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22nd Bn.
A.I.F.

- Lieut. Keith
SUTHERLAND

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations near ESTREES, East of PERONNE on night 3rd/4th Oct., 1918.

While the Battalion was massed in the Assembly trenches, amended orders were received ordering the attack to be launched at once. Lt. SUTHERLAND volunteered to carry the orders to the leading Company and leaving the trenches, dashed over the intervening exposed ground. He delivered the orders and accompanied the leading attacking wave under the heaviest fire, in order to ensure their full explanation to all concerned. This Officer then returned through the barrage and remained at the ammunition dump, organizing carrying parties and despatching ammunition and the fighting stores necessary for the impending dawn attack.

While engaged on this task, word was received that a congestion of wounded existed further forward. Lt. SUTHERLAND then procured stretchers and organized German prisoners into stretcher squads, supervising the work of evacuation himself.

Throughout the whole of the operations the tireless energy and capability of this Officer were fully demonstrated, and he showed the greatest initiative and resource.

(Signed) A.R.L. WILTSHIRE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding (temp.) 6th Australian Infantry Brigade H.C.