

Lt. James Scott, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer commanded a section which worked in conjunction with a battalion during a raid on enemy trenches. He personally supervised the demolition of all dug-outs, seeing that they were all on fire before collecting and withdrawing his men.

2nd Lt. Harry Sharples, E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander became a casualty, he took command, and under orders withdrew skilfully to a new position, which he held against repeated enemy attacks, although the left flank was exposed, only withdrawing when ordered to do so by his C.O.

T./Lt. Gilbert Shoebridge, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a trench mortar during a bombardment. The farmhouse in which the mortar was situated was heavily shelled, and a barn close by set on fire. Immediately he had completed the shoot he called for volunteers and assisted himself in removing charges to a place of safety. His great coolness was a source of real encouragement to his men.

2nd Lt. James Siddons, D.C.M., M.M., Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action, particularly when the enemy made a surprise attack on the position. He got into action a machine gun, and with it materially assisted in the repulse of the enemy. During the next two days, while the enemy were attacking, he went along the line under heavy machine-gun and shell fire encouraging the men. Throughout the whole operations he showed leadership and determination of a high order.

2nd Lt. Charles Arthur Siepmann, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical time in an enemy attack he brought two 6-inch trench mortars into action under heavy shell fire, and was largely instrumental in checking the enemy's supports. He obtained direct hits on four parties of the enemy and on a machine gun, and inflicted heavy casualties. Throughout, his courage and energy were admirable.

2nd Lt. Charles George Simons, N. Staff R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He maintained his position in spite of an exposed flank, and rallied the men on several occasions when they showed signs of wavering. This steadfastness greatly contributed to the success of the counter-attack later.

Lt. Charles Robb Simpson, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an intense bombardment of gas and H.E. through the whole night and early morning he kept his guns in action,

until he was knocked out by a direct hit and the aiming point of another blown up. He subsequently assisted in the removal of wounded and those affected by gas, though he was himself affected by the latter. He displayed a fine example of courage to all.

T./2nd Lt. David Sloane, R. Ir. Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a successful raid. His party moved across "No Man's Land" by day, and he with two men went forward to reconnoitre a gap in the enemy wire. There they were met by a strong enemy patrol, and hand-to-hand fighting followed. They drove this patrol off and secured one prisoner, affording valuable identification. He had previously reconnoitred the whole ground by day and night, and had driven off enemy patrols, showing fine leadership and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Rupert Cyril Smart, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out his duties as Transport Officer with marked initiative, when the battalion was holding two separate positions. In spite of heavy machine-gun fire he brought his convoy forward and delivered the rations, personally going along the line under heavy shell fire to locate the men of his battalion. He set a very fine example of determination under heavy fire.

Lt. Harold Smith, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a destructive shoot on the battery this officer, with the assistance of a N.C.O., removed all the dial sights from the guns, carrying them to a place of safety. Later, when the camouflage on a pit caught fire from a direct hit, he with the help of two men, cleared the burning stuff away, and removed ammunition, whilst rounds were exploding, and the battery was still under heavy fire. He eventually extinguished the fire, and thereby saved a gun from destruction.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Landon Smith, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding a wave of a raiding party which successfully penetrated the enemy's lines in daylight. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, about 50 being killed and five taken prisoners. He was almost entirely responsible for the preliminary reconnaissance. He did splendid service.

2nd Lt. Thomas Smith, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in command of the mopping-up platoon in the third line of a night attack on the enemy. After clearing a portion of the front line he went to the assistance of two platoons in the leading line, which were held up by two machine guns. Taking these in flank he overcame resistance, and the garrison surrendered. He then established his platoon in the position allotted to one of the leading platoons, which had become too weak to hold it. His prompt action saved casualties and ensured success.