

enemy from carrying out a flanking movement.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

Capt. (A./Maj.) Charles Nixon Smith, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of an advanced dressing station and the collection of wounded from two infantry brigades for four days. By reconnoitring and frequent visits to his posts he was able to keep in touch with the rear aid posts, and to vary his arrangements according to the casualties. He administered the advanced dressing station in a building with little protection, which was repeatedly hit by shells. His scheme for evacuating the wounded worked well, and a large number of casualties were quickly got away.

(M.C. gazetted 17th December, 1917.)

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Herbert Leyland Smith, M.C., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was approaching a deep dug-out in which there was a detachment of his company, when he found the enemy was advancing and had nearly reached it in the morning mist. Accompanied by his orderly he rushed forward to defend the entrance, so that the men could get out, and fought with tremendous pluck, killing many of the enemy, until he was twice wounded. Owing to his promptness the majority of the men in the dug-out escaped capture.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Samuel Thomas Smither, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy were pressing their attacks down a communication trench this officer, moving along the top of the parapet and using his revolver, himself led two counter-attacks which drove the enemy back. His courage and the determination with which he led his men undoubtedly produced this successful result.

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325032 C.S.M. Thomas Sordy, M.C., Dur. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company became casualties he assumed command, although wounded in the hand, and showed fine courage and initiative. During the retirement and the crossing of the river his work and example were of the greatest value in enabling successive lines to be occupied.

(M.C. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Lt. Ronald Hastings Stentiford, M.C., Leic. R., attd. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a section of guns for three days' fighting. After enduring a heavy bombardment, when both he and his men were suffering from the effects of gas, he accompanied a counter-attack in the evening. When the bulk of the infantry was checked he pressed on by using concealed approaches with a thin wave of infantry, and came into action just behind, filling a gap which might at any moment

have been penetrated by the enemy. He showed the greatest coolness and judgment in getting his guns into position and checking the enemy.

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T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Ormond Steven, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. When five of his guns were knocked out by exceptionally heavy bombardment, he continued to fight the sixth until almost surrounded. He held his battery position with rifle and machine-gun fire until the last possible moment, and then destroyed his gun and fought his way out successfully with the remains of his men. He did very fine service.

(M.C. gazetted 18th October, 1917.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Rapier Stokes, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, who was acting in command, was engaged in withdrawing the battery in accordance with orders he had received, when they were suddenly caught by a very heavy "barrage" from the enemy, who launched an attack. Notwithstanding many difficulties and very bad ground he managed to get a section away, and in spite of heavy casualties withdrew the detachments of the other guns after rendering them unserviceable to the enemy. He afterwards brought his guns into action again, handling them with great courage and skill under difficult circumstances, and by the observations he made personally in exposed places he was able to give valuable support to the infantry.

(M.C. gazetted 18th October, 1917.)

Capt. Richard Boys Stones, M.C., Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was wounded while visiting the two battalions in the forward zone. Though suffering great pain he insisted on remaining on duty for thirty-six hours, carrying out his duties. Through his pluck and endurance in remaining at work during a critical period he rendered most valuable assistance.

(M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1917.)

T./2nd Lt. Robert Albert Keizer Stuart, M.C., Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While moving his company from support to front line this officer found the platoon on his right being driven back by a bombing attack. He at once rushed forward his Lewis guns, organising a counter-attack under cover of their fire, and driving the enemy back, with the capture of some prisoners. That night he carried out a daring reconnaissance, and brought in valuable information as to the enemy's dispositions.

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Lt. Vernon Douglas Stuart, M.C., R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With another officer he piloted the "caterpillars" drawing two of his guns, which he extricated from a difficult position