

yards from the battery when orders came to open fire, he with one man at once rushed to a gun and opened fire. This prompt and gallant action had a most inspiring effect on the remainder of the men, who, despite the hostile shelling, continued to fire the guns throughout the action.

46342 Sjt. F. J. Sheldon, R.G.A. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did most excellent work on all occasions in a trench mortar battery. He is absolutely fearless, and has set a splendid example of courage under heavy fire to his men.

5432 Sjt. J. Shimmings, C. Gds. (Hols-worthy, Devon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was employed on work in the trench system during a period of exceptionally heavy hostile shelling, he walked up and down encouraging the men to continue the work, an example which had the desired effect. He has always proved himself to be most cool and resourceful, and is a disciplinarian of the highest order.

L5/3122 P.O. (A./Chief P.O.) H. J. Simon, R.N.V.R. (Hurst, Bixley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During lengthy operations, by his courage and ability, he invariably ensured the supply of rations, frequently under heavy shell fire.

21/345 Pte. W. Simpson, North'd Fus. (West Sleekburn, Bedlington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signaller. He frequently restored communication under heavy shell fire, and did excellent work during two engagements. He always showed magnificent courage and determination.

138842 B.Q.M.S. R. Sinclair, R.G.A. (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at all times. On one occasion at great personal risk, and under a very heavy fire, which had killed and wounded many men and horses, he set free a number of horses picketed near an ammunition wagon which was on fire, after first endeavouring to extinguish the flames. The ammunition exploded immediately afterwards.

45670 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) H. Singleton, R.H.A. (Manchester.)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all gunners and drivers of his detachment had become casualties, although he had been blown from his horse by a shell, and was suffering from severe shock, he assisted in the evacuation of the wounded under heavy fire, inspiring all with him by his courage and admirable example.

72199 Gnr. J. J. R. Singleton, R.G.A. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty and consistent good work as signaller during a long period. On two occasions he went forward with the forward observation officer in an attack and established and maintained communication under heavy

shell fire. He has shown great courage and endurance on all occasions.

40701 Cpl. S. C. Sircombe, R.E. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On numerous occasions, under heavy shell fire, he has set his working parties a most gallant example. He has performed continuous good work, and his devotion to duty has been of the highest order.

361 Pte. G. Slater, D. Gds. (Winsford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the whole campaign. He invariably volunteered for the most dangerous duties, and on one occasion he remained in front of the trenches for three days, sniping. His courage has been most marked.

240029 C.S.M. T. W. Slater, N. & Derby. R. (Matlock, Bath).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has done consistent good work, invariably carrying out his duties with skill and courage, and affording a fine example to all ranks with him.

18875 Spr. (A./2nd/Cpl.) P. A. Sly, R.E. (Sheale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He repeatedly showed the greatest courage and contempt of danger under heavy fire, and his services were of the utmost value.

5502 S.M. H. Smart, York. L.I. (Worcestershire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As regimental serjeant-major he has proved himself a most capable and energetic warrant officer, his power of discipline and organising ability having been invaluable, both in and out of the line.

14/710 Cpl. A. G. Smith, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when serving with the headquarters signallers. During a hostile attack he and his linesmen were out on the lines continuously for sixteen hours under intense shell fire, and it was due to his energy and total disregard of danger that communications were maintained.

63623 Sjt. A. S. Smith, R.F.A. (Notting Hill Gate).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has by his unflinching courage and coolness as a No. 1 set a splendid example to his battery. On one occasion while his battery was being heavily shelled he showed great coolness and disregard for his personal safety in getting all his men under cover. He is a splendid type of N.C.O.

4854 R.S.M. G. F. W. Smith, D. Gds. (Battersea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great energy on all occasions, both in action and behind the line. His high standard of determination, initiative and discipline has been of the greatest value throughout the campaign.