

from high altitudes, and attacking them with great determination and success at close range. His vigilance, combined with his fine offensive spirit, have many times proved invaluable in frustrating hostile reconnaissances and driving their machines down out of control.

T./Capt. John Edward Scott, R. Muns. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding the two leading companies of an attack upon a village. He led them with the utmost courage and disregard of danger, and, during a subsequent heavy bombardment of the village, he saved many lives by his skilful handling and presence of mind. He also personally led a patrol with very great daring, and obtained valuable information.

2nd Lt. Marmaduke Marshall Shaw, Notts. & Derby. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding reinforcements for our front line. He sent back those who had had very severe fighting, and then held on until ordered by Divisional Headquarters to withdraw. He had little or no sleep for two nights and three days. He showed splendid fearlessness whilst holding the trenches, and great skill and energy in consolidating his position.

2nd Lt. John Harold Shooter, York & Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out a daylight patrol to clear up an obscure situation. Accompanied by a private, he showed most exceptional skill and daring in proceeding over unknown and difficult ground in order to ascertain the enemy's forward positions. They returned with very valuable information, having attacked an enemy post and dispersed its garrison, one of whom was shot by the private. Their courage and intelligence proved of the greatest assistance in locating the enemy.

2nd Lt. Alfred Greswold Short, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on enemy trenches. He led his platoon with splendid initiative and courage through a heavy trench mortar barrage, and, although slightly wounded, continued to conduct operations, himself capturing one prisoner. His fine leadership is worthy of the highest praise.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Maurice Muir Simpson, High. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He led his company with splendid dash and determination, in spite of stubborn opposition, into the trench behind the enemy's front line, and it was due to his fine leadership that this opposition was overcome, one prisoner taken, and twenty-two of the enemy killed.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Vivian Sumner Simpson, Y. & L. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during and after an attack upon enemy trenches. He was the first to reach the trench, and to be engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the enemy. Later, he displayed the greatest ability and energy in organising his company for the work of protection and consolidation. His work has been consistently excellent on previous occasions.

2nd Lt. Percival Denis Sisley, Beds. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his platoon was held up by superior numbers he showed both fine leadership and control, which resulted in heavy losses being inflicted on the enemy and his objectives being quickly gained and consolidated. His battle discipline was of an exceptionally high order.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Douglas Smart, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as pilot to another officer. They faced a violent thunderstorm, accompanied by a gale of wind and blinding rain, which had compelled all other machines to return to their aerodromes or to make forced landings, in order to locate the position of our infantry in the front line. This they successfully did, having spent 1½ hours in the air under fearful conditions, and returned with an accurate and valuable report to Headquarters.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Newbald Smith, S. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing up rations and water to his battalion under heavy barrage fire. He went forward alone over a fire-swept area and reported at Headquarters, and it was through his determined and admirable control of men and animals under fire and over-unknown country that the urgently needed rations were received. He repeated this act of gallantry on the following night.

2nd Lt. Sydney Archbold Smith, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying out 500 yards of trench within 150 yards of the enemy defences, at great personal risk, whilst exposed to heavy and continuous machine-gun fire. Two nights later he led out a working party under heavy fire, dug the trench successfully, and brought his men back without a casualty. He has repeatedly shown a splendid example of coolness and utter disregard of danger when under fire.

T./Capt. William Somers, R. Ir. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his company. He engaged in personal combat with the enemy when mopping up the front line trenches. His company captured over 100 prisoners, and accounted for many others, as well as two machine guns and two trench mortars.