

platoon, who were at work in a trench. He steadied and collected his men, going up and down the trench for the purpose, and showing utter disregard of his own safety whilst doing so. He then led them from the shelled area, afterwards taking them back to their work and completing it with success before daylight. Throughout the operations he has displayed coolness and untiring energy when employed on similar work.

T./Capt. Harry Valentine Shortman, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company into the enemy's front line. Throughout the operations he showed the greatest coolness and determination, afterwards leading his company to the final assault; he then dug himself in and held the position until relieved several hours later, inflicting great loss on the enemy.

T./Lt. Alexander Simms, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out surveys under continuous shell fire. By his disregard of danger he was able to furnish our guns with important data to enable them to keep up an accurate fire as they advanced. The use of delicate instruments under such conditions demands no ordinary nerve and steadiness.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) William Leonard Simpson, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company with the greatest skill and daring, and on reaching the objective moved up and down the captured trench in the open, regardless of snipers. He afterwards withstood no less than four counter-attacks, on one occasion holding his own with fourteen men, although almost completely surrounded. His gallantry so encouraged his men throughout the five days during which he held the advanced line that it was possible to maintain a difficult position which enabled the troops on his left to re-establish posts which they had abandoned.

2nd Lt. Cecil Leonard Ewart Smith, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He fought his mortars with the greatest skill for six days under continual fire, affording valuable assistance to our infantry and setting a splendid example to his men throughout a trying period.

Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, A. Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in accompanying a party of volunteers to get in some wounded men that had been lying out some days. He attached himself to the party that had the most dangerous task and greatly encouraged them by his personal example and fearlessness under heavy fire. He was the first to go out and the last to return, setting a splendid example of devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Isaac Wallis Smith, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally reconnoitred the site for an important strong point in a very

advanced position, afterwards constructing the strong point and completing the work with his section, although under extremely heavy shell fire for sixty hours without relief. The successful completion of the work was due to his splendid example under very trying conditions

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Kenneth Jackson Snowden, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the capture of a position he quickly established a good observation post and fought his battery with great skill and judgment, sending back valuable information to his Brigade Commander and responding to all calls made upon him.

T./Capt. Charles Frampton Stallard, R.W. Kent R. (frmlly. Gen'l List).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. By his great coolness and splendid example in the face of hostile machine-gun fire he enabled his company to take all their objectives, himself leading the whole way.

2nd Lt. Ronald Hastings Stentiford, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his sub-section forward under heavy fire with great initiative and determination, and by his supporting fire at point blank range enabled the storming party to get forward. Later in the attack he covered the retirement with great skill, successfully accounting for fifty of the enemy, who were approaching over the open. He did not withdraw his guns until the last possible moment.

Capt. Charles Francis Linnæus Stevens, Indian Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in successfully commanding and leading his squadron in a raid on enemy trenches. The task was thoroughly carried out and every one of the enemy accounted for.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Arthur Street, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking ammunition to a forward position. He made repeated journeys through heavy gas shell barrage, and by his coolness and determination enabled all the ammunition to be delivered at the position. He also showed great pluck in rescuing wounded men of a working party that had been scattered by heavy shell fire.

2nd Lt. Hewson Street, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment he pushed forward to the advanced line of the attack and readjusted the direction, which had been lost by the leading company. He then crossed to the left flank and assisted in capturing a strong point which was held by two enemy machine guns, sending back constant and clear reports to his headquarters, and showing great coolness and gallantry under fire.

T./Lt. William Martineau Streiff, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when consolidating captured ground