

267348 L./Sjt. W. Sinclair, Sea. Highrs. (Berriedalie).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company officer having been wounded and the men beginning to waver under very heavy machine-gun fire, he sprang forward and led them on fearlessly exposing himself. By his personal courage he saved a critical situation, and pushing on he took a leading part in the capture of an important strong point that contained five machine guns.

23954 Sjt. E. Sisterson, M.G.C. (Corbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the flanks were exposed he handled his guns with great skill and initiative, and went over ground swept by machine-gun and artillery fire to bring up ammunition. He covered the withdrawal of other troops, forcing an enemy battery into cover and then successfully withdrew his guns to new positions.

245025 Rfn. R. C. Skews, Lond. R. (Bethnal Green).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section, which he kept in action for two hours after all his section had become casualties, and he himself had been blown up. Later, he held on to an advanced post after being almost surrounded, and after three days' heavy fighting, unaided he brought his gun out of action. His splendid courage and tenacity was a magnificent example to all ranks.

297619 Bomdr. G. A. Slack, R.G.A. (Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. It was largely due to his splendid efforts under very heavy fire that communication was maintained between a forward observation post and brigade headquarters. Although twice blown over by shell bursts, and suffering from severe shaking, he refused to leave his lines until orders for withdrawal had been received. He set a splendid example of pluck and determination.

73672 L./Bomdr. R. T. Slater, R.F.A. (Cambridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Though a junior, he performed the duties of No. 1 for several days with great efficiency. He kept his gun in action to the last possible moment, finally getting it away successfully under close machine-gun and rifle fire.

87463 Sjt. W. Slatter, R.F.A. (Eton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was sent to take command of a gun detached from his battery. The enemy were attacking, and the S.O.S. signal was given by our troops in the front line. After firing a few rounds from the gun, the detachment was put out of action by a shell, killing two and wounding the other two. Although wounded in the legs and shoulder, he continued to fire his gun alone through the night, displaying magnificent courage and devotion to duty.

12320 Pte. E. Smalley, Sco. Rif. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out an important patrol with three men, and bringing back valuable information as to the enemy's strength and dispositions. He also showed great coolness and power of command in rallying men under heavy shell and machine-gun fire during enemy attacks.

D/8311 Pte. W. J. Smart, Dns. (Bowes Park, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action as squadron stretcher-bearer. He repeatedly attended wounded under heavy machine-gun fire in the open. On one occasion, during a withdrawal, he remained behind alone in the open, under heavy fire, with one of the wounded, whom he brought in unaided to safety. He invariably showed a total disregard of personal danger, and great endurance, and earned the admiration of all ranks.

68325 Sjt. A. Smith, M.M., R.F.A. (Exeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when his battery was being withdrawn under fire, he succeeded in getting his gun away in spite of two of his horses having been killed, and he then assisted to get another gun away whose serjeant had been wounded.

3/10300 Sjt. A. C. Smith, Suff. R. (Richmond, Surrey).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With one other man he worked his way forward to a position which the enemy had occupied, killed or wounded some of them, and brought back four prisoners. His conduct during five days' operations was most gallant, and his cheerfulness of the utmost value to all ranks.

2506 Pte. A. E. Smith, R.W. Kent R. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. Under heavy shell fire he got away much valuable material. Also, he kept exposing himself most gallantly, and encouraged men to stubbornly resist the enemy. This young soldier set a fine example of courage and determination.

43387 Cpl. A. P. S. Smith, M.G.C. (Bromsgrove).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By promptly bringing his gun into action he frustrated an enemy surprise flank attack. Through continuous fighting he acted as section serjeant, and was invaluable to his C.O. Later, he covered an infantry withdrawal, and was the last to leave. After all the guns had been destroyed he attached himself to the nearest infantry, and held a bombing post.

348055 B.S.M. B. Smith, R.G.A. (Penarth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position and the Corps R.E. yard were being heavily shelled by a large howitzer, this W.O.