

wounded, he continued to lead and encourage his men, and it was largely owing to his gallantry and initiative that the operations were successful. He showed great energy, contempt of danger, and powers of leadership.

200012 C.S.M. W. Smith, Gord. Highrs. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy counter-attacked, he organised the defence and himself fired some of the guns in a derelict tank, crushing the attack and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

23618 Cpl. F. Smyth, Innis Fus. (Portoferry).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying his men at a critical moment when they were falling back and leading them forward again.

18/1328 Pte. R. Smyth, R. Ir. Rif. (Ballymena).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher-bearer, carrying stretchers long distances under fire until he was severely wounded. Even then he insisted on bandaging other wounded before himself receiving attention.

34881 Pte. J. Sparks, York & Lanc. R. (Gateshead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as runner during an action. He was continuously taking messages and guiding parties under heavy shell fire by day and night, and rendered the greatest assistance to his commanding officer. He did magnificent work on this and many other occasions.

8167 Pte. S. H. Stamp, R. Berk. R. (East Twickenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a party of men were imprisoned in a mine, he went down with a medical officer, at great risk from gas, in an attempt to rescue them. He remained at duty throughout the night though seriously affected by gas. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

300788 L./Sjt. T. W. Stapely, Lond. R. (Deptford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When all senior N.C.O.'s became casualties he showed great initiative in leading forward two platoons from support under heavy shell fire to assist the leading troops. He showed splendid coolness and gallantry.

630095 A./Sjt. J. Stephen, R.F.A. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position was subjected to an intense bombardment he sent his men to take cover on a flank and himself remained alone on duty in the control post. All his wires were blown to pieces, but he re-established communication with the O.P. under most intense artillery fire. Though blown over by shells several times he went out after the shelling had abated and mended the wires for ten hours. He set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty.

65543 L./Cpl. (A./2nd/Cpl.) G. Stephens, R.E. (Southampton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was engaged with his section in the construction of a bridge which was urgently required for the maintenance of communication. He took charge of a party carrying the materials to the site, and succeeded in getting them there through two enemy barrages and so enabled the bridge to be completed. During the barrages he attended to the wounded men, and when the work was finished assisted in getting them away. His conduct was most gallant and praiseworthy.

265769 Pte. J. Stewart, Seaf. Highrs. (Lossiemouth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Accompanied by three others, he entered his platoon's objective before the barrage had lifted and cleared a large section of the trench with bombs. His fine action greatly assisted in the capture of the position and saved his platoon many casualties.

292246 Pte. R. Stewart, Gord. Highrs. (Ballater).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The advance was held up by an enemy post. This man with a corporal went forward and bombed the enemy out of their post. They captured three officers, seven men and three machine guns.

9150 A./Cpl. J. Stokes, R. Dub. Fus. (E. Drogheda).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the advance after all the officers had been killed or wounded. He got a Lewis gun in position and inflicted severe casualties on the enemy. He hung on till he had only three men left, and only retired at night when attacked by a strong bombing party.

36360 Sjt. S. C. Stokoe, R.F.A. (Castletown, near Sunderland).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery was being heavily shelled he went round to each gun and brought in the sights. Later, when some ammunition at the battery position caught fire, he went out at once and extinguished the fire and prevented an explosion. He showed the greatest coolness and courage on another occasion when the battery was very heavily shelled while in action, and set a splendid example to his men.

86154 Spr. J. Sullivan, R.E. (Merthyr Tydvil).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When eleven men were imprisoned in a mine he spent 80 hours underground in the most dangerous conditions attempting rescues. His courage and resource were a magnificent example to all.

282496 Pte. J. Taylor, Lond. R. (Holloway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under exceptionally trying and terrible circumstances. Having been cut off with his company he received a bullet in the thigh causing a compound fracture. To avoid capture he crawled into a shell hole, where