

ment, and supported by flammenwerfer, he made a careful reconnaissance of the situation and led his company in a counter-attack which was completely successful in re-establishing the position. The success of the operation was largely due to his skill and initiative.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Michael Kelly, L.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump was set on fire by enemy bombs, with great coolness and initiative he organized a party and extinguished the fire, thus saving a large quantity of shells.

T./Sub-Lt. John Stewart Kessen, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a platoon during an attack by the enemy, he repelled the first attack, and when eventually driven back by superior numbers, proceeded to establish blocks in the communication trench, led bombing parties and maintained his ground until the arrival of supports. It was largely owing to his courage and resource that the enemy were prevented from breaking through.

Lt. George Lennox Kezar, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reconnoitred the enemy wire up to within a few yards of the enemy's parapet. Later, he went forward with one man in advance of a raiding party and cut the enemy's wire. He then led forward a party, surprised and captured an enemy sentry, and returned without a casualty. His coolness and skill were mainly responsible for the success of the operation.

Lt. Ronald Hope Kidd, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in command of a section he maintained it in action during the day with the greatest gallantry, being continuously shelled and under heavy machine gun fire. The enemy were at no period more than 1,000 yards from his position, and when they had reached to within 500 yards he opened fire on them with great effect with open sights.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Farquhar William Forbes Lathom, Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was temporarily in command of the battalion holding the line, part of which had been overwhelmed by the enemy after an intense bombardment. He at once organized and held a position of vital importance until reinforcements arrived. He showed the greatest coolness and determination, which did much to save a critical situation.

T./2nd Lt. William Leach, R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When he was in command of a platoon holding a post, the enemy, after an intense trench-mortar and artillery bombardment, attempted to raid our line of advanced posts. On the posts to the right and left being captured, his post was isolated. However, he had made his dispositions with such exemplary skill that he was able to repel the enemy repeatedly, inflicting severe casual-

ties on them. It was due to his gallantry, determination, and tactical skill that the enemy failed in his attempt to destroy the whole line of posts.

T./2nd Lt. Stephen Walter Lloyd, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He on his own initiative carried out a very daring reconnaissance of a position under particularly heavy shell fire, which resulted in such accurate information being obtained that definite plans could be drawn up for its consolidation.

Lt. Edward Margetson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept up communication during an enemy attack under the most difficult conditions, laying telephone lines and personally carrying messages under heavy fire. He showed great initiative and skill.

T./Lt. Hugh Carleton Mathew, Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the enemy attacked and succeeded in entering his position he at once organised bombing parties, and, leading one of them himself, drove the enemy out of the line into a sap. He then led a further attack, drove the enemy out of the position, and held it against two counter-attacks. Later he again drove the enemy back when they attacked with flammenwerfer and held his position until reinforcements arrived. He set a splendid example of courage and good leadership.

T./Lt. Aubrey Granville Maudsley, R.N.V.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led forward reinforcements and assisted in bombing out parties of the enemy who had penetrated the front line. He took charge of a company in the front line, whose commander was wounded, and held his position against five attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The company was subjected to an intense bombardment, and it was largely owing to his determined and courageous example that the line was held intact.

T./2nd Lt. John McKeen, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his platoon being sent to reinforce another battalion, who were hard pressed, he found on arriving that the enemy had broken into the trench system. He at once counter-attacked, leading his platoon with great dash, and drove the enemy out. Despite several counter-attacks which the enemy made, and although suffering heavy casualties, his platoon held them in check for thirty-six hours until relieved. By his splendid courage and cool leadership he was instrumental in saving the position, which was of vital importance to the safety of the line.

Capt. Walter Stokes Mieville, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When ordered to support a counter-attack he walked forward across the open to one of the advanced companies under machine-gun fire and obtained information of the utmost value. His coolness and gallantry were a splendid example to all those under him.