

of one of the men, and with the officer's assistance carried him to safety. He then returned to the other man and dragged him back across the open a distance of 400 yards to our line, taking two hours to accomplish this, owing to intense fire from three sides. He undoubtedly saved the man's life by his courage and determination.

51664 Sjt. A. Simpson, R.G.A. (Durham)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While his battery was being heavily shelled, and after he himself had been knocked nearly senseless by a bursting shell, he kept his gun in action throughout the rapid rate of fire necessary in a gas bombardment. Though in a collapsed condition he refused to be relieved, and set a splendid example of pluck and endurance to the whole battery.

265283 Sjt. F. M. Sims, Bedf. R. (Chorley Wood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack. He collected and organised stragglers into a firing line and held off the enemy's advance on his platoon's front; and finding that his left flank was uncovered he established and manned a block. He beat off several enemy attacks during the day, and by his splendid example and leadership prevented the enemy from advancing on his front.

200934 Pte. J. Small, R. Scots (Crumlin).

For conspicuous gallantry during an advance. He went forward single-handed and bombed a machine-gun nest, knocking out the teams and causing the guns to be captured by his platoon. Later, under heavy machine-gun fire, he saved the life of a comrade who had been left in the open seriously wounded. Throughout he showed fine courage and devotion to duty.

9104 C.S.M. E. J. Smith, M.M., O. & B. L.I. (Great Marlow).

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He showed the greatest coolness and devotion to duty under very heavy shell fire. Later, with a few men, he rounded up thirteen prisoners and four machine guns from an enemy strong-point. Throughout the operations he was invaluable to his company commander, and set a very fine example to all ranks.

205707 Sjt. E. J. Smith, R.W. Kent R. (Willesden).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability while acting as company serjeant-major during an attack. After his officers had become casualties he assumed command of the company and by his splendid example and leadership successfully accomplished their share in the attack. Later, he led his company with great skill, securing the flank of the battalion, and eventually bringing his command out of action with a minimum of loss. He rendered most valuable service.

472924 L./Cpl. J. T. Smith, Lond. R. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the front wave of our attack

was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, this non-commissioned officer volunteered to rush across a very much exposed piece of ground to attack a machine gun. This he did with complete success, putting the machine gun out of action. His gallant action saved many casualties, and his fine example greatly inspired the remainder of the company.

72570 Pte. S. C. Smith, Notts. & Derby. R. (Blackwater).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the whole of a Lewis-gun team in an advanced post had been put out of action by enemy snipers he crawled forward alone and brought back the gun and a wounded man. He killed the sniper by skilful use of the gun, and then collected stretcher-bearers and brought in the rest of the wounded men. He set a splendid example of courage and resource.

205836 Pte. T. Smith, Shrops. L.I. (St. Helens).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as stretcher-bearer. He attended cases all day under heavy fire with complete disregard for his own safety. Later, when badly wounded, he refused to have a stretcher and directed the bearers where to look for other wounded. He set a splendid example of devotion to duty.

266343 Sjt. W. Smith, Bucks. Bn., O. & B. L.I. (Aylesbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. He led his platoon with skill and determination, and set a very fine example to his men. When held up by a machine gun he himself shot the two men working it, and then led a rush which captured the gun and killed the remainder of the crew.

265103 Sjt. W. L. Smith, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an advance. On the arrival of his company at a sunken road he with one man patrolled to the left of the battalion, which was in the air, and bombed several dug-outs, clearing the flank of the battalion and bringing in eleven prisoners.

202781 L./Cpl. W. Smye, Tank Corps (Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an attack. When his Tank had broken down and the crew were carrying on the fight on foot he rushed forward and single-handed attacked an enemy machine-gun, killed the crew and captured the gun. His courageous act saved many casualties.

10210 C./S./M. H. Spalding, R.W. Fus. (Aston, B'ham).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during a raid. At the head of a party he completed the mopping-up of the enemy front line, captured fifteen prisoners, and killed or put to flight the rest. He also assisted materially in defeating an attempted enemy counter-attack. Throughout he showed utter disregard of danger, and set a fine example to his men.