

within 200 yards of the position. He then retired, taking with him the dial sights and breech blocks. Even though wounded, he refused to leave the road until he fainted through loss of blood.

2nd Lt. Andrew Henderson Simpson, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With one man he crawled out and bombed an enemy post in broad daylight, returning at dusk and entering that post and capturing an enemy officer and two men from another. He displayed the most marked courage and initiative, and obtained identifications that were urgently required.

T./2nd Lt. James Gordon Simpson, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy fire he successfully led his company in a counter-attack to their objective. He was twice wounded, but continued to encourage his men to advance. He set a fine example of devotion to duty and contempt for personal safety.

T./2nd Lt. Douglas Henry Sims, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took two platoons through very heavy machine-gun barrage to reinforce troops in a village. Finding the village had been retaken by the enemy, he withdrew his party in ones and twos and got them safely back to our lines. His coolness and personal gallantry during an unexpected and trying phase of the operations greatly encouraged his men, and his organised withdrawal undoubtedly saved many lives.

Lt. Herbert Edward Sims, Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He showed great coolness in handling both his own guns and those of a wounded officer during two days of incessant shell fire, doing good execution on the enemy. One of his guns brought down an enemy aeroplane.

2nd Lt. John Lionel Maurice Sinnett, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout a heavy day's fighting as brigade liaison officer and forward observing officer under very heavy shell fire, he kept up telephonic communication and sent back valuable information, and directed the artillery fire with great skill. He constantly went up to the infantry position through the heavy enemy barrage to ascertain personally the state of affairs, and took an important part in helping to repel the heavy enemy attacks which were being constantly renewed. His fine courage and disregard of danger were conspicuous.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Edwin Sinton, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy shelling set a fine example of cheerful disregard of danger, and was of great assistance in evacuating light railway stock and maintaining traffic until the advance of the enemy rendered further work impossible.

2nd Lt. Alexander Cortes Skinner, R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During ten days' operations this officer, in charge of transport, took up food to the battalion every night, frequently under heavy fire, and superintended the carrying of the dixies to the front line and the delivery of rations to the men. On two occasions he had to make personal reconnaissances to find the battalion. Once while taking up rations he was practically surrounded by the enemy, only getting his limbers through by his coolness and determination.

Lt. Walter Vivian Douglas Skrine, York and Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He led forward a platoon of brigade details under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and established a strong position and held it.

T./2nd Lt. Ronald Crawford Slade, K.O.S.B.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led a raiding party with great dash, reaching his objective, where he shot two of the enemy who were manning a machine gun. He captured the gun and three prisoners, and keeping his men well under control, saved many casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Sidney Slavitz, Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to retire, this officer collected his platoon and sent it away under a N.C.O., while he himself remained behind under intense machine-gun fire to cover the withdrawal. Before leaving, he killed four of the enemy with his revolver. He did fine service.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Alan Sloan, Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the night this officer took up his company to counter-attack the enemy, who had got a footing in the position. He first of all led a small patrol to find out the strength and exact position of the enemy, and then returned and organised his company for the attack, which was successful in driving the enemy out of the greater part of the position. He was badly wounded the next evening.

2nd Lt. Reginald Smalley, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The excellence of his reports greatly assisted the direction of fire of his brigade. When a battery had to retire, he remained behind and destroyed the ammunition. When a battery came under direct observation and was heavily shelled while limbering up, one limber was knocked out. He got a wagon limber, brought it up himself, and got the gun away safely.

T./2nd Lt. Hugh Lionel Smedley, M.M., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding his company. He defended a position for fourteen hours