

2nd/Lt. Frederick William Scolah, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in putting out fires when the battery position was being heavily shelled and a quantity of cartridges had been blown up. He was badly burnt by exploding cartridges.

T./Capt. Charles Edward Scott, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in remaining at duty with his company though badly stunned and wounded by a bursting shell and scarcely able to move, and with both his subalterns out of action. He did valuable work supporting the attacking companies and keeping battalion headquarters informed of the course of events.

2nd/Lt. George Clarence Seers, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted during a relief lasting eighteen hours in getting the companies to their positions. Being detailed together with the adjutant to tape out the assembly line, when the adjutant and several guides were killed he carried out although wounded, and assisted in getting the battalion formed up on the assembly tapes. This occupied nine hours, the men being frequently waist-deep in mud and water.

2nd/Lt. Joseph Shires, York & Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in making a reconnaissance before attack and leading the companies into position. He accompanied the first wave, and when the attack was held up he went round the positions, crawling from shell-hole to shell-hole and reported to battalion headquarters how the companies were situated.

2nd Lt. Francis Scott Wilkinson Shute, N. Staff. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raiding party. He led the rush into the enemy trenches, dispersing the enemy post at that point. He then worked north as pre-arranged for seventy-five yards, but finding no one turned back and worked south, encountering four of the enemy, with whom he exchanged shots, killing the leader. It was largely due to his efforts that the party was trained in the short time available.

Capt. Arthur Silver, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company suffered heavy casualties from a line of the enemy who had escaped the barrage, he dashed forward and shot three with his revolver, thus enabling his company to go on. He was wounded while doing so, but continued to advance with his company until he became unconscious. His gallant conduct enabled his company to gain the final objective.

Lt. Philip Golding Simmons, G.G., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the leading wave in an advance. On seeing two enemy machine-guns trying to get into action he brought his Lewis guns to bear, and, getting away to a

flank, dashed in with two sections with rifle-bayonet and bomb before they could open fire. Some of the enemy retired at once and all the remainder were put out of action. It was due to his gallantry and skill that the advance was not checked. Both machine-guns were captured.

2nd Lt. Robert Sizeland, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the battery position was heavily shelled and a shelter blown in by a direct hit, he left his own cover and, taking some men with him, proceeded to rescue the men from the shelter. He rendered first-aid to the wounded, and saw to their removal under a heavy bombardment of gas and other shells.

T./Lt. Ralph Skevington, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out a successful machine-gun barrage under the most trying circumstances. The position was continually shelled throughout the time the barrage was fired, and its success was greatly due to the good example set by this officer. Later on in the day an S.O.S. call was successfully answered, although only two unwounded men remained to each gun. Throughout the whole operation he showed great coolness, and kept his men steady under the most adverse circumstances.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Arnold Edward Smith, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battery suffered considerable casualties from shelling, he went twice into the shelled area, dug out men who were buried, dressed their wounds, and assisted them to a place of safety.

Capt. Charles Nixon Smith, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of the collection of casualties from the whole of the divisional front during active operations. For seven days he worked unceasingly without adequate sleep or food, and it was largely owing to his personal influence that the exhausted bearers were able and anxious to remain at work for so long a time.

2nd Lt. John Edward Southon, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the occasion of a raid. He reconnoitred the enemy's wire and system of trenches prior to the raid, which he led himself, coolly directing the parties, and effecting their withdrawal after inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and securing prisoners.

Lt. Joseph Ladislas Sowinski, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward observation officer following the infantry in an attack. Although his leg was injured he remained with the front line, reconnoitring the front, and ascertained the difficulties and intentions of the attacking troops, and under a heavy barrage also visited the supporting troops. He was thus able to furnish most valuable information at a critical time.