

duty during a hostile attack on our trenches. Anticipating an attack, he trained trench mortars on that part of the line which he considered most dangerous, and himself kept watch throughout the night. By his foresight and sound judgment the enemy attack was subsequently repulsed with heavy losses, and important identifications were obtained.

2nd Lt. Richard Shrive, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When under heavy shell fire with his battery he entered a burning building and removed a number of cartridges which were on the point of being exploded by the burning débris. By this prompt and gallant action he undoubtedly saved much material as well as considerable damage to the guns.

2nd Lt. Robert Ferdinand Sievers, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully led an ammunition carrying party through several barrages of gas and high explosive to a point where the ammunition was urgently required, and although he and all his men were affected by the gas soon after starting, he carried on with splendid pluck and determination until all the ammunition had been delivered.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas George Sillem, Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in taking up a battalion pack convoy with rations and ammunition for six consecutive days under very heavy hostile fire and in very bad weather. His organisation of the transport under exceptionally trying conditions was admirable.

Lt. Mansfield Sired, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking guns into action to a forward position. When the enemy had put down a heavy barrage, thereby preventing the advance of his convoy, he made a daring personal reconnaissance, accompanied by a battery serjeant-major, to ascertain the best means of progress, and, after three attempts, he eventually got through, with only one driver and two horses killed. It was due to his gallantry and discretion that the guns were got into action without serious loss.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Ralph Skelton, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying circumstances. Whilst his battery was going into action he personally laid out the lines of fire with the greatest accuracy and disregard of personal danger, although subjected the whole time to heavy shell fire. It was owing to his cool and gallant conduct that the guns were got into action in a forward and exposed position, without cover of any kind.

T./Lt. Harold Newnham Penrose Sloman, Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When commanding one of the assaulting companies he was wounded by a shell half an hour before the attack. He led his company in the attack, however, until he fainted from loss of blood, setting a splen-

did example to all ranks by his great pluck and determination.

Lt. Arthur Glanville Smith, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of tramway lines. He displayed great ability in organising and controlling the traffic, which was very heavy, and the only means by which infantry, artillery and the Royal Engineers could convey their requirements up to the front line. Although twice wounded, he remained on duty and personally superintended the despatch of trucks, showing great gallantry under frequent shell fire, during which the line itself was damaged. By his personal example the tracks were invariably quickly repaired, and no trucks failed to reach their destination.

T./Capt. Alexander Hugh Dickson Smith, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a heavy hostile bombardment of a battery position a gunner was severely wounded and buried by a shell. Captain Smith came over from the next battery position, and with the assistance of a gunner helped to extricate the wounded man and dress him where he lay. The enemy's fire continued throughout, one shell falling a few yards away and wounding the gunner. In spite of this, however, the dressing was completed and the wounded man safely removed.

2nd Lt. Charles Kingsford Smith, R.F.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has himself brought down four machines during his first month at the front, and has done most valuable work in attacking ground targets and hostile balloons. Of the latter he forced at least nine to be hauled down by his persistent attacks, during which he was repeatedly attacked himself by large hostile formations, and his efforts undoubtedly stopped all hostile balloon observation during a critical period. His efforts and fine offensive spirit and disregard of danger have set a very fine example.

T./2nd Lt. Edwin Smith, attd. Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander had become a casualty he led his company forward with the greatest gallantry, organising and personally leading bombing parties to account for snipers, who were firing upon his men from concealed dug-outs. Later he successfully organised his company's defences and repelled two counter-attacks, in the course of which he personally accounted for many of the enemy.

T./Lt. Gordon Keith Smith, Gen. List R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When on long distance bombing raids during a period of four months he has consistently shown great dash and determination—on two occasions attacking aerodromes from low altitudes in spite of anti-aircraft fire, and bringing back valuable information.

2nd Lt. Herbert Alfred Smith, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

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