spurway, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in support of infantry during an attack. For forty-eight hours he rendered the infantry most valuable assistance, reorganising the scattered men and securing the line against counter-attacks with his fire, and his spirit and energy greatly inspired the men under the heavy fire to which they were exposed throughout.

Temp. Lt. (temp. Capt.) Harry Neville Stafford, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having received a message that many wounded were on heavily shelled ground, he organised rescue parties, and brought them all in, although he was severely wounded in this gallant work.

2nd Lt. (actg. Lt.) Albert Victor Stapleton, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Owing to the unavoidably exposed position of his battery, he was under continuous shell fire, which constantly buried his guns. In spite of this he carried out his difficult task of wire-cutting on the enemy front line, with complete success.

Temp. Capt. James Hamilton Stewart, A.V.C., attd. R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the evening the wagon lines were heavily shelled. He at once went to the assistance of a wounded man; having seen him taken away, he returned to the other wounded and did what was necessary for the horses. All this was carried out under continuous shelling.

2nd Lt. Osmer Noel Stewart, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as F.O.O. he went forward under heavy shell fire and sent back