

was ever ready to grasp the situation, and act on it with rapidity and discretion.

T./2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Allan Percival Skevington, W. York. R., attd. M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He performed most efficient and gallant service in the handling of his machine guns, and assisted materially in repelling an enemy attack. His guns were subjected to intense shell fire, and four of them were put out of action, but he held his position for eight days, setting his men a splendid example of determination and resource.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Frank Ernest Skinner, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a company during the operations, and showed the greatest ability and judgment in the most difficult conditions and under intense shell fire. He was responsible for repelling an enemy attack, and set his men a splendid example of cheerfulness and courage throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Will Smith, Gord. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men forward in the attack under the most difficult conditions and captured his objective. When clearing the trench he met with strong opposition, and, crossing the open under intense fire, he led a Tank forward to the assistance of his platoon. By his prompt and courageous action the trench was cleared and the advance was continued.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Donald Smith, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a daylight raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his company to the enemy's third line, which he cleared, capturing five prisoners and an enemy machine gun and destroying a dug-out. His courage and resource were an inspiration to his men, and contributed largely to the success of the operation.

2nd Lt. Eric Jeffcoate Smith, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great skill and courage, and was amongst the first three to enter the enemy trenches, and set a fine example to the whole of the company.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Miller Smith, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company were holding a reserve trench against enemy attacks he did excellent work in organising the defence of the left flank of the company. He collected bombs and ammunition, the supply of which had run short, and rallied and organised men of other units who were without leaders. He held up the enemy's attack at a bombing post, and set his men a fine example of resource and determination.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Harry Augustus Smith, Midd'x R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On five separate occasions during

raids on points beyond the enemy lines he has found his objectives, although on more than one occasion he was badly hampered by adverse conditions. He drove down one enemy plane out of control, and engaged two others with indecisive results owing to the clouds. He has taken part in many bombing raids, and his example of energy and determination has been of the utmost value to his squadron.

T./2nd Lt. James Dickenson Smith, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Hearing that an enemy post had been located, he decided to raid it with two N.C.O.'s and three men. After a personal reconnaissance the post was surprised, fourteen of the enemy were killed, and a prisoner captured. It was entirely due to his courage and initiative that the operation was successful.

Lt. Fred Burns Spedding, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men with great dash in an attack, and entered a tunnel in the enemy's line, where he captured a large number of the enemy. He then disconnected all the mines, removed the charges, and made the tunnel safe. He showed splendid courage and resource.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Harold Standrick, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was due to his skill and ability as a leader that the success of the operations against the main enemy defence line was so marked. His task was one of great responsibility, as his company was the directing pivot of the movement forward for the final assault. Throughout the day he showed exceptional skill in handling his company and a complete indifference to danger.

T./Lt. Frank Eilysman Stanford, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid a telephone wire to an advanced position under heavy fire during an attack. He set a splendid example to his men, which enabled important communications to be established.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Sidney Stanley, Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his platoon in a most able manner in an attack, setting a splendid example of courage and resource. Though subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire, he gained all his objectives.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Bones Stephenson, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company commander having been wounded early in the operations he assumed command and organised and led bombing parties when the enemy sought to enter our trenches, driving them back. He showed great courage, initiative and resource under most trying conditions, and set a splendid example to his men.