

3498 Sjt. G. Lay, R.F.A. (Charing, Kent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rescuing three wounded men from a burning gun-pit. His comrade collapsed and had to be carried to the dressing-station. These two men have always displayed complete fearlessness and coolness, and set a fine example to the rest of the battery.

12453 Sjt. C. Leary, Linc. R. (Boston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led the first two platoons of his company in an attack with great dash and determination, and rendered valuable assistance in organising the defence of the captured position. Hearing that the enemy were collecting for a counter-attack, he at once collected and pushed forward rifle bombers and Lewis gunners, and completely broke up the enemy formation. His courage and initiative were a splendid example to his men.

1411 B.S.M. E. Lee, R.F.A. (Bolton).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When an ammunition dump was set on fire during a heavy bombardment, he led a party to the dump, and was mainly responsible, by his energy, fine example and disregard of danger, for extinguishing the fire.

616 Col./Sjt. (T./R.S.M.) J. Le Huray, Lan. Fus. (Crowborough Warren).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During operations this warrant officer did excellent work, his organising of carrying parties, collecting of ammunition and sending it forward under heavy shell fire being exceptional. At one period, under heavy machine-gun fire, he went back himself and brought up S.O.S. signals.

33889 Pte. G. E. Lock, Essex R. (Colchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as stretcher bearer. He worked continuously for seventy-four hours under heavy fire, bringing in over twenty wounded. Three times his fellow bearers were killed or wounded by snipers.

39181 Pte. W. Luff, R.W. Surrey R. (Hindhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he advanced alone some distance to the front, and, unaided, penetrated an enemy strong point, taking twenty-four prisoners. He showed magnificent courage and initiative.

51277 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) J. Lynch, R.E. (Redditch, near Stockport).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a party laying cables. The cables were so much cut up by shell fire that it was found impossible to repair them, though he made several attempts under heavy fire. He reassembled his party and laid out new lines, which he successfully maintained. On the day of the attack he did valuable work on the forward lines, which he constantly patrolled in spite of a heavy barrage. His courage and disregard of danger were an inspiration to his men.

18394 Sjt. T. McIlwaine, M.G.C., frmlly. R. Sc. Fus. (Auchinleck, Ayr).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He rendered valuable service in the assembly for an attack and in rallying his section during the advance. Later, he located and engaged an enemy machine gun, which was holding up the attack and inflicting considerable casualties, and succeeded in knocking it out. He also made a daring daylight reconnaissance, which enabled the line to be advanced, and on another occasion captured four prisoners. He set a splendid example to his men.

3/7377 L./Cpl. N. Mackenzie, Sea. Highrs. (Baroas, Stornoway).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, in sole charge of his Lewis gun, the remainder of the team having become casualties. When the enemy counter-attacked he reserved his fire and knocked over many, checking their advance. His company officer was killed while attempting to reach him with Lewis-gun magazines, but he retrieved the ammunition and remained, firing, at his post when men were falling back on both flanks.

19122 L./Cpl. J. McKnight, K.O.S.B. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the section gained their objective and were consolidating the positions, they were suddenly subjected to a hail of bombs from the enemy's machine-gun position. This man and a comrade threw their bombs into the enemy's strong point and rushed it on their own initiative, capturing two automatic rifles and twelve prisoners, and wounding two. Their prompt action enabled the regiment on the right to advance when they were temporarily held up.

8814 Sjt. F. McLennan, Sea. Highrs. (Allan-grange).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company officer was wounded and unable to move, he ably assisted him to control the situation. Later, when his company commander was killed, he went about from shell-hole to shell-hole, organising the line and encouraging the men until himself wounded.

I/20891 C.S.M. T. Martin, Dur. L.I. (Newcastle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He organised his platoon to meet an enemy attack and kept up communication with the company on his left, continually moving over ground swept by heavy shell fire to do so. Throughout the operations he inspired all ranks by his great coolness and contempt of danger.

L/13243 Sjt. W. J. Martin, Mdx. R. (Kilburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. All the officers of his company having become casualties, he held the post occupied by his platoon for forty-eight hours, for much of the time being isolated, owing to the enemy's attack on his right and left. By his courage and excellent dispositions he successfully maintained his position, protected