

glers and with his two guns and a Lewis gun, formed a defensive post to fill the gap. Throughout the fighting his push and gallantry had a marked effect on the situation.

(M.C. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) William Smyth, M.C., 122nd Fd. Coy., R.F.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty on the day of October 16th, 1918, when under withering machine-gun fire at close range, he commanded his company during the bridging operations at Courtrai. It was undoubtedly due to his command and coolness that communication was kept through for the infantry on the other side of the canal until nightfall, when they were successfully withdrawn.

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T./Lt. (A./Capt.) David Alexander Soutar, M.C., 8th Bn. R. Highrs.

During the operations east of Ypres from September 28th to October 4th, 1918, he displayed marked gallantry and devotion to duty. That visual communication between companies and battalion headquarters was sufficiently maintained was largely due to his personal energy as battalion signalling officer, and to his inspiring example of coolness and disregard of danger under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. On October 1st, when the enemy delivered a heavy counter-attack he at once rallied and collected what men he could and established a post in the gap, which greatly contributed to the eventual holding up of the counter-attack.

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Capt. (A./Maj.) James Calvert Spence, M.C., R.A.M.C. (Spec. Res.), attd. 34th Fd. Amb.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of a bearer division, during the attack on Oisy le Verger and the subsequent operations from September 28th to October 2nd, 1918. In addition to handling his bearers with marked skill and initiative, he reconnoitred and selected sites for regimental aid-posts under heavy fire. Throughout the operations he showed untiring energy and complete disregard of danger. His fine leading of bearers on several occasions through heavy barrages enabled the wounded to be rapidly cleared and undoubtedly resulted in the saving of many lives.

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

Lt. (T./Capt.) Patrick Magnus Spence, M.C., G. Gds., S.R., attd. 1st Bn.

For fine leadership and initiative on October 11th, 1918, during the advance on Solesmes. When the company on his left was held up by heavy fire, he at once made a brilliant out-flanking movement, thereby forcing the enemy to evacuate his position. He led his company down the forward slopes of the ridge—a distance of some 2,000 yards under a storm of bullets from his front and flanks, and very heavy artillery fire. His gallant action undoubtedly helped the operations very materially, and the troops on the left were enabled to continue the advance.

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Lt. Leslie John Spencer, M.C., Kent Fortress R.E., T.F., attd. 209th Fd. Coy. R.F.

On the night of October 18/19th, 1918, he was in command of a party detailed to construct a temporary bridge over the river Lys near Menin. Considerable difficulty was experienced in fixing the trestles owing to the steepness of the banks. There was heavy shelling at intervals and the party was at one time scattered by the shell fire. It was chiefly owing to his example of cheerfulness and disregard of danger that the party was reassembled and the bridge completed before daylight.

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

T./Lt. Jonathan Stephenson, M.C., 20th Bn. North'd Fus., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in operations north of Gouy on October 5th, 1918. This officer in the attack on Prospect Hill led his platoon with great dash to its objective, capturing thirty-six prisoners and two machine-guns. He succeeded by skilful leadership in holding his objective against the enemy and throughout the operations showed great courage and a fine example of coolness under extremely heavy enemy fire.

(M.C. gazetted 16th August, 1917.)

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Stuart Templeton Tandy, M.C., R. Berks, R. comdg. 99th L.T.M. Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry while in command of a trench mortar battery, during the attack on Forenville on October 8th, 1918. Owing to casualties he assumed command of the infantry in his vicinity and led them successfully to the capture of the objective. Later, when the enemy counter-attacked with tanks, he turned a captured enemy minenwerfer on to the tanks and later engaged them with 3-in. Stokes mortars. His cool grasp of the situation and energetic action contributed largely to breaking up the enemy's attack. His work throughout the operations was excellent.

(M.C. gazetted 15th October, 1918.)

Capt. Gerald Waldon Browne Tarleton, M.C., R. Dub. Fus. (Bde. Maj., 88th Infy. Bde.).

For conspicuous gallantry, ability and devotion to duty as brigade major during the operations which led up to the capture of portions of Gheluwe. He personally reconnoitred the line, and although wounded severely in the leg by machine-gun bullets, brought back valuable information.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd July, 1915.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Leonard Taylor, M.C., 7th Bn. Manch. R., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on the Fonsomme line on October 1/2nd, 1918. He took charge of the left flank of the divisional front and held it against repeated counter-attacks. He not only took his men forward and posted them on points of vantage but collected numbers of men whose officers had become casualties and organised them in the defence. He was continually subjected to very heavy rifle and machine-gun fire but throughout the operation his utter disregard of danger set a splendid example and was an inspiration to all ranks.

(M.C. gazetted 7th November, 1918.)