

Rev. George Smissen, A. Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with the assaulting troops to the objective and at once set to work tending the wounded and comforting the dying under very heavy shell-fire. Though badly bruised by a fragment of shell, he carried on until all the wounded had been dealt with. His cheery presence amongst the men acted as a great tonic and had an excellent steadying effect.

T./Lt. Edgar Ernest Smith, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his guns in action under a very heavy enemy barrage, firing a gun, the team of which were all out of action except himself, and by his personal example inspired his men with confidence. Previously he had brought in some wounded men under heavy fire when no stretcher-bearers were available. He set an excellent example of coolness and disregard of danger.

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Saville Smith, Camb. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signalling officer during an attack. He kept up communication with conspicuous ability and gallantry. His complete disregard of personal safety was the means of encouraging his section to redouble their efforts. He captured nine of the enemy single-handed.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) James Holt Smith, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When it was reported that one of the dug-outs near the gun had been blown in, he dashed out under heavy fire, organised a party, extricated the occupants (two of whom were killed), and got away a wounded man.

2nd Lt. Leslie Alston Smith, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shell-fire. He was instrumental in extinguishing a fire at one of his gun-pits, and by his courage and determination he succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to the remaining gun-pits. He thereby was the means of averting casualties and of saving much material. He set a splendid example to all ranks in his devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Drury Smith, attd. Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under most trying circumstances this officer helped to organise and consolidate a difficult position. It was chiefly owing to his fine example and handling of his platoon that the attacks on his posts were repulsed. Throughout the operations he showed splendid courage and an absolute disregard of danger.

2nd Lt. Henry Arthur Somerville, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He consolidated the captured position under heavy fire with great energy and initiative. With a small party he established a line of advanced posts and held his posi-

tion under heavy fire. He spent four hours exposed to snipers' fire endeavouring to obtain touch with the unit on his left. He set a fine example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. John Albert Sowerbutts, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon throughout the operations in a most efficient and gallant manner, and, though wounded, remained with his men. It was due in a great measure to his personal example that the enemy attacks on his front were repulsed.

T./Capt. Edward Seguiet Sowerby, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in guiding parties of bearers and bringing back wounded in the open over most difficult ground and under heavy fire. On one occasion he led a party through a heavy barrage and succeeded in collecting many wounded from close to the enemy's line.

Lt. Walter Sparks, R. Ir. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a very heavy counter-attack on our positions led to a certain amount of confusion, he went forward through a heavy barrage of shells and machine-gun fire and reorganised the battalion and established a sound line of defence, so averting what would have been a most critical situation.

Rev. Alexander Spence, A. Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked for twenty hours attending to the wounded in an aid post during an attack. On the following day, hearing that some wounded were lying out in shell holes, he went out in daylight under machine-gun fire and brought back several wounded men to the aid post. He rendered splendid service, and showed great gallantry and contempt of danger.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Mawkinson Spink, attd. North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although buried on three occasions by enemy shells, he continued to carry out his work of consolidating a captured trench until wounded in the head and rendered unconscious.

T./2nd Lt. William Norris Sproston, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander and the other officers of his company had become casualties, he collected the company and led them forward. He was held up before reaching his objective by machine-gun fire, but, getting his men into shell holes, he waited till dusk and then rushed his objective. He held the position until relieved, and set his men a magnificent example of initiative and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Leicester Statham, attd. Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, with his platoon, captured an enemy strong point which yielded sixty prisoners. Later, when his company com-