

useful information, and his work was largely responsible for the success of a counter-attack launched by his battalion.

T./Lt. Roy Godfrey Bullen Spicer, Res. Cav.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the situation was obscure, he went with a liaison patrol. Passing through a heavy fire, he proceeded along the front, and informed the post commanders of the situation on their flanks, of which in most cases they were completely ignorant. He returned with accurate information of great value. Later, he was able to rally some badly shaken infantry, when his coolness and example encouraged them greatly.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard Joy Spilsbury, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a demolition party, orders to destroy the water tank and bridges had failed to reach him. Seeing the near approach of the enemy, he laid and connected up the charges and fired them on his own initiative. He effected these demolitions under a heavy fire, and set an excellent example of initiative and courage to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Spraggon, Middx. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon forward with great dash to the attack of an enemy machine gun, which was holding up the advance, and captured the gun. Afterwards, while the position was being consolidated, he walked up and down the line under heavy shell-fire, encouraging the men. He displayed a total disregard of danger.

T./Capt. Charles Edward Squire, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised a composite body of troops, and brought them up to the assistance of the front line, and then called for volunteers to go out with him and locate men left behind in an advanced post; and brought back what remained of them. Although wounded he held an exposed flank for two hours during the same afternoon.

T./Capt. Alfred Stabell, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For five days he worked unceasingly in command of a company of pioneers, fighting a rearguard action against great odds, and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He assisted in a counter-attack, and when the commanding officer became a casualty, he took over the battalion. He showed great courage, and his services were invaluable in a critical situation.

2nd Lt. Eric Henry Stanes, R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion he carried out at an altitude of between 500 and 700 feet, despite hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, a very comprehensive reconnaissance of railways, roads, dumps, and aerodromes behind the enemy's lines, obtaining information of

inestimable value. On a later occasion, while on a photographic reconnaissance, being attacked most persistently by hostile aircraft, he repeatedly drove off the enemy machines, and only returned to his aerodrome when he had obtained the photographs required. His courage and determination were of the highest quality, and the services which he has rendered of exceptional merit.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) George Nugent Stange, Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When the enemy succeeded in entering his trench, he led bombing parties and forced them back until blocks had been established. The enemy repeatedly rushed the blocks, but each time he drove them back, inflicting severe losses, and on one occasion captured a machine gun.

T./Lt. John Bryan Stapylton-Smith, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when entrusted with the demolition of twelve bridges. He waited under heavy shell and rifle fire until the enemy were actually about to cross, and then successfully demolished all the bridges.

2nd Lt. Arthur Edwin Stearn, N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When sent up to the front line to get information he ran into large parties of the enemy, owing to the heavy mist which prevailed, and came under close fire. Returning to Bn. H.Q. with the information gained, he next collected men of various units and held a communication trench, protecting the right flank of the division.

Lt. Eric St. George Stedall, R. Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when commanding two platoons in a front line. Owing to a strong enemy attack, his left flank was exposed. He promptly carried out the difficult manoeuvre of forming a defensive flank under heavy shell fire, regaining touch with troops on his left. By his splendid courage and cool leadership at a critical moment the line was restored and the enemy attack effectually checked.

2nd Lt. Hector Steele, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a detached section of howitzers. When he had expended all his ammunition he sent the detachment away with the dial sights, and sunk the breech blocks in a pond. He then joined a party of infantry, and, using a rifle, fought with them.

Capt. John Graeme Stephen, H.L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Intelligence Officer. When the company was held up, he carried out a very hazardous reconnaissance, and on his report action was taken. He then led a company to attack an enemy machine gun, and was largely responsible for its capture. Through-