

Lt. John Snowden Spencer, 1/6th Bn., W. Rid. R., attd. Hdqrs. 147th Infy. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in operations east of Naves from 11th to 14th October, 1918, acting as brigade intelligence officer. As such he constantly visited battalions under heavy shell fire, to ascertain the situation. On the 14th October, he ran to render assistance to the G.C.O., who was lying mortally wounded in front of the front line. He remained with him alone, bandaging his wounds, until the arrival of a stretcher bearer, with whom he succeeded in crawling to cover with the body.

2nd Lt. James Smail Spiers, North'd Fus., Spec. Res., attd. 11th Bn. (Italy).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during attacks on the enemy's lines on the north bank of the Piave on 27/29th October, 1918. On the 27th, at the first objective, when all the senior officers had become casualties, he reorganised and led his section of the attack under the heaviest machine-gun fire and took all his objectives, capturing near C. Fighera four enemy field guns in action, and at C. di Sega four heavy guns. On the 29th during the flank attack on the north bank of the Monticana River he commanded his section of the attack with great ability. By his resource and entire disregard of personal danger he succeeded in working round enemy machine-gun nests, killing about seventy-five of the enemy and capturing about ninety prisoners. Throughout the operations his courage and dash under the heaviest fire were of the greatest value.

Lt. Walter Spratt, 1/6th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 1st November, 1918, during the attack on Famars. He took command when his company commander was wounded, and in the face of determined resistance reached the objective, where he consolidated and held on for some time with both flanks in the air, until he was obliged to withdraw owing to the danger of being cut off.

Lt. Kenneth James Stafford, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 37th Bty., 27th Bde.

For great gallantry and devotion to duty on 4th November, 1918, near Beaudignies, when his battery was very heavily shelled. He went up to the position and remained there for some hours, encouraging the men and attending to several who were wounded. He continued to do so after being badly wounded. Throughout these operations he has set a fine example to those with him.

Lt. Hugh Grosvenor, Lord Stalbridge, North'n Yeo. (Italy).

For marked gallantry and able leadership as squadron leader throughout operations, 29th October-4th November, 1918. Owing to his sound leading his squadron took over 400 prisoners and two machine-guns, besides inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. On 30th November his squadron, working on the right flank on a very wide front, rushed forward to the Livenza river against much opposition, and sent back valuable information to his C.O., kept the infantry continually informed of the

situation, and at dark handed over the line to them from Francenigo to Sacile station, a front of six kilometres which they could not have reached without his first overcoming all opposition. He did fine work.

2nd Lt. John Samuel Harold Standing, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. B./331st (E. Lancs.) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.).

Near Beaurieux on the 10th November, 1918, he was in charge of a section and was ordered into action in full view of the enemy. The section was heavily shelled, and suffered casualties in horses and men. He carried out his task with complete disregard for his own safety, and by his coolness and example he withdrew his detachment with as few casualties as possible.

2nd Lt. Alexander Beville Gibbons Stanier, 1st Bn., W. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership at St. Vaast on 11th October, 1918. He rallied his platoon under heavy fire, and after personally reconnoitring the ground in front, led his men forward 200 yards to a good fire position. His good leadership and prompt action prevented casualties and gained valuable ground.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alan Wentworth Wroughton Stanley, 3rd Bn., Guards M.G. R.

Whilst commanding a machine-gun company near Catillon from 28th October to 4th November, 1918, he showed gallantry and initiative in carrying out personal reconnaissances under heavy shell fire in order to find the best position for his guns, and ably assisted the infantry in a minor operation and subsequently in driving off a hostile counter-attack. Finally on 4th November he got his guns into well chosen positions and assisted the Royal Engineers and infantry in bridging and crossing the canal.

T./2nd Lt. Charles James Stapley, 16th Bn. Lan. Fus.

During the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal on 4th November, 1918, he was one of the first to cross the canal under intense enemy machine-gun barrage. He assisted another officer to repair the bridge, and thus enabled a party to cross before the bridge was again broken by enemy shell fire. He set a splendid example to those with him.

T./2nd Lt. Cuthbert William Statham, M.G. Corps (Egypt).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in attack on the Tabsor and Et Tireh defences, 19th September, 1918. He repeatedly went forward under heavy fire to reconnoitre the best line of advance. When the final objective had been reached he at once brought his guns into action on the position under close range fire, exposing himself freely to obtain the best positions. His fire was largely instrumental in breaking up an incipient enemy counter-attack against the exposed left flank of the infantry, and his marked ability in handling his guns saved a critical situation.

T./2nd Lt. William Henry Statham, Shrops. L.I., attd. 4th Bn., T.F.

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