

captured, in conjunction with another platoon, over 100 prisoners. He displayed great dash and coolness, leading his men under heavy shell and machine-gun fire with skill and determined courage.

Lt. William Osborne Skinner, 1/5th, attd. 1/6th, Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

At the attack on Pioneer Dump on the La Bassée-Estaires road, 25th September, 1918, he led his platoon with great dash and overrode all opposition, killing the enemy in Nora Trench and pursuing and shooting them well beyond the objective. His coolness and gallantry were magnificent.

T./2nd Lt. George Griffin Ward Sleath, E. Surr. R., attd. 12th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near Gheluwe on 1st-2nd October, 1918. When all other officers had become casualties, he took command of the company, reorganised it under very difficult circumstances, and controlled the men splendidly against an enemy counter-attack. He inspired all ranks with confidence in spite of very heavy machine-gun fire.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Warwick James Smeeton, B/123rd Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Trescault on 27th September, 1918, as second in command of a battery which had to take up a position in support of the infantry attack. He guided the guns one at a time through a heavy barrage, bringing them safely into action, with the exception of one gun, which was knocked out. He had to pass to and fro through the bombardment area each time.

Lt. Edmund Hakewill Smith, 2nd Bn., R. Sc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the nine miles' advance east of Ypres on 28th, 29th and 30th September, 1918. On the 28th he successfully filled a gap in the front line at a critical moment. On the 29th, when he was the only platoon officer left in his company, he took command of two platoons, and showed admirable coolness and determination in dealing with machine-gun nests, which were holding up the company on his right.

T./Lt. Harry Foster Smith, 216th A.T. Coy., R.E.

At Bellinglise, on 29th September, 1918, this officer carried out a reconnaissance of the bridgehead under artillery and machine-gun fire. Though several times driven off by the intensity of the shelling, he carried on in a most courageous manner and finished the survey, in spite of being partially gassed.

2nd Lt. Henry Clarence Fox Smith, 5th, attd. 2/4th, Bn., York & Lanc. R., T.F.

At Havrincourt, on 12th September, 1918, he led his company forward with the utmost gallantry in the face of intense shell and machine-gun fire. Several times the advance was held up by hostile machine-gun posts. He succeeded in overcoming all difficulties, inflicted severe loss on the enemy, and captured thirty prisoners.

2nd Lt. Horace Richard Smith, 9th, attd. 1/16th, Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative as a platoon commander on 27th September, 1918, during the attack on Sauchy Cauchy. By seizing every opportunity of dashing into the enemy under the barrage, he overpowered them before they could offer any resistance. His courage and energy influenced his men with his own spirit.

T./2nd Lt. William Arthur Smith, 11th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during the advance, on 30th August, 1918, near Combles, when his company came under intense machine-gun fire from the flank. Being the only officer left, he rallied the company with great coolness and formed a defensive flank. His prompt action gave covering fire, and enabled the advanced parties to take up a fresh position, thereby saving many casualties.

2nd Lt. Stanley Snowdon, 1/1st York. Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion on the 18th September, 1918, north of Zillèbeke Lake, when he succeeded in leading his patrol in broad daylight through the hostile wire to the depth of over 1,000 yards. He came under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, but by his coolness and daring he was able to bring back his patrol with valuable information as to the positions occupied by the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Arnold Victor Spafford, 2nd Bn., W. Rid. R., attd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

At Havrincourt, 15/18th September, 1918, when the company commander became a casualty, this officer took charge and led on with great skill and gallantry, securing the objective, which was strongly held by the enemy. For a time his advance was held up by machine guns, but after a personal reconnaissance he worked up a trench with bombing squads and Lewis gunners, and drove the enemy out with great loss.

T./2nd Lt. Fred Spearey, 8th Bn., Royal Berkshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Trones Wood, 24th August, 1918. He skilfully manœuvred his platoon in a short withdrawal, quickly consolidating, and later attacked again with success, pushing through Bernafay Wood, and filling a gap in the line. He displayed high qualities of courage and leadership.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) George Ernest Spencer, D.S.O., Yorks. L.I., attd. 2/4th Bn., T.F.

At Havrincourt, 12/16th September, 1918, he led his company with great dash and skill, and secured a footing in the final objective, in spite of all his officers having become casualties. His gallant action enabled other companies to move forward and secure the final objective with very slight casualties.

Lt. Sydney Spencer, 5th Bn., Norf. R., T.F., attd. 7th Bn.

On 6th August, 1918, west of Morlancourt, when the enemy captured the front line on his immediate right, this officer by a daring reconnaissance got into touch with the battalion on his right, and established a defen-