

T./2nd Lt. John Sinclair Kennedy, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He repeatedly rallied stragglers from other units and organised them for defence. On one occasion he took command of another company with notable success. His invariable cheerfulness and courage were invaluable. When the company he was commanding suffered heavy casualties and fell back, he reformed them and pushed them forward again, and, by collecting two stray machine guns, managed to get the enemy fire under.

T./Lt. Frederick Reginald Kennington, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised a line of defence with 100 men round Battalion Headquarters, which he held under heavy shell fire and determined infantry attacks. When forced to withdraw he did so with great skill and coolness, and formed up a new line in touch with another unit. He set a fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. John Vass Kerr, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer's platoon was subjected to very heavy fire during an enemy attack, which drove back the troops on either flank. His determination encouraged his platoon to stand fast and pour a steady fire into the advancing enemy, causing them to bring up a large number of troops, supported by two tanks, against him. Although his men began to waver, he went round the platoon, regardless of personal danger, and rallied them at the critical moment by his example, so that not one of the enemy reached his post. But for his gallant stand a considerable amount of ground would have been lost.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Austin Edward Kinchin-Smith, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his C.O. was killed, whilst leading the battalion into action, this officer at once took command, rallying the men and reaching the allotted position. Later, he again displayed great initiative, holding the enemy on an exposed flank, and inflicting many casualties.

2nd Lt. Bryan Ashfield King, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as signalling officer. He reorganised the lines and established a relay post, enabling Battalion Headquarters to keep in touch with the front line for three hours during a heavy bombardment. When communication between the post and headquarters was cut, he brought reports down to headquarters, passing twice through a heavy barrage.

T./Lt. Charles Ley King, R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when working with artillery in carrying out thirteen successful shoots, by which numerous enemy gun pits were destroyed and fires and explosions caused. He also carried

out two very good long reconnaissances, taking excellent photographs and obtaining valuable information.

2nd Lt. Charles Noël King, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party saving the guns. He got one gun out when the enemy were within machine-gun range, and then took charge of another gun, and though constantly sniped at and coming under heavy shell fire he pulled it to a position of safety three miles away without any assistance of tractors.

T./Lt. Daniel Thomas King, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though suffering from a severe bruise on the knee from a shell splinter he volunteered to make, and successfully carried out, a reconnaissance under very heavy machine-gun and shell fire, which was of value at a critical moment. He has shown a fine example to all in conducting many valuable reconnaissances and in collecting men under heavy shell fire.

T./Capt. Geoffrey Redaway King, K.A.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of a long distance patrol of one Lewis gun and sixty rifles. He was attacked by an enemy force of two machine guns and over a hundred and fifty rifles. After standing his ground for two hours he skilfully extricated his party from a most difficult position and ably carried out a rear-guard action for another hour. The information he brought in was of a valuable nature. He has previously done good work.

Lt. Henry James King, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when acting Staff Captain. Under bombardment and throughout a period of fighting he showed untiring energy and disregard of personal safety in getting away wounded and in arranging the supply of ammunition and rations. His whole thoughts have been for the troops during a very strenuous and trying period.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Henry King, Durh. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was in charge of a party in a counter-attack on a village, reaching his objective in spite of heavy casualties. In the village all his party became casualties, so he had to withdraw, but before doing so he himself worked a Lewis gun, putting an enemy machine gun out of action. Prior to this he had taken a leading part in repelling another attack on a village.

T./Capt. Oliver Kingdon, Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer, at the end of five days' constant fighting and marching, led his company in a dashing counter-attack against a village, which resulted in its recapture and severe losses to the enemy, besides covering the retreat of other troops across a river.