

holding up the advance. They immediately rushed the position, captured the gun, and put the team out of action. His quick grasp of the situation and courageous action enabled the advance to continue.

325574 Pte. F. S. Smith, Yeo. (Bewdley, Worcs).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has invariably displayed the greatest gallantry in action, persistently seeking opportunities to gain forward positions, from which to harass and snipe the enemy, and his efforts have met with considerable success. He has also displayed great courage and devotion as a stretcher bearer in carrying away wounded men under heavy fire.

18511 Sjt. H. W. Smith, R.W. Kent R. (Lenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he bayoneted four of the enemy in succession, and when all the other N.C.O's. in his company had become casualties he superintended the consolidation of the captured objective. By his fine personal example he kept his men working and cheerful under heavy shelling and pouring rain.

42806 Cpl. R. G. Smith, Midd'x R. (Dunstable).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised the capture of a hostile strong point with some forty prisoners. When held up in the advance by heavy machine-gun fire he at once formed a defensive flank, and so enabled the unit on his left to advance. He showed great courage and determination throughout.

266230 Sjt. S. Smith, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (Aston Abbots, Bucks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When all the officers of his company were casualties he led the second wave forward until left with a party of only 15 men. He was surrounded by about 70 of the enemy, but rushing forward with a Lewis gun he scattered the enemy and continued the advance. He showed great gallantry and resource on this and many other occasions.

22258 C.S.M. T. A. Smith, L'pool R. (Southport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When all his officers had become casualties except the company commander, he was of the greatest assistance to the latter in going from one part of the line to another and re-organising the platoons under very heavy shell and machine gun fire. During the whole operation he displayed tireless energy and courage, which inspired the men with confidence.

240038 C.S.M. V. G. Smith, Glouc. R. (Gloucester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all the officers were wounded and the company came under very heavy fire he took charge, moved the company forward, and took up a defensive position in front of a captured farm.

He sent in valuable reports, and showed great courage and initiative throughout.

3116 Sjt. W. E. Smith, R.F.C. (Barnes Park, London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out artillery observation at very low altitudes and during unfavourable weather conditions. As a consequence of his daring, he was subjected to continual heavy rifle and machine gun fire, which on one occasion seriously damaged his machine, but he has at all times shown great perseverance and gallantry, and been most successful in carrying out observation for the artillery with whom he was co-operating. He has twice been brought down by anti-aircraft fire as a consequence of his low flying, but has each time successfully landed on our side of the line.

48027 Pnr. W. T. Smith, R.E., attd. R.F.C. (Kensal Rise, N.W.).

Conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst acting as aerial gunner to an officer. Having shot down an enemy machine, his own pilot was wounded, and fell forward insensible on to the control lever. Pioneer Smith then climbed forward along the plane, pulled the pilot off the lever and got the machine under control. The officer then partially recovered, whereupon he remained standing on the side of the fuselage shouting words of encouragement to him, and the machine was eventually landed without much damage, entirely owing to his exceptionally gallant and prompt action.

11660 Pte. J. A. Smithson, York. L.I. (Dewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the enemy counter-attacked, using flammenwerfers. He went out in front of the trench with his Lewis gun, on his own initiative, killing the flammenwerfer-bearers and materially assisting to beat off the attack. Again, on the same day, though he had been wounded during the enemy's counter-attack, he pushed forward and kept up a steady and accurate fire on the enemy machine guns and enabled our counter-attack to push forward. He accomplished this in spite of his leg being broken, showing magnificent courage and devotion to duty.

13864 C.Q.M.S. A. E. Sparrow, Bedf. R. (St. Albans).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in delivering rations to his company under very heavy shell fire. The enemy's barrage rendered it impossible for ration parties to proceed to the rendezvous for the company's food. He personally unloaded the rations and passed the pack animals back into safety. Owing to the state of the ground he became practically exhausted, but stuck to his work and finally succeeded in handing over the rations to his company in the support line.

275348 Sjt. S. Spencer, Essex R. (Southend).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of an advanced post. When attacked at night by a strong patrol of the enemy, he held out gallantly until forced to withdraw. He then ordered his