

2nd Lt. Norman Stanley Kidson, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company in an attack on an important enemy position, and succeeded in taking all his objectives. He displayed the greatest coolness and courage under heavy fire, and consolidated the captured position so as to repel hostile counter-attacks.

2nd Lt. Cyril George King, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a night attack. He organised his attack with great skill and captured his objective. He consolidated his position and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

T./Capt. John Kirton, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. He went forward under shell fire to dress and collect wounded and help and encourage the stretcher-bearers at their duties, working for five consecutive days without rest. It was largely owing to his excellent work that the evacuation of the wounded of the division was successfully carried out, and by his efforts many wounded men were got into safety.

2nd Lt. Cyril John Noël Lambert, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a large ammunition dump was set on fire by enemy shelling, with the assistance of another officer he at once extinguished the fire under heavy shelling, and prevented a serious explosion.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Ewart Reginald Lanes, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in an attack. He killed an enemy machine gunner who had been passed over by the leading waves and was getting his gun into action in rear of the advancing infantry. Later, when the attack on a line of concrete shelters was held up, he went ahead of his company, killed two of the enemy, and with the help of a N.C.O. killed or captured the remainder of the garrison. His courage and resource were mainly responsible for the capture of the position and a large number of prisoners.

2nd Lt. Charles Lashley, R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. A train loaded with howitzer ammunition was shelled by the enemy, and one truck was set on fire. Though the shelling continued and the ammunition was exploding, he led a party to extinguish the fire and uncouple the undamaged trucks, which was successfully accomplished. His prompt and fearless action prevented serious damage.

T./Lt. Russell Latham, A.S.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when with a party conveying rations to a forward position. He succeeded in loading and unloading all the rations, working for five hours under heavy shell fire and while an ammunition dump thirty yards away from the ration dump was burning, causing frequent explosions. His cool behaviour was an excellent example to the men.

2nd Lt. Geoffrey Francis Layne, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as group F.O.O. with another officer. Being unable to observe from inside the O.P. they observed from behind it under heavy fire until they were both incapacitated from wounds.

T./Capt. John Leacroft, Genl. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On one occasion he flew at a very low altitude in extremely bad weather and successfully engaged enemy troops with machine-gun fire, and on another occasion carried out a most valuable reconnaissance and engaged enemy troops from a height of 100 feet. He destroyed two hostile machines, and has proved himself a courageous and determined pilot.

2nd Lt. Walter Aiken Lewis, R.F.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Whilst in temporary command of his battery, all the communications of which were cut by the first rounds of the hostile bombardment, he judged that an attack was imminent and ordered the battery into action. He then by his example, courage and coolness, walking from pit to pit, kept the battery in action as long as was necessary, during a heavy gas shell bombardment.

T./2nd Lt. Reginald Wybert Liles, E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the tank in front of him received a direct hit, causing several casualties, this officer immediately ran to it, and though ammunition was exploding entered the tank, dragged out wounded, and had them evacuated to the dressing station. On another occasion he remained in the open during several heavy barrages encouraging the tank crews, previous to which he had led up the tanks to the starting point under very heavy shell fire. He showed a total disregard for his personal safety.

T./2nd Lt. Charles William Loudoun, attd. R.W. Kent. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy sniping and machine-gun fire he attacked and cleared an enemy dug-out which was holding up the advance and captured eight prisoners. He showed the greatest gallantry and initiative during an enemy bombardment after the capture of the objective.

T./Lt. Harry George Ernest Luchford, Gen. List and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has carried out a great deal of extremely useful work, and has proved himself a capable and determined leader. On one occasion when on a photographic reconnaissance he and his observer shot down and destroyed two enemy scouts. He has destroyed five other hostile machines.

2nd Lt. Charles Athelstane Lupton, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As F.O.O. he followed up the infantry advance, reaching a point well in