

the halted guns and strangled one of the gunners, thus giving time for other troops to arrive on the scene and capture the three guns. His extraordinary courage, dash and determination were worthy of the highest praise.

4/12469 Sjt. S. Smith, S.W. Bord. (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He controlled the fire of his men in action with great skill. Later, when a withdrawal became necessary, he handled his platoon with great ability and coolness under heavy fire.

265015 Pte. (A./L./C.) T. E. Smith, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an action he was in charge of a section of a covering party on the extreme flank, and when the enemy outposts became aware of his company's deployment, upon which they commenced to open a heavy fire, he, quickly appreciating the situation, advanced his section and rushed the enemy, killing four of them.

16676 Cpl. W. T. Smith, Lan. Fus. (Andoversford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. He displayed great courage and initiative in pushing his way through the enemy's wire, under heavy fire, and was one of the first to bomb and rush the enemy post.

536130 Pte. T. A. Snell, R.A.M.C. (Penge, S.E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance of the bearer divisions was held up by machine-gun and snipers' fire, he carried out, under fire, a valuable reconnaissance in order to find a position where a dressing station could be established. He showed splendid initiative and courage in a most difficult enterprise.

240015 C.S.M. S. W. Stallard, Devon. R. (Plymouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed the most commendable initiative and resource in taking charge of his company and reorganising it under heavy fire after all the company officers had become casualties. His coolness and fine example throughout the action had a most inspiring effect on the men.

875113 Sjt. F. Stangroom, R.F.A. (Norwich).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in charge of his battery wagon lines he prevented a stampede being caused by shell fire, and extricated both men and horses from a dangerous position by prompt and vigorous action. In order to avoid the shelling, and so steady the men, he carried out manoeuvre drill and finally established the wagon lines in a place of safety. No praise is too high for his efficiency, and for the example of coolness which he afforded to the men under him.

6312 Sjt. E. W. Stanley, Essex R. (Barking).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Observing that the enemy had broken through the front line, and were endeavouring to envelope both flanks, he quickly collected a party of men, doubled across a road which was under continuous machine-gun fire, and managed to hold up the enemy by rifle fire for an hour and a half. This prompt and courageous action had a great effect upon the whole situation.

44540 B.Q.M.S. J. Stedman, R.F.A. (Larkhall Lane, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an enemy shell fell into a dump of 7,000 detonating bombs, and set several of the boxes on fire, he at once went to the spot and cleared away the burning boxes from the remainder, under continuous and heavy shell fire. His prompt and courageous action saved a large quantity of bombs and undoubtedly prevented many casualties.

5087 Cpl. G. Stevens, M.M., North'd Fus. (Blyth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on patrol he crawled on to the enemy's parapet and saw a party of about twelve of the enemy in the trench and on the steps of a dug-out. He threw a bomb into the entrance of the dug-out and signalled to a corporal close behind him, who bombed the party in the trench. On a previous occasion he had entered the enemy's front line and killed three of the enemy. He showed magnificent courage and determination.

201302 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Stirling, A. & S. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a strong hostile counter-attack, which forced one company to give ground, his company being ordered up in support, he, on his own initiative, on four separate occasions went out with bombs to harass the enemy, realising that the enemy would have to be held for such time as would enable a counter-attack to be organised. His gallant action was undoubtedly one of the main reasons for the failure of the enemy to press home his attack on the village.

592000 Pte. W. F. Stoate, Lond. R. (Minehead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signaller. During an attack and an enemy counter-attack which followed, though wounded, he kept up continuous communication with battalion headquarters by flash lamp. His initiative and determination were of the greatest assistance, and enabled the artillery to co-operate at a critical moment. Later, though he was again wounded, he was instrumental in getting his wounded officer to a place of safety.

22244 A./C./Q./M./Sjt. F. Stone, R. War. R. (Leyton, Essex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon after his officer had become a casualty, and by his courage and example contributed