

and captured three more machine guns and their crews, together with twenty other prisoners. Later, he established himself on the far side of the village with a captured machine gun and fired on the retreating enemy. He did splendid work.

T./2nd Lt. John Owen Smith, 2nd Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in taking out several patrols, in face of very determined opposition, to find a way across the river. He reconnoitred the approaches, and his effort made it possible for his company to storm and occupy the enemy post covering the crossing, thereby enabling the whole battalion to cross the river and attack.

Capt. John Everitt Smitham, 8th Bn., Liverpool R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during two days' fighting. He skilfully carried out a difficult relief in close proximity to the enemy. Later, he led his men in an attack with great ability, and his coolness under fire was an inspiration to all ranks.

2nd Lt. Henry John Snashall, 1st Bn., Bedfordshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion and determination in an attack. Though severely wounded in the arm, he continued to lead his men until he had almost reached his objective, when he was again wounded. He set a splendid example to his men by his courage and good leadership.

Lt. Jocelyn Norbury Solly, S. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. When an attack on a village was held up by machine-gun fire, owing to the failure of the Tanks to reach their objective, he rushed one machine gun with a small party and killed all the team in a hand-to-hand fight. By skilful use of the ground, he worked round the flank and captured another gun, with the result that the company was able to advance. The collapse of the enemy's resistance was due to his determination and resource.

2nd Lt. Henry Munro Somerville, 9th Bn., R. Scots., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his platoon with great dash and ability and destroyed several machine-gun nests which were holding up the attack. His example of courage and determination contributed largely to the success of the operations.

2nd Lt. Stanley Victor Sparey, R. Fus., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. Observing that the unit on his right was held up by an enemy strong point he manoeuvred his platoon to their assistance, and in conjunction with the unit rushed it in face of heavy fire, thus enabling the whole of the line on his right to go forward. Throughout the operations he displayed marked courage and leadership.

Capt. Gilbert Chisholm Dreyer Spence, 2nd Bn., H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership while commanding the support company in an attack. Seeing the two leading companies held up by machine-gun fire, he made use of the ground in such a skilful manner that he was able to lead his company through them and establish himself on high ground that was of vital importance to the rest of the brigade.

2nd Lt. Peter McDonald Spence, R.F.A., S.R., attd. 463rd Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward with the infantry in an advance, and on two occasions carried out reconnaissances under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, sending back valuable information. He showed great coolness throughout the operations.

2nd Lt. Philip Roy Spencer Spettigue, 1/5th Bn., Lond. R.

When his company commander was wounded, just before the attack commenced, he took command and led the company with great skill throughout the advance to their objective. He was wounded as he brought the company out of the line on being relieved. He set a splendid example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Joseph Hill Spicer, 11th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during a raid on the enemy trenches. He led his company in the darkness through considerable fire straight to his objective, and thus contributed largely to the success of the operation and the capture and killing of many of the enemy. His pluck and determination inspired his men with confidence.

2nd Lt. Alexander Squires, 1st Bn., Cheshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his platoon with great ability throughout an attack. When a withdrawal became necessary, owing to the position being outflanked, he secured the safety of the right flank of the battalion by the boldness and skill with which he pushed forward his Lewis guns, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. He set a splendid example to his men.

T./Lt. Arnold Crissey Staite, 12th Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his company with marked skill and courage, and when the advance was held up he led them forward and completed the enemy demoralisation. Throughout he rendered valuable service.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Stanton, attd. 7th Bn., Royal Irish Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He led his company with great determination under heavy fire and captured his objective. He set a splendid example of courage and coolness to all ranks.