

ward and rushed a machine-gun post, bayoneting the crew and capturing the machine gun.

820098 Bdr. D. Leech, R.F.A. (Uttoxeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a heavy trench mortar. The safety pin in a fuze caught in some expanding metal while he was loading the mortar, and the fuze operated as soon as the bomb reached the bottom of the bore. Hearing the fuze working, he rushed to the mortar, and putting his arm down the bore, unscrewed the fuze and threw it into the open, thereby preventing a premature explosion with the loss of many lives.

69362 Dr. H. W. J. Leggate, R.F.A. (Chelsea).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When performing the duties of signaller, he repeatedly repaired the line from the battery to the exchange under heavy and at some times intense shell fire. Later, volunteering to repair the wires to the observation post, he went forward in the face of shell and machine-gun fire, being the first to discover that the enemy were advancing from the flank. Having warned the party at the observation post, and having brought in the telephone equipment, he further distinguished himself by remaining behind to assist in carrying the wounded to a place of safety, though he had already been subjected to a tremendous strain and was considerably shaken.

G/44238 C.S.M. D. Lehane, R. Fus. (Hampstead, N.W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised attacks on two enemy machine guns and put both of them out of action. When ammunition and bombs were urgently required he organised a small party and led them forward through heavy fire. He handled his men with the greatest ability and courage.

32029 Pte. H. Leishman, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher-bearer. He brought in great numbers of wounded, and when not carrying wounded he volunteered for other duties. While bringing in a wounded man he was attacked by the enemy. Though unarmed, he knocked one of them down and the others retired.

7756 1st Cl. Air Mechanic A. Leyland, R.F.C. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the battery being heavily engaged by an enemy battery, the wireless aerial was broken on three occasions. On each occasion this man pluckily went out and repaired it, though the shelling was most severe. The disregard of personal danger and devotion to duty displayed by him enabled the battery to be fought, and greatly aided in steadying the other wireless operators and signallers under very trying conditions.

530084 Sjt. F. Lord, Lond. R. (Royton, nr. Oldham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty when acting as company serjeant-major. He gave great assistance to his company commander during an attack, and though wounded, remained at duty. He set a fine example of courage and determination.

761201 Cpl. G. N. Lowther, M.M., R.F.A. (Whitby).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in extinguishing some burning camouflage over a gun. With the help of a gunner he picked out rounds that had been pierced by shell fire, and were in danger of exploding, and so undoubtedly saved the gun from being put out of action. In response to a call for volunteers, he went out with two others and succeeded in bringing in a wounded man, although all were blown over by a shell.

1458 Gnr. G. McArdle, M.G.C. (Galashiels).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He went twice through a heavy machine-gun barrage to fetch ammunition. When the rest of the team were casualties, he attended to their wounds and carried extra ammunition and spare parts in addition to his own load. He rendered the greatest service repelling the attacking enemy, and showed splendid coolness and courage.

15802 L./Cpl. A. E. McCaffrey, G. Gds. (Maidstone).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded a platoon of the leading company in an attack, and when the objective had been captured, and all the officers were casualties, he found that there was a gap of 450 yards on his left. He quickly grasped the situation and so disposed his men as to cover the gap completely by his fire. By skilful handling of his Lewis gunners he put out of action the teams of three enemy field guns, which thus fell into our hands. He showed magnificent leadership and resource.

8834 Sjt. J. McCann, R. Berks. R. (Clapton, E.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a section of the front line trench when the enemy made a determined effort to raid and occupy our line of advanced posts. On his own initiative he organised his section, and, despite the heavy barrage, led it out to reinforce one of the posts, materially assisting the garrison of the post in repulsing the enemy with heavy losses. His prompt action was an inspiring instance of the value of a fine fighting spirit.

29011 Sjt. M. McCarthy, M.G. Corps (Wexford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his section officer becoming a casualty, he at once took over from him the orders and maps and took charge of the section. Shortly afterwards, though he was himself hit, he sent back a report to his company commander, and also reported