

Rev. Bertell Hubert Smith, R.A.C.D., attd. 97th Infy. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations leading up to the capture of Avesnes, from 4th to 8th November, 1918. Throughout this period he was most solicitous in his care of the wounded, going about under heavy shell fire, and calmly bandaging wounded men, notwithstanding that it was almost certain death to remain on the spot, and he never abandoned his devoted work until every man had been evacuated.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Wroughton Smith, R.W. Surr. Regt., attd. 6th Bn.

For great courage near Chateau l'Abbaye on the morning of the 25th October, 1918. After an unsuccessful attempt to enter the village an officer was left lying out in front. He volunteered and went out over 150 yards of open country under heavy machine-gun fire and succeeded in bringing him in on his back.

T./Lt. Cyril John Berkinshaw Smith, R.A.S.C., attd. 1/7th Bn., W. York. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on enemy positions south of Valenciennes, on 1st November, 1918. In command of a company in the support battalion, he led it forward in the face of intense machine-gun and shell fire to reinforce the front line. Although, as far as he knew, both flanks were exposed, he held his ground for seven hours, and at dusk pushed forward and maintained his position until relieved.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Richardson Smith, Worc. R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 4th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during the attack east of Ledeghem on 14th October, 1918. In spite of strenuous enemy resistance he succeeded in getting two platoons of his company into very advanced positions. This enabled troops to come up on the flank, when he again pushed forward, until another battalion passed through. His determination contributed materially to the success of the operations.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John McCoskie Smith, 4th Bn., R. Sco. Fus. (T.F.), attd. 12th Bn.

On the 31st October, 1918, in an attack south-west of Audenarde, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative whilst in command of a company. His company commander early becoming a casualty he led the company forward, and on two separate occasions rushed machine-gun posts, and with his men put the gunners out of action and captured the guns. Throughout he showed good leadership.

Lt. Ronald Edward Smith, 13th Bn. R. Highrs., T.F.

Throughout the operations in the vicinity of the Foret de Mormal from 4th to 8th November, 1918, inclusive, he acted as battalion signalling officer. He afforded most valuable services in maintaining communications during the most difficult conditions of shell and machine-gun fire, acting throughout with the greatest coolness and devotion to duty. On the 4th November he was instrumental, by his example, in causing the continued advance of two platoons under heavy machine-gun fire.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Henry James Drew Smythe, 1/3rd (S.M.) Fld. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (Italy).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 31st October and 1st and 2nd November, 1918. He was in charge of the front line evacuation during all the active operations on the Asiago front. He made a personal reconnaissance of the front and its approaches to establish the line of evacuation. On 3rd November he was ordered to withdraw his bearers, and in spite of intense shelling he personally saw to the withdrawal and brought all his men safely back, though slightly wounded himself. During the subsequent attacks he spent thirty hours visiting posts and encouraging bearers, often under intense shell fire and machine-gun fire. It was mainly owing to his disregard of danger, initiative, and devotion to duty, that the long line of evacuation was kept working smoothly.

T./Lt. William James Drysdale Sneddon, 2nd Bn., K.R.R.C.

During the operations of 4th November, 1918, at the forcing of the Sambre Canal, his gallant leadership of the right front company was conspicuous. He was one of the first men to cross at the lock. His company killed and captured many enemy and machine-guns in positions on the eastern side of the canal bank. Throughout he did excellent work.

T./2nd Lt. Francis Southworth, Manch. R., attd. 16th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and energy on the night of 29/30th October, 1918, in command of an assault party, whose task was to cross the l'Escaut River and capture the enemy position. His enthusiasm carried the men with him, and the enemy resistance was speedily overcome. He had on the night previous to the attack, carried out a daring reconnaissance.

Lt. Egerton Charles Spencer, I.A., attd. 34th Poona Horse (Egypt).

For conspicuous gallantry on 28th September, 1918. When in command of the vanguard troop in an attack on a hostile column, resulting in the capture of 300 prisoners, seven lorries and motor cars. Seeing that the advance of his troop was threatened by four enemy firing rifles at close range from a car, he charged them single-handed and drove them off. He showed a very fine example of initiative and dash.

Lt. Harry Arthur Spencer, W. By., R.H.A. (Mesopotamia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, near Huwaih, on 27th October, 1918. He accompanied a cavalry regiment as forward observation officer during an attack on the enemy's trenches. As his telephone wire ran out before reaching his final point of observation he went up to the firing line within 30 yards of the enemy under heavy fire to ascertain exactly the position of our line and in order to direct the covering barrage more accurately. His admirable control of the fire of his battery gave the attacking troops all possible support.