

action during the attack, and commanded them with great gallantry and coolness until he was badly wounded.

Lt. Frederic Mark Silvers Kent, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in successfully extinguishing the fire at an ammunition dump at his battery position, and so saving the lives of many men.

2nd Lt. Edgar Marsden Kermodé, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a fighting patrol. At great risk, and under heavy machine-gun fire, this officer crawled to within fifteen yards of the enemy post and threw in bombs. He formed up his men and successfully captured the post, killing one and wounding several of the enemy. A machine gun and other booty was captured. He had previously, at great risk, reconnoitred the post. He set a splendid example of coolness and gallantry to his men, and by his resourcefulness the operation was a complete success and no casualties occurred to his patrol.

T./2nd Lt. Henry Williams Kernick, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while engaged continuously in the erection of camouflaged observation posts. These were erected under arduous conditions and in exposed situations, often under very heavy enemy shelling, and they subsequently proved of great value. The successful accomplishment of this special form of work under such conditions is proof of the courage, coolness, and skill which this officer has displayed to a marked degree, and he has shown an utter disregard of difficulties and danger in his devotion to duty.

T./Lt. Claude Bernard Kidd, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He did remarkably fine work when his company was holding a position for many hours from early morning till late at night, while heavily shelled. It was entirely due to his efforts that the men were kept together. He encouraged his men throughout the day, continually going up and down the trench. His conduct was splendid, and he set a fine example.

T./Lt. Francis Alfred Kirkland, M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in getting his guns into action during very heavy shelling. When the officer on his left was wounded he took command of both sections, which involved moving about between them under intense fire.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) George Geddes Kirton, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company, under very heavy fire, to the final objective, and, though wounded, held it for an hour and a half, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and taking many prisoners. When he was nearly surrounded, and forced to withdraw, he gallantly brought his men back to the supports. His conduct throughout the operation was a splendid example to all.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Kenton R. Kreitmayer, A.S.C., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He supported the infantry at close range with his guns under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, which caused most of his gunners to become casualties. He also assisted in rallying broken troops and leading them back to the firing line, thereby preventing what might have proved a disastrous retirement.

T./2nd Lt. John Carlyle Lancaster, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. When his right flank was in danger of being turned, owing to the troops on his right being driven back, he rallied some men of the next company and succeeded in holding up the attack. He showed the utmost resource and energy throughout the operations.

Capt. Charles Llewellyn Lander, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He worked at an advanced dressing station on the line of the enemy barrage, and afterwards passed through the barrage to another dressing station, where he worked for a day and a half under continuous shell-fire. He showed great courage and disregard of danger.

Capt. Harold Dunmore Lane, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a daylight raid on the enemy's trenches he established his aid post in the front-line trench, and worked there for many hours under heavy artillery fire. He attended to the seriously wounded cases in the open, and was instrumental in bringing in all the wounded from No Man's Land and getting them successfully away.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Henry Francis Layton, Rif. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to deal with an enemy strong point, at a few hours' notice he got his guns and ammunition into position, arranged a barrage, and personally registered his guns on the objective. By his prompt action and initiative the way was successfully prepared for an attack, and the strong point was captured with thirty-eight prisoners.

T./Capt. Philip Umfreville Laws, Notts. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Forward Observation Officer. During the action and the five following days he sent in most valuable information as to the enemy's movements, whereby several counter-attacks were broken up before they could deploy. When the Forward Station Signalling Officer was wounded he also took charge of the signals, and kept up communication with the brigade, remaining at his post after the troops on his right had been forced to fall back. By his coolness, able leadership, and excellent reports he was largely instrumental in making the flank secure and clearing up the situation.