

gard of danger, he rallied the bombers who were being driven back.

204093 Sjt. R. Simmonds, Hamps. R. (frmly. 6226).

For conspicuous gallantry at the forcing of the passage of the river. As cox of one of the boats he displayed great coolness under heavy fire.

7700 Pte. A. Simmons, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry throughout several actions. He attended and carried back wounded under heavy fire until he himself was eventually wounded.

58941 A./Sjt. W. N. Smart, R.E.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the operations. He has frequently laid cables and obtained communication under the heaviest fire. On one occasion he laid a line to a forward picquet, and when all the officers were casualties he directed the artillery fire with great ability.

7866 L./Cpl. C. H. Smith, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness under fire. At the forcing of the passage of the river he showed great coolness and complete disregard of danger as one of the leading bombers. His example was inspiring to all.

31704 C./S./M. F. G. Spencer, N. Lan. R.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He has displayed great coolness and has set a fine example in action. On one occasion he greatly assisted the marooned garrison on the other side of the river by his skilful fire from the left bank.

13039 Cpl. (A./R./S./M.) M. A. Sprinks, R.E.

For gallant and distinguished service throughout the operations, notably on one occasion, when he brought up stores to his company under very heavy fire.

200269 Sjt. R. J. Stark, Devon. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought up ammunition under heavy fire, and himself organised the defence of the captured trench with great ability when all his officers were casualties.

2901 L./Cpl. J. Stevens, Hrs.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When all the N.C.O.'s in his troop had become casualties he took charge, and handled the troop in action with great skill. On another occasion he was conspicuous for the ability and daring with which he used his Hotchkiss gun.

1563 L./Cpl. W. J. Stewart, Dns. (attd. R.E.).

For gallantry under fire and untiring devotion to duty under very trying conditions at all times. He carried out his duties most energetically and efficiently, and set a splendid example.

97587 Sjt. E. Stone, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He controlled a section under heavy fire, in addition to his duties as No. 1. When

a complete detachment was disabled he served the gun and kept up a regular rate of fire.

240072 Sjt. G. A. Swinyard, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. On his officer being hit he assumed command, dug his party in, removed the wounded to cover, and acted in a most gallant manner till ordered to withdraw at night.

19378 C./S./M. S. J. Sydenham, Welsh R.

For gallant and distinguished service. He has behaved with great coolness under all conditions, and has inspired his men with confidence. On one occasion he behaved most gallantly, under heavy fire, in bringing up pontoons to the bank of the river.

42740 Gnr. H. Theaker, R.F.A.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. He twice mended the telephone wire under heavy fire. By this means communication was maintained and all messages, both for the R.A. and for the infantry, whose line was not working, were punctually delivered.

13732 Cpl. G. Thomas, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took command when all his officers had become casualties, and in a fearless manner beat off an enemy counter-attack, setting a very fine example.

7678 Pte. S. Thurston, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At the forcing of the passage of the river he was conspicuous for the work he did under heavy fire, and for the manner in which he volunteered to replace exhausted men.

62173 Gnr. G. H. Towler, R.F.A.

For marked gallantry and coolness under heavy fire, when, with a F.O.O., he repeatedly went out and mended the telephone wire, and so kept up communication.

9809 Sjt. C. S. Townshend, Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon with great dash, and consolidated the ground won. He displayed great personal courage and set a fine example.

4th Class Asst. Surg. A. R. Underwood, I.S.M.D.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he moved forward to the newly captured trenches under heavy fire, and dressed many wounded, his action being of the greatest value.

27149 Cpl. E. J. Vanner, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Early in the day he was wounded in three places by the explosion of a shell which burst within a few feet of him. In spite of this, and though exposed to continuous fire, he remained in command of his gun throughout, displaying a fine example of coolness and courage to the men of his detachment.

10599 Sjt. J. Vesty, R. Lanc. R.

For consistent and distinguished service as signalling serjeant of the battalion. He has shown an utter disregard of danger in running out lines under heavy fire and in repairing them.