

24175 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. H. Smith, R.E. (Peterborough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has shown marked ability and courage during more than three years' active service, laying and mending lines under heavy fire and supervising the section's work. His services have been most valuable.

55422 (Bdr.) L. E. Smith, R.G.A. (Haworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His courage and determination have been noticeable on many occasions during the recent operations, when he has kept his gun in action under heavy shell fire. His soldierly bearing and confidence have at all times had a most inspiring effect on his men, and he has afforded to all ranks a splendid example of devotion to duty.

62853 A./Cpl. R. Smith, R. Scots (Armadale).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did excellent work on many occasions, and especially after an attack, when he repeatedly searched No Man's Land under machine-gun and rifle fire, and brought in many wounded men. By his courage, zeal and initiative he undoubtedly saved many lives.

7529 C.S.M. W. Smith, Gor. Highrs. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the first success of the advance, though there was slight disorganisation, he rapidly organised and led a party which overcame an enemy strong point and captured the garrison. He led his company in action with splendid courage and determination. He has done consistent good work and set a magnificent example to his men.

137650 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Smith, R.E. (Newport, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party working at the recovery of a damaged mine gallery. Although affected by gas on several occasions, by his splendid courage and fine example he so stimulated the men as to ensure the speedy reclamation of the gallery.

7238 C.S.M. S. Sole, Leic. R. (Leicester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty since the commencement of the campaign. He has always displayed a courage and tenacity of a high order, and by his energy and absolute fearlessness, he has set a very fine example to all ranks.

62853 Sjt. J. V. Solari, N. and Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty since the commencement of the campaign. On one occasion he organised and led counter-attacks with great success. He has invariably done excellent work, and displayed marked courage and coolness at all times.

22394 Sjt. A. Speake, Welsh R. (Trealow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the operations he shewed

conspicuous gallantry and ability as a platoon serjeant and as acting company serjeant-major. On one occasion, when all his officers had become casualties, he took command of the company, and was of invaluable assistance to the new company commander.

305026 C.S.M. C. Spence, W. Yorks. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Cool and courageous under fire, he has set a valuable example to the men under him, and has at all times done his utmost to increase the efficiency and steadiness of his company.

240129 Cpl. C. Spivey, Yorks. R. (Pocklington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy raided our line under an intense barrage he volunteered to carry a message to battalion headquarters. Though wounded, he succeeded in delivering the message. He showed splendid courage and determination.

50321 Sjt. E. J. Spriggs, R.E. (Burnham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a section in several engagements. He always set a fine example of courage and devotion under the heaviest fire.

27379 B.S.M. H. F. Spratley, R.G.A. (Paddington, London).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the battery being heavily shelled he set a magnificent example of courage and devotion to duty. Although badly gassed himself, his unfailing cheerfulness and indefatigable energy encouraged the men, with the result that the battery was kept in action throughout the bombardment.

39270 B.S.M. A. Sprott, R.F.A. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At all times and under all circumstances he has performed most excellent work, and by his example of courage and coolness a high standard of discipline has been maintained in his battery.

53445 Bdr. (A./Cpl.) W. E. Stay, R.G.A. (Rugby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has shown great ability on all occasions in supervising the maintenance of the battery lines, frequently carrying out repairs fearlessly in face of very severe bombardments by high explosive and gas shells.

51021 Sjt. L. Stewart, R.F.A. (Stony Stratford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For over three years he has been acting as serjeant-major at the gun line. Throughout the operations, in which the battery has taken part, he has shown a complete indifference to danger, and by his courage and coolness has earned a high reputation among all ranks.

852 Gnr. D. B. Stirling, M.M. G. Corps (Ardgour, Wishaw).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during lengthy operations. His splen-