

T./2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) James Anderson Slater, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When returning from a patrol he attacked enemy infantry, silenced a field gun and fired on transport. On another occasion he silenced a battery in very difficult weather conditions, fired on ammunition wagons and enemy infantry, and brought back his patrol safely. He also led a patrol of twelve machines in very bad weather to attack a wood held by the enemy. His patrol dropped over thirty bombs, fired 3,000 rounds and drove the enemy from the wood with heavy casualties. In the course of this fight six enemy scouts were engaged and driven off. Later, he led a similar patrol with great success. He showed splendid courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Ernest Rees Smith, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the defence of our position, by his splendid example of courage and coolness, he undoubtedly saved some of the guns of a neighbouring brigade and effectively checked the enemy's advance in that sector. After the guns had been got away he remained in defence of the positions. He sent in valuable information to the generals of two brigades, carried out machine-gun defence work, and greatly assisted in organising the infantry defence.

2nd Lt. Frank James Smith, M.M., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led two platoons to their objective, captured thirty prisoners and a machine gun, shooting the man who was firing the gun. He established touch with the troops on his flanks and took command of men of other companies whom he found near his post.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Hunter Smith, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his battery into action under heavy fire, and worked one gun himself, with the aid of a gunner, owing to casualties among the detachments.

T./2nd Lt. Joseph Harold Smith, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having crossed a canal, he led a patrol to reconnoitre the ground forward to the final objective. He was opposed by a small party, whom he at once attacked, capturing six of them, and bombed two dug-outs. When finally checked, he held his position until reinforcements arrived, when he again led his men forward, attacked the enemy, and overcame all opposition.

Lt. Joseph Thomson Smith, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his gun in action until the last possible moment, regardless of heavy machine gun and rifle fire, and causing heavy loss to the enemy by enfilading at point-blank range the main street of a village.

Lt. Victor Wallace Smith, I.A.R.O.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great coolness, ability,

and sound tactical knowledge in handling his signal troop, which was under heavy machine-gun fire. Owing to his personal influence and example every man volunteered to carry despatches through heavy fire, and he was most successful in establishing visual communication with headquarters, and displayed great initiative and tenacity.

T./2nd Lt. Isiah Somerset, R. Irish Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Being ordered to attempt to occupy a lock, which was strongly held by the enemy, he launched two attacks against it, but failed to take it. Later, procuring the assistance of a Tank, he renewed the attack and succeeded in effecting an entrance. In spite of heavy machine gun fire, he drove out the enemy, consolidated the position, and held on to it under extreme difficulties. His dogged determination and courageous perseverance were most conspicuous throughout the operations.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Patrick Magnus Spence, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While he was issuing orders for the advance of his company, the enemy attacked his position. He at once led his company to the attack, forced the enemy from their position, and followed them up, inflicting heavy casualties, and then established himself in the enemy's position. His quick grasp of the situation and splendid initiative were of the greatest value.

Lt. (A./Cpl.) Humphrey Henry Sloane Stanley, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led one of the assaulting companies in an attack on a village, and when part of the battalion seemed likely to be cut off by the enemy, he formed a defensive flank under heavy fire, and by his coolness and initiative saved a critical situation. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked, he collected some men and held up the enemy's advance with great determination.

Lt. (A./Capt.) James Stewart, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Having rallied some infantry who were retiring through the battery, by his personal example he stopped all traces of unsteadiness amongst the gunners, continuing to direct the fire of the battery for another hour and a quarter without taking any cover from rifle and machine gun fire, and was the last to withdraw. His example of coolness, resource, and disregard of danger stimulated his men to great efforts.

Capt. William Stewart, R. Ir. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with the greatest courage in an attack under heavy machine-gun fire, and set a splendid example to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Walter John Stokes, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He advanced under heavy fire from enemy snipers and obtained valuable information.