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War Office, 30th July, 1919.

With reference to the Awards conferred as announced in the London Gazette, dated 15th February, 1919, the following are the statements of services for which the decorations were conferred:

AWARDED A THIRD BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) William Denman Croft, D.S.O., Sco. Rif., G.O.C. 27th Infy. Bde.

From September 28th, 1918, onwards he displayed the utmost energy, skill and gallantry in the command of his brigade, notably on October 1st, when his right flank was exposed and heavily counter-attacked at Ledeghem. His handling of his brigade on October 15th resulted in his overcoming all opposition and reaching the line of the Lys, and thus attaining all his objectives. On the occasion of the crossing of the Lys on the night October 16/17th, which necessitated his crossing in daylight under heavy machine-gun fire at close range to visit his battalions on the eastern bank, his example and confidence inspired his troops, who, though strongly counter-attacked and heavily shelled, maintained their position until relieved.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1917.) (1st Bar gazetted 10th January, 1917.) (2nd Bar gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

AWARDED A SECOND BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

T./Lt.-Col. George Frank Brooke, D.S.O.,

R. of O., attd. 14th Bn. Welsh R.

For gallant and skilful leading of his battalion near Villers Outreaux, October 8th, 1918. Owing to another brigade having been checked in their attack on the front enemy trenches, his battalion had to delay their advance for some time while suffering heavily from artillery barrage. By his personal efforts, skill and determination the battalion, which had been thrown into some confusion, was rallied and assembled for the further advance, eventually reaching the final objective, which included the capture of Malincourt en route.