

its ground, firing until he was within a few yards. At the third post he was wounded by an enemy bomb, but he struggled into the post with the utmost gallantry and determination and then collapsed. He set a magnificent example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Ian Skene, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He entered the enemy trenches on three successive nights, and showed great determination and initiative in endeavouring to obtain identification at a time when such identification was extremely important. Though under heavy machine-gun fire, he chased two of the enemy from their front line trenches and wounded one of them, but was prevented from taking him prisoner owing to the heavy hostile fire directed at that spot.

2nd Lt. George Murray Reddie Smart, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held a block in a communication trench against continual attacks by the enemy. Later in the day he led a counter-attack and drove the enemy back along the trench a distance of 150 yards and established a new block. By this advance he liberated two machine gun teams with their guns who had been captured by the enemy and imprisoned in a dug-out in the trench. He held the new position for twenty-four hours until relieved, under continuous heavy fire.

Lt. Henry Gilbertson Smith, Lond. R., attd. M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of two machine guns during an enemy attack. When the infantry near him were driven back on to his position he showed splendid leadership in assisting to rally them and formed a strong point. He kept his guns in action, holding up the enemy's attack for over six hours, and thus enabled the troops in rear to consolidate a defensive position. It was largely owing to his courage and determination under heavy fire that a difficult situation was restored.

T./Lt. Lewis Barlow Smith, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, during the hostile attack, when the situation was extremely critical, he volunteered to attempt to locate the flanks of two separate corps. This task he accomplished most successfully, despite heavy hostile shell fire and the presence of enemy troops who were forcing their way through a gap. His report was invaluable to the division and corps concerned, and he carried out a most difficult and dangerous reconnaissance with great skill and gallantry.

Lt. Harold Cecil Soundy, Dns., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as intelligence officer to a dismounted brigade during six days' operations. He made a daring reconnaissance on one occasion close up to the enemy's line and brought back timely warning that the right flank of the brigade was in danger of being enveloped, thus enabling the brigade to withdraw suc-

cessfully. He showed splendid skill and resource throughout the operations.

T./2nd Lt. William Ernest Statou, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion, when on offensive patrol, he, by the skilful handling of his machine and accurate shooting destroyed two enemy aeroplanes and brought down a third out of control. In addition, during the nine days previous to this, he had destroyed five other enemy machines, two of these being triplanes. The services which he has rendered have been exceptionally brilliant, and his skill and determination are deserving of the highest praise.

Lt. (T./Maj.) Frederick William Stent, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attacked and brought down a hostile two-seater, the observer of which was in a position to give the enemy valuable information of our movements. On another occasion he encountered and brought down an enemy two-seater, wounding both pilot and observer, who were made prisoners. On both occasions he showed great gallantry and ability.

T./2nd Lt. William Samuel Stephenson, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When flying low and observing an open staff car on a road, he attacked it with such success that later it was seen lying in the ditch upside down. During the same fight he caused a stampede amongst some enemy transport horses on a road. Previous to this he had destroyed a hostile scout and a two-seater plane. His work has been of the highest order, and he has shown the greatest courage and energy in engaging every kind of target.

2nd/Lt. (A./Capt.) James Bury Sterndale-Bennett, S. Wales Bord., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he proceeded, despite heavy fire, over the open from post to post, organising and directing the fire of his men. His gallant behaviour instilled the utmost confidence in all ranks, and he set a fine example of coolness and courage.

Lt. Allan Frederick Martin Stevenson, Lrs., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By skilful and bold patrol work he obtained most valuable information as to the enemy's movements. When a withdrawal had been ordered he remained behind with one troop, and, though heavily outnumbered and subjected to intense shell fire, he held his ground with great courage. By doing so he enabled a platoon of infantry, which was in danger of being cut off, to withdraw, and when he was almost surrounded he extricated his men with great skill.

Lt. Ewart Elliot Stock, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an engagement he bombed