

position he moved about with complete disregard of the intense hostile shell fire, visiting all his guns and keeping them in action by his splendid personal example of coolness. Three of his guns were put out of action, and his teams had twenty-four casualties. His exceptional fearlessness and ability cannot be too highly praised.

T./ Lt. (A./Capt.) Sydney Banks Keast, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on numerous occasions whilst engaged in siting and constructing defences. His determination and great powers of organisation in dealing with working parties at night, under heavy fire and in exposed positions, were entirely responsible for the successful and rapid completion of the trenches, and he showed untiring energy and great fearlessness when constructing trenches within very short distance of the enemy's line.

2nd Lt. Philip St. John Howlett Kelleher, Leins. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded in the leg, he continued to lead his platoon for seven hours, successfully dealing with an enemy machine gun and team, which he outflanked and destroyed with only one casualty. He refused to leave his post until ordered to go to the dressing station by his commanding officer.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Roderick Leopold Keller, R. War. R., Spec. Res., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in attacking hostile aircraft, destroying one, and driving down others out of control. His dash and offensive spirit on all occasions have been splendid.

Lt. William Daryl Olpherte Kemmis, Dns.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When prevented by an enemy party from following the prearranged route, with great initiative and skill he led his men to the right place by another way, and headed a bayonet charge by which the final objective was successfully gained. His dash and quickness largely contributed to the success of the enterprise, and he subsequently did excellent work bombing dug-outs.

T./Capt. William Madden Knight, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded two companies during an attack, keeping them well in hand, and by his fine personal example and skilful leadership gaining the confidence of all the men in his vicinity. His orders were clear and complete, both during the attack and for the subsequent consolidation of the captured position. To his company belongs the credit of the capture of two enemy machine guns and a field gun.

T./Capt. Eric William Lafone, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when commanding his company during an attack. He kept them well together under exceptionally trying conditions, when

they were suffering heavily from our own guns, but by skilful leading he was able to shift his position and lessen the casualties, afterwards gaining the final objective. His untiring efforts were mainly responsible for the ultimate success of the operation.

2nd Lt. Barnaby Joseph Lanktree, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when working on a dump which was set on fire by heavy hostile shelling. Although repeatedly knocked down and severely burnt by explosions, he succeeded in extinguishing the fire, thereby saving a large quantity of ammunition and considerable loss of life. He displayed the greatest gallantry and determination, as he has also done on several occasions when getting ammunition forward under trying circumstances.

Lt. Thomas Smythe Lanyon, Shrop. L.I., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile raid on our trenches. Throughout an intense bombardment of all kinds of projectiles he moved about the line, encouraging the men and setting a splendid example to all ranks. At one moment he was buried by a trench mortar on his way to visit one of his posts; and finding, on reaching it, that the whole garrison had become casualties, he promptly made a block with fresh men and repulsed the raiders with rifle and machine-gun fire. His fearlessness and energy were most marked.

Capt. John Douglas Lapham, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in personally superintending repairs to an important road under heavy shell fire. By his fine example and disregard of danger he enabled the traffic to be quickly resumed, thereby very greatly assisting the operations, and he has shown the same courage and determination throughout in road construction under heavy shell fire.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Reginald Owen Hassall, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as liaison officer. He was indefatigable in his efforts, making many journeys between the advanced troops and our old line, and by his timely and intelligent information doing much to aid the success of our attack.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) John Hilliard Cairnes Lawlor, R. Muns. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company to its objective. Throughout the operation he displayed the greatest courage and disregard of danger, combined with a high power of command and marked ability and judgment in handling his men. His capacity for grasping every situation with rapidity and accuracy conducted very materially to the success of the operation.

T./2nd Lt. John Wilson Lawrie, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in repairing a trench tramway which had been wrecked by shell fire, and restoring a bridge which was completely blown away.