

T./Lt. Edmond Arthur William Smith, 6th Bn., Conn. Rang., attd. 2nd Bn., R. Ir. Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in command of a company in reserve during an attack. Finding one of the leading companies held up, he skilfully led his men round and took the enemy in rear. This move resulted in the capture of over fifty prisoners and several machine guns, and enabled the advance to continue with comparatively slight loss. He performed most valuable service.

T./2nd Lt. Harold William Smith, 10th Bn., Lancashire Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As signal intelligence officer throughout four days' fighting he maintained communication and sent invaluable reports on the situation. His conduct throughout, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, was an inspiring example to all ranks.

Lt. Harry Stanley Smith, 4th Bn. North'n R., T.F., attd. 4th Bn., Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. He led two platoons forward under very heavy machine-gun fire and captured 1,100 yards of ground, during which advance he was responsible for eighteen enemy being killed, five captured and five machine guns. He did splendidly.

T./Lt. James Fiandra Smith, 170th Tun. Coy., R.E.

He performed valuable service in removing "booby traps" left by the enemy in the bottom of trenches. Some of these were made with bombs with special nose caps arranged to explode on the slightest pressure. The work was particularly difficult and dangerous, as the least mistake would have caused disastrous explosions. His coolness and skill were of the greatest value.

2nd Lt. Percy Libbis Smout, 1/7th Bn., attd. 2/20th Bn., Lond. R.

He led his men with great gallantry against a strong point, when the company was held up by barbed wire. He found a small gap, and dashed through alone in face of withering machine-gun fire, and although wounded, he jumped up and got into the enemy trench. His courageous leadership resulted in the capture of the strong point and thirty prisoners.

2nd Lt. Arthur Garrett Spedding, L'pool R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1/5th Bn., T.F.

He conducted a daylight patrol to an objective 1,000 yards away, capturing two enemy strong points on the way, accounting for the garrisons and capturing a machine gun and automatic rifles. He held the position he finally took until relieved. He handled his men with great skill, saving many casualties, and his gallantry and determination were worthy of great praise.

2nd Lt. William Wallaæ Speid, 4th, attd. 1/7th Bn., R. Highrs., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Besides his own company, he commanded two platoons, whose officers had become casualties, of the company on his flank,

and by fine leadership and skilful handling of the situation he beat off repeated enemy attacks. Later he organised and led attacks on enemy pockets. He showed great courage and cheerfulness throughout.

Lt. Harold Spencer, 1/5th Bn., R. West Surrey R., T.F. (MESOPOTAMIA).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When conducting an officer's patrol towards a bridge, he started in pitch darkness and over unknown ground, and when daylight came pushed forward to within 200 yards of the bridgehead. He obtained valuable information in face of continuous sniping from the enemy, and worked throughout in dangerous proximity to our own barrage.

T./Lt. Richard William Spraggett, 1st Bn., R. Marines.

He took up the duties of battalion adjutant only a few minutes before the attack started and performed them with great ability. With some details of other units began to withdraw during an enemy counter-attack he rallied and reorganised them, and led them back to their positions. His gallantry and coolness under heavy fire were a fine example, and had a great effect in steady-ing the men.

Lt. (A./Maj.) Francis Spratt, R.F.A., attd. D./291st (London) Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His battery while in action firing a barrage came under concentrated fire from eight-inch howitzers. He continued firing until two of his guns received direct hits. He then directed his men to cover, one detachment at a time, being the last to leave himself. By his coolness and courage he kept the men steady, and came into action again as soon as the hostile fire slackened. He had previously brought his battery smartly into action under heavy shell fire.

T./Lt. Walter Darley Staveley, 62nd Fd. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a party laying a mono-rail every night being subjected to heavy shelling of high explosive and gas, and the line was hit over and over again. He kept his men at work for an average of six hours each night, walking from group to group, helping and encouraging them. Despite many difficulties and prolonged strain he accomplished his task.

B2397 C.S.M. Charles Herbert Stenning, M.M., 13th Bn. Rif. Brig.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership. When all the platoon officers in the company had been killed he took charge of half the company and led them to the objective, which he consolidated, and gained touch with the flanks. On the way he rushed a strong post with two sections, killing a machine-gun crew, and capturing one officer, thirty-six men and two machine guns. Although wounded in the leg he drove back a counter-attack, and throughout his conduct and courage were splendid.