

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Furness Smyth, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He collected and organised scattered bodies of men during a withdrawal, and got them into defensive positions, which enabled an organised front to be opposed to the enemy. Throughout the battle he showed great determination and devotion to duty.

T./2nd Lt. George Bernard Spence, North'n R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying his platoon under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and maintaining his position when both his flanks were being forced back. By his determination and good leadership he materially helped in restoring the situation.

Lt. John Stephenson, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a party of details. He was holding a position on high ground, and when half of his men had been killed or wounded and the enemy had broken through on his left, he still held on and kept the enemy in check while the transport got clear of a village. He then fought a skilful rear-guard action with the remnants and stragglers picked up on the way. His courage and initiative at this critical period is deserving of the highest praise.

2nd Lt. William McKell Stewart, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led a storming party against a series of posts, taking the enemy by surprise, and entering the trenches without a single casualty. He gained all his objectives, inflicting heavy losses. Later, in the face of repeated counter-attacks, in which he was greatly outnumbered, he showed the greatest dash and determination, different posts being lost and retaken several times.

Capt. Charles Alexander Stibel, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In a skilful reconnaissance he discovered an occupied enemy shelter about 700 yards in front of the lines. He returned and organised a raiding party, and dividing them into three sections attacked the shelter, taking two prisoners and killing six of the enemy. He then successfully brought back his party and the two prisoners. He did fine work.

Lt. James Arthur Stitt, R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery position was being heavily shelled with gas and high explosive and himself suffering from the effects of gas, he set a fine example to his men by his disregard of personal safety, and continued to keep the guns firing on the prescribed bar-rages and targets.

2nd Lt. Eric Arthur Stocken, R.F.A., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while his battery was being heavily shelled for several hours until only one gun

remained undamaged. He twice extinguished the covering of ammunition dumps which were on fire, and gave great assistance to his battery commander in running out the last remaining gun, holding the enemy off at close range, and successfully withdrawing the gun.

T./2nd Lt. William Ewart Stokes, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a company during an attack. He led his men forward with great coolness and determination, reached his objective, and consolidated the position. It was greatly due to him that the operation was a success.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Joseph Edmund Stone, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When some buildings in the battery position were set on fire by hostile shelling this officer, with two gunners, remained in the position, salving as much of the equipment as possible. There were 2,000 shells, including gas shells, valuable battery stores, and a trench mortar dump, which offered great danger from explosives. He worked for over two hours, and only left off when the whole trench mortar dump blew up.

2nd Lt. Henry Stott, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a mixed force during an enemy attack. His determination and coolness encouraged his men to successfully hold the position against repeated attempts by the enemy to break through. Later, on several occasions, he was of great assistance in reorganising and holding successive positions against the enemy's advance.

Lt. (A./Maj. Raymond Stowers, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of an advanced dressing station subjected for hours to heavy shelling. He got all cases away in a most expeditious manner. Subsequently, on the near approach of the enemy, he got his personnel and cars away and opened a temporary dressing station elsewhere, and continued to evacuate wounded till ordered to retire. He showed fine devotion to duty.

Rev. Arthur Herbert Streeten, A.C. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting to carry large numbers of wounded across the open behind the front line, which was heavily shelled by the enemy throughout the day. He moved about among the troops in the front line, and showed cheerfulness and contempt of danger in adverse circumstances.

2nd Lt. Edgar Ernest Stubbs, E. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led fighting patrols four nights in succession, and under machine-gun and rifle fire obtained valuable information of how enemy posts were held and their location. In the raid following he got to his objective, entered a trench in rear, and attacked a post, personally killing four of the enemy, and