

2nd Lt. Norman Frederic Spatcher, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company had been heavily shelled for some hours and had suffered severe casualties and he was the only officer left, by his own example of coolness and courage he maintained the steadiness of the men, and when ordered to counter-attack he personally reconnoitred the ground under heavy shell fire and led on the company that he was now commanding. He showed very fine qualities of leadership, and saved the situation at a critical period by his fine example of gallantry.

T./2nd Lt. James Cecil Spear, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy aimed rifle and machine-gun fire he mounted two guns on a railway embankment. On one gun being knocked out he continued to fire the other until all the ammunition was exhausted. He then took charge and organised the machine-gun defence, remaining at duty, although slightly wounded, until relieved and ordered to retire.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) David Ewart Speight, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He personally reconnoitred and supervised the digging of defensive posts, securing the safety of the left of a brigade which was in extreme danger.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Frank Alton Spence, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though early wounded, he led his platoon with great dash. When the enemy gained a part of his trench he led a bombing party and drove him out, shooting several with his revolver, and getting wounded again. He set a splendid example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. William Alexander Spence, M.M., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer displayed great energy and initiative in a counter-attack on a village. He led a patrol round the streets, cleaning up pockets of the enemy, and was badly wounded later in the day while helping to consolidate the position won.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Laurence Kenneth Spencer, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer handled his company in a difficult counter-attack with great ability, and later, when it was necessary to clear up the situation, he personally reconnoitred in the face of machine-gun fire and sniping, sending back invaluable information as to the enemy's position. He was wounded while doing this, but insisted on carrying on until the advance and consolidation had been effected.

2nd Lt. Walter Spencer, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although gassed he continually reorganised his platoon and successfully re-

pelled enemy attacks. Next day he remained with his men in the trench until it was surrounded, and then fought his way out with them. His gallant conduct was admirable.

T./Lt. Frank Philip Spooner, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in successfully covering the retirement of infantry and keeping his guns in action up to the last possible moment. On one occasion, when a gun was rushed by the enemy and abandoned by the team, he went back himself to get it. He displayed great coolness and disregard of danger.

T./2nd Lt. Hugh William Spurrell, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After the infantry had withdrawn from a hill, this officer remained in position with his section of guns, firing whenever the enemy appeared and keeping him back. In the evening the enemy attacked in masses, and he was wounded, but remained with his guns, and fired one gun himself when his team was knocked out, eventually withdrawing to avoid being surrounded, after causing heavy casualties.

Lt. Alfred Claude Stalman, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack by the enemy this officer noticed a dangerous gap in our line on the flank of the brigade. He immediately counter-attacked with much gallantry under heavy fire, and although shot through the arm he succeeded in re-taking and holding our original posts.

Capt. William Donovan Stamer, N. Staffs. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He directed the defence of battalion headquarters when the enemy had broken through in a fog. He showed fine courage and energy, and was of the utmost assistance to his commanding officer in a very desperate situation.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Stanley Stanger, R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in destroying six enemy aeroplanes. He did splendid service.

T./2nd Lt. James Andrew Stanistreet, Leins. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was attached to a field company just prior to an enemy attack for the purpose of laying anti-tank mine fields. When the attack opened he had to fight his way back to company headquarters, where he took charge of some engineers whose officer had become a casualty, showing marked skill and courage under machine-gun fire in command of a section of mixed troops.

T./Capt. George Wheldale Stanley, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in going to the assistance of four wounded men, dressing their wounds, and