

ing it away to a place of safety. This undoubtedly saved the tank from getting a direct hit.

Lt. Edward Herbert Keeling, I.A.R.O.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He commanded the battalion machine guns and handled them boldly and efficiently. Although wounded he refused to be evacuated, and remained at duty with a besieged force. He was taken prisoner, but made a daring escape, and after severe hardships reached his own country safely. He showed the greatest pluck and devotion to duty.

Lt. Leslie James Kemp, R.W. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination throughout operations. He took command after the company commander had been wounded, and it was largely due to his initiative that the company reached its objective in the first phase of the attack. Later, when the enemy heavily counter-attacked, he succeeded in driving them back and maintaining the line.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Kent, attd. N. & Derby. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid in broad daylight carried out by two officers and five other ranks, when an enemy post was rushed and all the occupants killed or wounded. He showed exceptional dash throughout the operation and killed three of the enemy himself.

Capt. George Vaughan Kershaw, Manch. R.

During recent operations the company commanded by him was repeatedly engaged. He organised his attacking parties with great skill, and at one period when, owing to casualties inflicted by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, the advance was checked, he personally took charge of the attacking party, and by his determined example and fine leadership successfully drove out the enemy and established a strong point 800 yards in front of the old line. He did splendid work.

T./2nd Lt. Alexander Lillie Kirkaldy, Midd'x R.

For gallantry and good leadership in a raid against the enemy outpost system. He previously reconnoitred suspected enemy posts for two nights in succession, found one derelict and located another some 250 yards further to a flank. After two further nights' reconnaissance he skilfully placed his raiding section close to the enemy wire in the gap left in the barrage. When the barrage lifted he led his men forward with great dash and captured two prisoners. He set a very fine example to his men in whom he instilled a determined offensive spirit.

T./Lt. Eustace John Krog, E. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and energy in leading a fighting patrol. By constant patrolling on three previous nights he located the enemy post, and it was due to his skilful handling of the enterprise that identification

in the shape of two prisoners was obtained without loss to his own party. He did fine work.

Lt. James William Lamb, Yorks. L.I.

This officer led a successful raid against the enemy trenches with great gallantry and determination, capturing prisoners and inflicting casualties upon the enemy. He displayed marked ability in the preliminary measures of organising the raiding parties.

2nd Lt. James Lamond, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He proceeded to the battery observation post under heavy fire, and remained there throughout the day observing and making every effort to maintain communication, and several times sent in valuable reports to group by runner. The trench he occupied was for some four hours under heavy shell fire, being blown in in many places. He showed fine courage and determination and rendered most valuable service.

Lt. Leslie Ward Lane, R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when the enemy attempted a raid. As the enemy were withdrawing he collected a patrol, rushed out to cut them off, and made a very determined effort to reach one of them who was lying wounded near the enemy lines. At the moment he was prevented by bombs and close revolver fire from doing so, but later in the day he again took a patrol and got his man, who had died meanwhile, thereby securing an identification. He set a fine example of dash and gallantry throughout.

T./2nd Lt. Arthur Sydney Larter, York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of a company. He surrounded a group of enemy machine guns, which were holding up the flank company, which was being outflanked and put out of action. When the objective had been captured and was being consolidated, he greatly encouraged the men by his fine example of courage and disregard of danger, as he walked up and down the line, supervising the work, in spite of the heavy bombardment.

2nd Lt. Alexander Duncan Lauder, Scot. Rif., attd. M.G.C.

During an attack this officer greatly assisted the advance of the infantry by the direct fire of his guns, which he brought well to the front. When the work of consolidating the captured position was going on the enemy heavily shelled the place, blowing in one position occupied by a gun three times, damaging the gun and causing casualties to the team on each occasion. During the whole time 2nd Lt. Lauder displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty, visiting his guns continually and inspiring his men by his example of coolness. He replaced the damaged guns without any delay, and kept his portion of the line covered.