

personal reconnaissance, returning through heavy fire to lead his team and ammunition party direct to their objective, thereby causing a defence to be instantly established. His coolness and initiative were the direct cause of his team reaching their objective without casualties.

323250 Sjt. F. Roberts, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great gallantry and skill in carrying out a difficult task during an attack, clearing out buildings and advancing into a wood, in which he killed and captured large numbers of the enemy. He established communication with the battalion on his right, and consolidated his position.

58979 Sjt. H. Roberts, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When cut off from his battalion by an enemy counter-attack he collected a few men and successfully withdrew them across a river, and again forded the river to rejoin his battalion.

2761 Cpl. J. Robertson, M.M.G. Serv.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in working his gun with great skill and coolness in front of our advanced position. Although wounded, he refused to hand over the gun, and remained at his post, putting in an accurate fire at a very short range.

15289 Sjt. (A./S./S.) H. R. M. Rodman, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected wounded in the open and organised his stretcher-bearers all day and night under heavy fire.

571875 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) R. D. Rolfe, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assembled a raiding party consisting of fifteen men in front of the enemy wire with great ability, and entered the enemy's lines at the head of his men, displaying courage and skill, which contributed largely to the success of the operation.

275173 C.S.M. F. J. Rolph, Essex Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great fearlessness and sound judgment in selecting positions for his men when under fire, and behaved very finely throughout.

240467 Cpl. W. Ross, K.O. Sco. Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led a bombing party with great gallantry, and was largely responsible for the success of the raid.

122446 Cpl. (now Sjt.) H. Rowland, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Towards the end of a very heavy gas shell bombardment, when the gun teams were exhausted, he searched for and organised fresh teams to take their places. By his courage and fine leadership he enabled the guns to fire without a stop from zero onwards.

522316 C.S.M. W. Rust, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He set an admirable example of coolness under fire at a time when it was much needed, many of his men not having been under fire before.

50146 Pte. F. W. Sherwood, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in swimming out to sea with a comrade under heavy rifle fire to assist an airman whose machine had fallen into the sea three hundred yards from the shore.

370390 Sjt. W. Simpson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness and resource in reorganising his company after the company serjeant-major had become a casualty, and set a fine example to the men under heavy fire. He also engaged several of the enemy single-handed, shot two and captured five.

50243 Pte. (A./L.-Cpl.) F. Smales, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in swimming out to sea with a comrade under heavy rifle fire to assist an airman whose machine had fallen into the sea three hundred yards from the shore.

9134 Sjt. A. J. Smith, Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a carrying party he saw the attacking party was held up. He dumped his material, and led his men up to reinforce. He dug in in front of the enemy strong post, and held on until ordered to withdraw. He showed great courage and coolness throughout.

14524 Sjt. F. Smith, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a wiring party attached to an assaulting battalion, he organised his men to repel several counter-attacks under heavy fire, and succeeded in reforming elements of the assaulting battalion when all officers had become casualties. He set a splendid example throughout.

6083 Pte. J. Smith, W. India R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded, he continued to fight his machine gun with great skill for three hours. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

201699 Sjt. A. Sudron, K.O. Sco. Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He set a splendid example to his men, and was largely responsible for the success of the raid.

30344 Pte. J. Swash, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack, although nearly blinded with tear gas, he led his men most gallantly, cheering them on and rallying them at the final position. His party cap-