

captured thirty prisoners and killed the remainder of the garrison, thus opening the way for the advance of the whole company.

300007 T./S.M. J. F. Knights, Essex R. (Walthamstow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great coolness under fire throughout the operations, and rendered great assistance in organising carrying parties. His fine fighting spirit and soldierly bearing were a stirring example to all ranks.

200162 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) W. Laird, R. Sco. Fus. (Kilmarnock).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack, after his platoon commander had become a casualty, he took command of his platoon, and having rushed a machine gun, captured it and immediately brought it into action against the enemy. His courage and dash were most meritorious.

110919 Sjt. E. G. Larwood, M.G.C. Cav. (Swaffham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a hostile counter-attack, on serious casualties being inflicted on the led horses of the squadron, which temporarily immobilised the transport, he displayed marked coolness and great initiative in collecting and leading under cover both men and horses, in organising fresh teams, and in conducting the transport, with its supplies, to a place of safety. His courageous conduct and able handling of a critical situation were instrumental in averting further losses, and in enabling the ammunition supply to the guns being maintained.

350367 Pte. A. Latham, Manch. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the right of the raiding party, he rushed it with an N.C.O. and another man, killed the detachment and captured the gun. His prompt and courageous action was of the greatest assistance to the raiding party.

40131 Pte. (A./L./Cpl.) R. G. Lawrence, Norf. R. (Beccles).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He most gallantly went forward twice under heavy machine-gun fire to find out the situation on the flank at a critical period when touch with the adjoining company had not been obtained.

56713 Pte. S. T. Lea, M.G.C. (Ellesmere).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When acting as a company runner he volunteered to go back and bring in an officer who had been left behind with a badly broken leg. In spite of a cross fire from hostile machine guns and a heavy rifle fire at close range, he succeeded in bringing this officer away. He displayed the greatest courage and gallantry.

300447 Sjt. A. Leighton, R. Scots (Leith).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the action, observing that a

party of the enemy were creeping round the flank of his position, he at once organised the defence, and taking forward a party of bombers, drove off the enemy, killing six of them and inflicting several casualties upon the remainder. His dash and initiative were most marked.

290969 Sjt. W. Leitch, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a section of bombers along the enemy trenches, and, unaided, took the section of trench allotted to him. Having personally accounted for three of the enemy, he then silenced and finally captured a machine gun. His skill and initiative were most marked.

590 Sjt. W. J. Le Poidevin, R. Guernsey L.I. (St. Peter Port).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held a barricade against the enemy when all his men except one were casualties. When wounded in both legs he crawled back and collected a few men to hold the position. He set a magnificent example of courage.

15695 Sjt. P. A. V. Leppard, R. Berks. R. (Wokingham, Berks.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his platoon officer becoming a casualty he led his platoon with great skill and judgment. Realising that the company on the flank was held up, he immediately led his men against that company's objective, and was successful in capturing and consolidating it. Hearing that the company serjeant-major had become a casualty, he took over his duties, which he performed with marked thoroughness and efficiency.

266192 Sjt. J. Lipsett, Sco. Rif. (Glasgow).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a post of four men and a machine gun, on the enemy attacking and pressing back a portion of the line, this post was isolated. Owing to the brilliant manner in which he handled his detachment he beat off all attacks against his post, which remained intact after the enemy had withdrawn. Later, on fifty of the enemy approaching his post and calling upon him to surrender, he allowed them to approach to within thirty yards, and then, bringing all the available fire to bear upon them, completely routed them. His leadership and military judgment were of the highest order.

7296 T./R.S.M. T. Lloyd, Ches. R. (Shrewsbury).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He succeeded in leading a party of pack animals carrying ammunition up to the firing line under heavy fire. He has rendered consistent good service throughout the operations, and has at all times performed his duties in a most efficient and satisfactory manner.

37366 Pte. J. Logan, M.G.C. (Methlick).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He supplied his gun with ammuni-