

showed great courage and presence of mind in extinguishing a fire which had broken out in one of the wooden sheds, whilst the shelling still continued. In acting so promptly and fearlessly he undoubtedly saved many thousands of pounds worth of material.

S/43166 Pte. F. Smith, Sea. Highrs. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying reports. He passed through the enemy's annihilating barrage on four occasions. His fearless courage enabled his commanding officer to reinforce the line at the critical moment.

530969 Sjt. G. B. Smith, Lond. R. (Langley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout eight days' operations, especially one day in command of a platoon, which, though badly cut up, he skilfully controlled, under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire; and, before withdrawing, led a final counter-attack, being the last to retire, assisting in carrying a wounded man back for over a mile of exposed ground.

13323 Sjt. H. Smith, Worc. R. (Bewdley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When two successive patrols had been forced to evacuate a farm, he volunteered to go out and burn down the farm. He did this successfully under heavy fire, and thereby prevented the enemy from occupying a most important position.

5819 C.S.M. H. Smith, Linc. R. (Grimsby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when he set a magnificent example by his coolness and courage under heavy shell fire, and worked unceasingly in organising carrying parties, etc. This example made itself felt by all who worked under him.

27141 Sjt. J. Smith, R.G.A. (Hythe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, with all but two of his detachment casualties and his ammunition set on fire, he extinguished the fire and removed the wounded; then with the remaining men re-opened fire and remained at his gun for three days and nights without relief. His example had a noticeable influence on the whole of the battery.

18891 Cpl. J. G. Smith, M.G.C. (Ashford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action in charge of two guns. He remained in position till the infantry had retired, firing direct at the advancing enemy till most of his ammunition was expended and causing heavy casualties. He then retired and took up another position, using up the remainder of his ammunition on the advancing infantry at close range. He has been out four years, and has invariably set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

32511 Sjt. (A./C.S.M.) W. Smith, Glouc. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an obscure situation. He worked along a road towards a farm, where he helped an officer and a runner to capture thirty prisoners, who were in a cellar. Later, when the enemy bombardment set fire to a farm, the light from which would have revealed the movements of troops, he went forward with another man, under heavy shell fire, and extinguished it.

5/14855 Cpl. G. Smithey, S. Wales Bord. (Abersychan, Mon.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his platoon in a counter-attack. It was due to his tremendous efforts that the remainder of the company, on their flank being turned, were able to withdraw with slight losses. His leadership and example throughout were beyond all praise.

250762 Pte. (L./Cpl.) C. Snedden, R. Scots (Boness).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. Observing that casualties were being caused from the fire of a nest of enemy snipers, he collected a small party of men and charged the snipers' post. He himself shot two and bayoneted a third, when the remainder took to flight, leaving a machine gun behind them.

10505 Cpl. T. Snelgrove, R. Lanc. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As he was going along the front line he came across a Lewis gun, with the team all killed or wounded. At the same moment three of the enemy made a rush for it. Killing all three, he withdrew the gun and opened fire, holding up the enemy. He was twice wounded during the day.

8551 C.Q.M.S. R. G. Somers, R. Ir. Rif. (Wandsworth Common, S.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a ration party proceeding to the front line, he was charged by two Uhlan patrols. He beat them both off, killing two himself, and delivered the rations.

44174 Sjt. A. Somerton, M.G.C. (Old Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This N.C.O., who was in charge of two guns, displayed great courage and a quick appreciation of a difficult situation when the enemy were advancing behind a heavy smoke screen. Having skilfully located them, he brought his guns into action, using them with destructive effect, and held up the enemy's advance for a considerable period at a critical moment. He then covered the flank of our infantry as they withdrew, and eventually brought both his guns safely away. His gallantry and initiative were worthy of the highest praise.

203186 Pte. H. S. South, R. Highrs. (Cape Town).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He volunteered to lead a party to check an enemy movement that he had reconnoitred. With seven men he was