

critical moment saved a very difficult situation. His calmness and absolute disregard of danger under fire were an example to all ranks.

Capt. (A./Maj.) George Osbert Stirling Smyth, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shelling he went along the battery and helped to put out ammunition that had been set on fire, and with three remaining guns fired on the approaching enemy with open sights, inflicting heavy casualties. Next day, by collecting men near him and machine guns, he held up the enemy for hours.

Maj. Francis Elmhirst Spencer, M.C., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy shell and machine-gun fire he used his guns with great effect, destroying numbers of the enemy and materially assisting the infantry. He showed fine dash and leadership.

T./Maj. William James Spurrell, M.C., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally made a reconnaissance of the ground for a counter-attack, giving orders for the disposition of the men under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire. Although wounded, he insisted on carrying on, and, gathering every man from battalion headquarters, until he received a second wound. Throughout the whole time he commanded the battalion his example and gallantry were of a very fine order.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Marmaduke Basil Stephenson, M.C., E. York. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining an isolated position with his company against several attacks by the enemy in superior numbers. By his determined courage and resolution he inspired his men to hold their line for four days until relieved.

T./Capt. William Hewitt Stitt, M.C., R. Ir. Fus., attd. R. Dub. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battalion was entirely surrounded by the enemy, this officer carried out a personal reconnaissance of the bridge-heads, which were both occupied by the enemy. He ascertained the enemy's password and dispositions, and then led the column over the bridge, killing one of the sentries himself. Further, on finding the enemy in possession of a village, he again reconnoitred, and ascertained their dispositions, getting his column safely through and rejoining our line, bringing with him some ten officers and 350 other ranks.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) William Alfred Collis Stone, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Suddenly called upon to command the brigade owing to casualties, he did so with complete efficiency during a withdrawal. At a critical period he displayed courage and

leadership which inspired confidence in all ranks of the brigade.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Gerald Johnston Lipyeatt Stoney, M.C., Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He maintained his battalion headquarters in a village for many hours after the greater portion of that village had fallen into enemy hands. By doing so he undoubtedly delayed the enemy's subsequent advance, and inflicted heavy casualties on him. His brilliant example of gallantry and tenacity had a special value in greatly stimulating the courage of all ranks.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Eric Temperley, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Commanded his battalion throughout four days' continuous fighting, both in attack and defence. By his skilful handling broke up all enemy attacks, inflicting heavy losses, and set a fine example of courage and determination.

Lt. William Douglas Baird Thompson, M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Showed great courage and determination in holding the line, which was the left flank of the battalion, and not in touch with any other unit, beating back every attempt of the enemy to advance. After dusk, when the flank was temporarily driven back, he restored the situation by his energy and fearlessness.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Thomas Alexander Lacy Thompson, M.C., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded the battalion for a week, after his commanding officer had been wounded. When the enemy had captured a village on his flank, he led his men in a house-to-house counter-attack, clearing the greater part of the village and re-establishing the line. The following day, in spite of two gunshot wounds in the thigh, after the units on the flank had been driven back, he held on for over an hour until a counter-attack restored the situation.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) James Albert Raymond Thomson, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout ten days' fighting this officer has rendered splendid service, inspiring the brigade by his example of cheerfulness and leadership. When the enemy captured a village he established his battalion on some high ground above it, holding on from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., although his right was in the air, and he had neither orders nor information. On a later occasion, after encouraging his men throughout a day of intense shelling, he led a counter-attack in the evening to cover the withdrawal of another division. This was successful, as also was his rearguard action afterwards.

T./Lt.-Col. William Kingsley Tillie, M.C., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The personal reconnaissances made by him under very heavy fire were of the utmost value. His energy and fearlessness in going