

2nd Lt. Arthur Scrivener, R. War. R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1/8th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on 23rd October, 1918, near Bazuel, when he led a composite force to attack a machine-gun nest, which was holding up the line of advance. In face of heavy fire he succeeded in capturing the position with twenty-seven prisoners, including four officers and eight machine guns. His fine action cleared up an obscure situation and materially assisted the advance.

T./2nd Lt. Valentine Scroggie, Glou. R., attd. 1/5th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry near Bazuel on 20th October, 1918. He was in command of a platoon ordered to take part in a local operation for advancing the line. He attacked a ridge under heavy fire, capturing it with sixteen prisoners. Later, he beat off several enemy attempts to take the ridge.

T./2nd Lt. James Arthur Shannon, R.E., attd. 62nd Div. Sig. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination near Ruesnes on 4th November, 1918. He was in charge of two cable detachments following up the leading brigade and maintaining communication between it and divisional headquarters. Before starting his party came under heavy shell fire, and suffered nine casualties, but collecting and reorganising the remainder he maintained the communications required under most trying circumstances.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Wilson Sharp, 1st Bn., N. Staff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an advance east of Bavay, on 8th November, 1918. At one period, when all communications had failed, he went forward personally and directed the advance. His courageous act undoubtedly led to the capture of the objective, and saved severe casualties.

Lt. Cecil Graham Shaw, 237th Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the night of 8/9th November, 1918, previous to and during the crossing of the Scheldt at Meersche. With his section he was given one hour after dark to dismantle a collapsible boat, carry the parts a mile across country, put it together again, and launch it. The operation was carried out most cleverly under enemy machine-gun and rifle fire. The Scheldt was in flood, but after launching the boat under fire, he paddled it across, using shovels as oars, and by tying a rope at either end, and carrying eight men at a time, he successfully transported the whole battalion across, working all night. It was entirely due to his courage and ability that the forcing of the Scheldt was carried without preparation of any description.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Shorten, York. L.I., attd. 1/4th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on 2nd November, 1918, east of Aubnoy, in command of a support platoon. During the attack he saw a gap where the enemy were holding out, between two leading platoons. He immediately brought his men up to fill it, capturing two machine guns and many prisoners. This

energetic action contributed materially to the general success.

T./2nd Lt. George Maiden Simpole, 2nd Bn., Manch. R.

North of Ors on 4th November, 1918, for marked courage and good leadership. When it was found impossible to bridge the canal he led his platoon round by the next bridge, fought his way forward to his correct position, and pushed ahead. He led the assault on enemy machine-gun posts, and took post after post until he was severely wounded through the knee.

Lt. Tom Simpson, B./330th (E. Lancs), Bde. R.F.A., T.F.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty under heavy shelling on 28th October, 1918, with his battery in L'Eveque Wood. When one of the dugouts received a direct hit, burying four of his men, he at once organised a party to dig the men out, and found two dead and two badly crushed. Having despatched the two wounded men to the nearest dressing station he remained on the spot encouraging his men during the heavy shelling which continued for some time.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Cecil Skrimshire, 249th Fld. Coy., R.E.

For gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of 28/29th September, 1918, near Cantaing, when he was in command of his company. To enable the infantry at daylight to cross the Canal d'Escaut, and the Escaut River, during the night he threw pontoon bridges over two dykes, the canal and the river. It was mainly due to his energy and determination that the work was completed before daylight; at times there was heavy hostile machine-gun fire.

Lt. (A./Capt.) David Sloan, 2nd Bn., Lond. R.

For marked gallantry and good work during the capture of, and subsequent counter-attack upon, Aubigny-au-Bac, on 13th October, 1918. He skilfully led his company of 90 men through the enemy outposts, and entering the village, secured 4 officers and 203 other ranks of the enemy. When the enemy delivered his counter-attack he led his company headquarters details to reinforce a post which had been practically annihilated. Finding himself entirely surrounded, he led a very dashing attack through the enemy ranks, killing many of them; and later brought fire to bear on the enemy, preventing them from debouching from the village.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alan Pringle Smith, 1/6th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting as adjutant during operations east of Naves, from 11th to 18th October, 1918. During this period he rendered most valuable services to his C.O., not only at headquarters, but by visiting the line under heavy shell fire. On the night of the 17th October, when nearly the entire personnel at headquarters was gassed, and evacuated, he remained at duty, and carried on until he finally collapsed from the effects of gas.