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Lt. Robert Gordon Simpson, 10th Bn., R. Scots (T.F.), attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led a party and cleared the enemy out of a position containing fifty of them and two howitzers, thus enabling troops to advance on the flanks and materially assisting in the success of the operations. He displayed great coolness throughout.

T./2nd Lt. William Johnson Simpson, 10th Bn., W. Rid. R. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. It was largely due to his splendid leadership, when the company was in a critical position through heavy enfilade fire from its right flank, that many prisoners were taken and the company extricated from a most difficult position without serious losses.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Sinclair, M.M., 9th Bn., W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Seeing that the enemy flank was being threatened by another unit, he and another officer led the company in a frontal attack against the enemy position, capturing over 100 prisoners and several machine guns. He then led another attack and established a forward position. His boldness and initiative were most marked, and on several occasions he has done fine work.

2nd Lt. Louis Petrie Skinner, G. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 4th Bn., Gds. M.G. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. When the right flank was exposed he quickly grasped the situation and moved up his guns. By skilful handling he assisted the withdrawal of an infantry company. He co-ordinated the work of six machine guns in addition to his own four and held on to an exposed position for twenty-four hours, in spite of heavy fire from gas and high-explosive shells.

Lt. Francis Hugh Slingsby, S. Staff. R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. He lent his company commander the greatest assistance, and by skilful handling of his platoon Lewis guns he prevented the withdrawal of an enemy battery, besides causing considerable casualties to men and horses. His fearlessness and devotion to duty were most marked.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Henry Smeddle, 15th Bn., Tank Corps.

He commanded a section of Tanks with great courage and ability, leading them on foot in face of heavy machine-gun fire to ensure their keeping the right direction in a heavy mist. Having seen the infantry reach their objectives, he advanced further on and silenced many machine guns and took a number of prisoners. Throughout the operations he displayed complete disregard for his own safety and showed a fine example.

T./2nd Lt. Stanley Smiles, Lab. Co., attd. 13th Bn., R. Innis. Fus.

For gallant and excellent leadership in organising and attacking successfully machine guns and strong points. He had taken command of his company after the commander and two other officers had become casualties. He set a fine example throughout.

Lt. Albert Gordon Smith, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 17th Bty., 41st Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery was being very heavily shelled while firing an S.O.S. he exposed himself freely, showing a fine example to the detachment. Afterwards he went through a very heavy enemy barrage to reconnoitre a new position for the battery.

T./2nd Lt. Edmund Aldwyn Smith, 12th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Owing to a daring reconnaissance by this officer all Tanks of his company reached their starting point in good time. Later, he led his Tank under heavy fire, through successive rows of barbed wire, up to the enemy lines and cleared some ten hutments of the enemy. His fine performance greatly assisted the advance of the infantry.

Lt. Geoffrey Hubert Smith, C. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in an attack through an impenetrable fog. On reaching the objective his company commander was killed. He at once took charge and reorganised the company, which at the time was being heavily bombarded. Later, he captured the final objective, and although his right flank was in the air, he so disposed his command as to give very good security.

T./2nd Lt. George Henderson Smith, No. 1 Gun Carrier Coy., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a fire was caused by enemy shelling among seventeen gun carrier Tanks he showed great boldness and skill in organising their withdrawal from the blaze, and moved two from the heart of the fire, enabling others to be saved. The Tanks were loaded with explosives for the infantry.

Capt. George Stanley Smith, 5th Bn., Scot. Rif., T.F., attd. 1/7th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. As forward observation officer to his brigade he maintained his forward position for nine hours under very heavy shell fire and rendered valuable reports by pigeon to his brigade. Later, he carried out a dangerous reconnaissance under heavy fire and returned with most valuable information.

T./Lt. Herbert Allen Smith, 2nd Bn., O. & B. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. With only three men he entered a village, and, encountering a party of the enemy with a machine gun, shot one and took the rest prisoners. He then pushed on through the village with a few men of another battalion.