

by six enemy machines, his observer was wounded, and his elevator controls on one side were shot through, but he succeeded in driving off the enemy and returned with very valuable information. On the next day he carried out a contact patrol in very difficult weather at a low altitude, and under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Though he was wounded in the head and both his petrol tanks were shot through he succeeded in bringing his machine back to our lines. He has frequently obtained valuable information in most difficult weather, and has shown the greatest determination and initiative.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Alfred Ovenden Knight, N. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the preliminary portion of the attack he showed great courage and exercised complete control over his company. On the enemy opening a heavy barrage, and while they were seen to be advancing, he ordered all the sections with which he could get into touch to retire, only leaving the position himself when the enemy were not more than 300 yards away. It was very largely due to his courage and skill that the whole company were extricated from a very awkward situation with very few casualties.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Arnold Kirkham, attd. Midd'x R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in command of his platoon he was forced to withdraw owing to a heavy counter-attack. When back on the main line of resistance he enabled his platoon to dig in by taking a machine gun out himself to a flank and dislodged a hostile party who were endangering their operations. On several later occasions he went out with scouts and reconnoitred enemy territory.

T./2nd Lt. Hubert Knight, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. On reaching the enemy trenches he saw a machine gun being placed in position. Before it could open fire he rushed and captured the gun, thereby preventing many casualties. Later, his good leadership and example in active patrol work and sniping did much to break down the enemy's resistance.

2nd Lt. Leonard Harry Knowles, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in the face of heavy enfilade machine-gun fire, silenced an enemy machine gun with Lewis gun fire, and captured some prisoners. He reached the final objective, organised it, and sent out patrols which captured the whole of an enemy ration party.

2nd Lt. Willie Knowles, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his company during two days' operations. He rendered valuable service, and contributed greatly towards the success of the operations. He rallied the men at critical moments by his splendid example under heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Kyle Knox, R. Irish Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in the attack, and, coming under intense machine-gun fire, suffered heavy casualties. With very few men he attempted to consolidate and hold this very exposed position. He succeeded in bringing machine-gun fire on to the enemy, who were massing for a counter-attack, and to a great extent assisted in dispersing them. His courage and gallantry were magnificent, and afforded a splendid example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Dion Lane, M.G. Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He engaged and put out of action two enemy machine guns. He took up a position in advance of the infantry, and succeeded in covering their withdrawal, causing casualties to the enemy, though under heavy fire himself.

Capt. Hardinge Lathom-Browne, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a most critical time he kept his men firm, and displayed the utmost disregard for his own safety during very close fighting. In order to cover the retirement of his company he worked a machine gun himself, the team of which had become casualties, and was the last officer to withdraw from the village. Throughout the operations he performed magnificent work.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Raymond Duff Lawford, G. Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. The enemy having put down a barrage between battalion and company headquarters, he at once passed straight through the barrage to rejoin his company. Finding that the company on the flank had already begun the attack, owing to an attempted advance of the enemy, he immediately led his company to support the attack. It was greatly due to his quick decision to push on that the line was so successfully advanced and the object of the attack was achieved.

Lt. Percy Hastings Leach, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as forward observation officer during four days' operations. He made daring reconnaissances, and sent back valuable information. He and his party attacked an enemy machine gun and captured it, with six prisoners.

2nd Lt. Francois John Lear, R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was in command of a section of his battery a shell set fire to an ammunition dump, putting two detachments temporarily out of action. After getting the wounded clear, he organised search parties and continued his work. The great courage, determination and initiative displayed by this officer set a splendid example to the men.

T./2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Arthur Stanley Lee, Notts. & Derby. R. and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He bombed an enemy battery and