

T./2nd Lt. Malcolm Sillars, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership while in charge of a fighting patrol. He located an enemy machine gun, and, with half a platoon under cover of Lewis gun fire, succeeded in rushing the post, personally leading the charge. The machine gun was destroyed, two prisoners captured, and about fifteen of the enemy killed. He showed great pluck and dash, especially as he was wounded early in the proceedings.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) William Gordon Simmons, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He commanded the leading company, and, finding that the battalion had lost very heavily and become somewhat disorganised in the mist, he collected all the men he could find, and, together with the commanding officer, gallantly led them forward in face of point-blank rifle and machine-gun fire and took his objective. He then successfully organised the defence against an attempted enemy attack. He behaved with great courage and ability.

Lieut. Thomas Noble Smallwood, Ches. R., attd. M.G.C.

During four days' operations he was indefatigable in his efforts in maintaining communications between brigades and battalions, laying lines over difficult ground in trying conditions of mist, and making repairs under heavy shell and machine-gun and snipers' fire. It was entirely due to Lieut. Smallwood's courage, initiative and devotion to duty under circumstances of great difficulty that forward communication was maintained throughout the operations.

2nd Lt. Alfred Ernest Stanley Smith, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reached his objective with only five men, and although badly blistered with mustard gas, and hardly able to walk, he worked with the utmost courage and determination at the work of consolidation. He took part in an attack the next day and was severely wounded. He showed a splendid example of resolution and endurance.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) George Herbert Smith, D.C.M., Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting adjutant during an attack. He repeatedly went forward to the advanced line, and obtained information of the highest value to his commanding officer. Later, when his commanding officer was killed, he assumed command, and by his utter disregard of danger and fine leadership set a brilliant example to all.

2nd Lt. James Alexander Smith, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his men with great coolness and determination through heavy fire to their final objective. Later, with a few men, he rushed a house from which a machine gun was causing casualties, and killed an officer and most of the gun crew. He set a splendid example of gallantry and good leadership.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) James Edward Smith, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the four infantry supply tanks, of which he was in charge, on foot, under heavy machine-gun fire, keeping just in rear of the supporting waves, to within 400 yards of the objective, where he unloaded his supplies. On his return he collected 70 wounded men and rendered first aid, bringing them eventually to the dressing station. His energy and disregard of danger were very fine examples to the crews of his tanks.

T./Lt. James Irwin Smith, R. Irish Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by another officer and an N.C.O., he entered the enemy's trenches in daylight. He killed and wounded some of the enemy, and was then forced to retire by a machine gun. After the gun had ceased firing he re-entered the enemy's lines and brought back one of the enemy, who had been wounded, thus obtaining an identification. He displayed great courage and determination throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Sydney Herbert Smith, Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as transport officer. He successfully rationed and supplied four companies in the line over a heavily shelled area with bad communications. He displayed a praiseworthy disregard of danger and marked ability, delivering all supplies without loss of personnel.

T./2nd Lt. Vernon Smith, S. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He had just been relieved with his platoon when the enemy made a strong counter-attack. He immediately ordered his platoon back to their posts, got his Lewis guns into position, and beat off four determined attacks, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. His resource and courage saved the outpost line from being outflanked.

T./2nd Lt. William Frederick Smith, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack. In spite of his platoon being very badly exposed to the enemy, he reached the objective and captured 120 prisoners. He held his position for twenty-four hours with the enemy on his flank and rear, and finally played a large part in ejecting them from the position. He was wounded early in the operation, but remained until the battalion was relieved.

Capt. William Smithson, W. R.d. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Of his own initiative he accompanied the leading platoon in an attack, in order to be better able to send back information, remaining with them for three hours in the front line. His valuable and accurate reports very greatly assisted the success of the operation, and he set a splendid example of coolness and disregard of danger to all about him.