

duty when his battery came under very heavy shell fire. A detachment pit having been blown in, he organised a rescue party, and by his own personal energy and resource saved one of the occupants from being buried alive. Two days later, he again displayed great courage in helping a badly wounded N.C.O. to an aid post under heavy fire.

T./Capt. James Anstruther Smith, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance he worked with unflinching energy, collecting and dressing wounded under heavy fire in the open. By his great personal courage and devotion to duty he cheered all ranks and undoubtedly saved many lives.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Sydney Smith, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He brought his battery into action under heavy shell fire, and although suffering heavily in personnel, horses and equipment, and up to his axles in mud, he reached his position and opened fire at the appointed time. He went forward very gallantly twice through hostile fire, and by his fearless personal observation throughout a long day under shell fire very materially assisted the artillery dispositions of the day.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Victor Rowland Fox Smith, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in spite of being under heavy shell fire whilst observing for his battery from the parapet of the front line trench. He kept up such an accurate fire on the enemy that he not only succeeded in covering the retirement of patrols, but also inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy with his trench mortar.

T./2nd Lt. Basil Wadham Smyth-Pigott, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a post. After a heavy bombardment the enemy blew up the post, and then attacked with about 100 men. Owing to 2nd Lt. Smyth-Pigott's splendid courage and leadership, however, they did not succeed in capturing the position, and he subsequently led a bombing party back to the wrecked post, and consolidated it in the face of the hostile attack. He set a very fine example of coolness and gallantry throughout a very critical situation.

T./2nd Lt. Stanley George Sole, Linc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his other officers had been wounded, he led his company, under very heavy fire from three machine guns, to a commanding position, from which he kept an enemy battery under Lewis gun and rifle fire. His personal example and fine offensive spirit not only enabled his company to repel three counter-attacks, but also to make three attempts to capture the enemy machine guns which were holding up his battalion.

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Buckle Solly, Lan. Fus., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He, with three men, got a Stokes mortar into action against a strong point that was temporarily holding up the attack

of an infantry battalion, with the result that the whole garrison were killed or taken prisoners. His initiative in handling his gun very largely contributed to the success of the attack, during which six enemy guns were taken. This officer was severely wounded later.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) David Sorley, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a critical moment, when a general retirement was threatened owing to our barrage being short, he steadied his own men who were in support and marched them forward to cover, by his coolness and personal example preventing a general retirement.

Capt. Robert William Bell Sparkes, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had captured and consolidated all their objectives, he was called upon to reinforce the advanced line. At the time the position which he held was being very heavily shelled and the ground over which he had to pass was being swept by machine gun fire; but in spite of this he got his men together, and by his magnificent example of leadership and utter disregard for danger he carried out the operation successfully.

T./2nd Lt. Henry James Sparks, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he took command, and by his coolness and contempt for danger inspired confidence in the men left in his charge, holding the front line for forty-eight hours at a most critical time under terribly severe weather conditions. His capable handling and personal gallantry set a wonderful example to the men of his company.

Capt. Herbert Mather Spoor, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under an intense hostile bombardment he dashed out of a cellar, where he was sheltering, and ran across the open to attend to two men who had been wounded in a dug-out. After attending to them, he noticed that the house he had just left was hit, whereupon he ran back again through heavy shell fire to see if his services were required. He displayed splendid gallantry and total disregard of his personal safety.

Lt. John Spottiswoode, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under very heavy fire he, assisted by an N.C.O. and a sapper, undertook and successfully carried out work of removing demolition charges from a bridge, although he and the sapper were blown into the water by a shell before the work was done. On the following day he, with half a section of sappers, bridged a wide gap under a tremendous hostile barrage, displaying a coolness and disregard of personal safety under fire which helped to keep communication open at a very critical time.

T./Capt. Robert Owen Squarey, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in personally conducting some guns over a light railway to a forward position under an intense hostile bombardment. It was