

stances and great personal risk was of the utmost value.

T./2nd Lt. Harold Short, L.N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon through a heavy barrage to reinforce a corp line. On the succeeding days, and until he was wounded, he was a model of coolness and courage to his men, and his cheerfulness throughout the operations was of invaluable assistance to all ranks with him.

Lt. Leonard Highton Short, Dur. L.I., attd. R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing in many excellent and accurate contact patrol reports, and, owing to adverse weather conditions, having to fly very low. On one occasion his observer was wounded from the ground, and he was attacked by three enemy aeroplanes, but he brought him safely back. On another occasion his observer was wounded when bombing enemy troops from 1,000 feet.

T./Lt. (A./Maj.) Arthur Simmonds, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout many days of continuous fighting. Perfectly cool in the most trying circumstances, he invariably set a splendid example to his officers and men. His skilful siting of gun positions, and the able manner in which he withdrew his batteries, materially assisted the brigade with which he worked.

Lt. James Bridges Simpson, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical period, when units had become much mixed, and the enemy were pressing on, this officer did excellent work in rallying the men and reorganising the line. On one occasion he led a party forward some 300 yards and held up the enemy for an hour. He also carried out a useful reconnaissance of a village, where he came face to face with an enemy platoon, but evaded them, and brought back valuable information.

T./Lt. James Kirk Simpson, Sea. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When part of his line was in danger of giving way he walked along the top of the trench chaffing and encouraging his men, thereby restoring the line and saving a critical situation. His coolness and ability throughout the operations were most marked and a great benefit to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Lancelot Francis Simpson, Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He showed great courage throughout, and more than once saved a critical situation by rallying scattered men. His personal gallantry and coolness were of great service to the battalion.

2nd Lt. William Simpson, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the troops south of a river had retired and the enemy had entered a village he courageously led a patrol into it from the north side and attacked them. Heavy fighting took place, and a company was sent to reinforce him, with the result that the whole village was cleared. He displayed the greatest courage and initiative throughout the operations.

2nd Lt. Robert Simson, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After a hurried evacuation from a wood he took charge, and it was due to his exceptional coolness that anything at all was saved. He went back repeatedly with parties into the wood and brought away essential articles and stores.

T./Capt. William Skinner, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with a rearguard, consisting of two Lewis gunners and three bayonet men, when he covered the withdrawal of his company. He held his position until the company was clear, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, and then fought his way back, rejoining his unit without the loss of a man or gun. Throughout the operations he handled his company with marked ability and courage.

T./2nd Lt. Henry George Brown Slade, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading counter attacks on three separate occasions, when, in spite of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, he succeeded in driving the enemy back and in inflicting heavy casualties on them. His coolness at critical times was most marked, and his skilful leadership proved of great assistance to his C.O.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William Christopher Slade, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a company during recent operations. He did great service in keeping his Commanding Officer accurately informed as to the situation during the whole day, and hung on to a very difficult position on the left flank of the battalion, extricating his company after it was dark. On other occasions, though his company were being heavily shelled and suffered severe casualties, he hung on to his position as long as possible and commanded his men very ably, showing great courage and coolness.

T./2nd Lt. Bruce James Sloper, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two guns on the right of an infantry brigade inflicted severe losses on the enemy, who made several determined attacks. When the forward defences were penetrated and he was practically surrounded he successfully withdrew his men and guns to a fresh position, holding up and eventually repulsing the attack.