

who withdrew for fifty miles a force estimated at 1,000 strong. He displayed great courage throughout, and the moral effect of his action was most marked, and he brought back valuable information.

T./Lt. Robert Brudenell Bruce Siever, R.F.A. and R.A.F. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out particularly difficult artillery co-operation with great success, displaying skill and coolness. On one occasion, when flying at night, after having landed behind the enemy's lines in flames, he got back 24 miles into his own lines, carrying a Lewis gun.

Lt. Walter John Simmons, 17th Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as intelligence officer. He carried out numerous reconnaissances under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and on one occasion, when the troops had fallen back after a counter-attack, he organised a party and closed a gap in the line. In carrying orders for a further attack to a front line company under heavy enemy barrage he was severely wounded. He behaved splendidly, and rendered most valuable service.

2nd Lt. Albert Leslie Simpkin, 5th Bn., attd. 2/4th Bn., Y. & L. Regt., T.F.

He led his company forward through a heavy barrage with great gallantry. Though both the other officers had become casualties, he carried on. Later he was heavily counter-attacked, and though all his N.C.O.s with one exception had also become casualties, he went up and down his company front, encouraging his men until he himself was severely wounded. He set a very fine example of courage and determined leadership.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Simpson, R. Bde., attd. 13th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Throughout an intense bombardment preparatory to a determined enemy counter-attack this officer continually visited his posts, attending to casualties and encouraging his men. He broke up the attack on his own front and brought a Lewis gun to the assistance of the company on his left. He was conspicuous for his leadership and care for the safety of his men.

Capt. Julian Hamilton Cassan Simpson, G. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Immediately after a night attack by another division the battalion had to relieve troops holding the defensive flank on the new ground. This officer made several forward reconnaissances and got his company into position before dawn. That morning he was wounded in the shoulder, but refused to leave the front line for two days, making various daylight reconnaissances and advancing the line by infiltration. During those three days he rendered excellent service, and set a fine example of pluck to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Liddell Simpson, 15th Bn., Durh. L.I., attd. 64th T.M. Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry when the enemy counter-attacked and obtained a footing in the front line. This officer, having fired all his Stokes mortar ammunition, placed himself at the head of twenty men and led them over the open to a fire position and opened fire. His courage and initiative contributed in a great measure to the enemy being driven back with loss.

No. 703328 C.S.M. William Skaer, 1/23rd Bn., Lond. R.

Under fire of great intensity he carried out, unaided, reconnaissances of enemy posts, bringing back information of the greatest value. When the enemy attacked with some success he took command of the company, as all the officers were casualties, and fought a rearguard action with fine gallantry and skill, bringing his men back in good order to the second line.

Lt. Alfred Ernest Lionel Skinner, Norfolk Yeo. and R.A.F. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out many long distance reconnaissances alone, bringing back most valuable information. He fought many battles in the air, and succeeded in bringing down an enemy machine behind our lines. He did fine work.

T./Lt. Alfred Cecil Denison Smith, 7th Bn., E. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He led his company with great skill and dash, and by cleverly using his Lewis guns for covering fire cleared a pocket of the enemy and took fifty prisoners and five machine guns, besides inflicting heavy casualties. He finally took up a strong position, having shown throughout marked courage and ability to command.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Arthur Leonard Smith, D/317th (Nb'rn) Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For three and a half hours the enemy put down a heavy bombardment of high explosive gas and shrapnel on his battery, launching an attack at the same time. This officer maintained his battery in action and answered the S.O.S. At the conclusion of the operation he had only one howitzer undamaged, and he was wounded in the back, but continued in command until relieved some hours later. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Dugald Smith, 4th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful leading in command of a company, which he led down a surken road to a ridge parallel to his objective. This move would have been severely harassed by enemy barrage if it had not been for the spirit and determination with which he carried it out. From the ridge he rushed his objective, capturing about fifty prisoners and several machine guns with the loss of two men to his company.