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To O G B Co 5th Bn.

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On the night of the 20th/25th July when the 5th Bn assaulted enemy bunkers O.G.1 + O.G.2 I went over the parapet with B Co. when we reached our second objective I found myself under Capt. Lillie's charge and remained in touch with him throughout the following day and night.

During our occupation of our final defensive line we were subjected to heavy bomb attacks and counter attacks by the enemy accompanied with much heavy shelling.

Captain Lillie's coolness on all occasions steadied the men and he acquitted himself splendidly as a leader.

It was owing to his gallant conduct throughout the engagement that we were able to hold our