

2nd Lt. William Charles Skerrett, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the initial assault he kept his men close up to the barrage and took thereby several strong points. Finding that the supporting battalion could not reach the barrage in time, though he had gained his objective, he pressed forward and took further objectives, subsequently withdrawing his men. The success of the attack was due to his gallantry and leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Charles Thomas Smith, Machine Gun Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though his four machine guns were buried on three occasions, and he himself completely buried once, he succeeded in digging them out on each occasion, and with great courage kept them almost continuously in action.

2nd Lt. Frederick Alfred Smith, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company was held up by machine-gun and rifle fire he led forward a patrol which enabled the company to advance another 300 yards. During the advance to the front line he showed great skill in handling his platoon through two enemy barrages. He has set a fine example to his men on many occasions.

Capt. Frederic Battinson Smith, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked in a shell hole, attending to the wounded, throughout a very heavy bombardment. At night he frequently went out into No Man's Land with parties to bring in the wounded. He showed splendid courage and fearlessness.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) Frederic James Smith, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though twice rendered unconscious and once buried by shells, he persisted in remaining on duty till the operations were ended.

T./Capt. Lewis Charles Reginald Smith, R.W. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a raiding party. On completion of the task he personally superintended the withdrawal, which was carried out in good order. He showed considerable powers of leadership.

Lt. Leslie Craig Smith, C. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. When in command of his company he noticed a gap between two leading companies, and reinforced on his own initiative, joining up the separated companies. Later, he personally supervised the consolidation of the position under heavy fire. He set a fine example of courage.

2nd Lt. (A./Maj.) William Revell Smith, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining the fire of his battery under heavy enemy shell fire from 12 till 5.30 a.m. When a light railway train

bringing ammunition was derailed in a conspicuous position, and could not be moved, and a sergeant and two men were killed while off loading the ammunition he contrived to have it well camouflaged before daybreak, and so saved the train and its contents.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Frederick Sowrey, D.S.O., R. Fus. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in shooting down in less than two months two Albatross scouts and a Rumpler two-seater and a Fokker scout, and in two engagements flying very low and engaging and scattering hostile infantry.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) William Mackay Sparke, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He most gallantly remained alone at a distance of thirty yards from an enemy machine gun, firing at the gunners whenever opportunity occurred. He remained in this position, compelling the enemy gunners to keep their heads down until they were driven out by our own machine-gun fire. He has at all times displayed great gallantry, initiative, and fine leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Gilbert Caffin Spawforth, attl. K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some men of another unit were being forced back by the enemy he rallied and reorganised a party of thirty men and led them forward into action again.

Capt. Edward Ellis Spence, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as transport officer. He carried out his duties with great determination under most difficult conditions and heavy shell fire. On two occasions, when several of his animals became casualties, his coolness and example were the means of saving the convoy, and his conduct was at all times a splendid example to his men.

2nd Lt. Edward Masters Spicer, E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his platoon. He was largely instrumental in repelling counter-attacks, and retained control over his men under very trying circumstances.

T./Capt. Lancelot Dykes Spicer, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assembled the assaulting companies before the attack under very heavy shell fire. During the whole night and the following day he prepared reports and issued orders under heavy fire with the utmost clearness and ability. Later, under heavy machine-gun fire, he made a reconnaissance of the position and sent in most valuable information.

Lt. Harry Spilman, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When one of the battery dug-outs was hit by an enemy shell, accompanied by a non-commissioned officer he ran across with a stretcher to the dug-out and rescued one