

500017 Sjt. W. G. Lay, R.E. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under a very heavy bombardment. He repeatedly went out to repair existing telephone lines, and lay new ones, and was largely instrumental in maintaining communication between Brigade Headquarters and forward battalions.

62319 L./C. G. A. Leavey, R.E. (Winchfield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when for three days he was in charge of a brigade forward station, and he kept up communication under most trying circumstances. Through his personal example in mending lines and manning visual stations, he enabled the brigade communications forward to be maintained, and when the brigade withdrew he let the infantry pass him, kept open communication to the last, and then destroyed his instruments.

130914 L./Sjt. C. Ledingham, M.G.C. (Craigie, Perth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack. He kept his machine gun in action when the enemy tried to rush and bomb his position. After driving them back he noticed they were massing again for attack on the left. He reconnoitred forward in the open under heavy shell fire for a new position, brought up his gun, and opened fire on them at close range, again rendering valuable assistance by driving the enemy back.

8514 A./R.S.M. A. Lee, E. Surr. R. (Wandsworth).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack on a village, this W.O., in command of Battalion Headquarters details, established dumps and kept up an ample supply of S.A.A. and bombs to the forward companies under heavy fire. That night, when the enemy attacked, he started the men digging on their allotted portion of the defensive flank, and then, when the companies ran short of S.O.S. grenades, he fetched six tins from an abandoned dump in "No Man's Land."

31241 Gnr. J. E. Lee, R.F.A. (Ballyclare).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the signal leads of the battery having been cut he went out to repair the line. Then he remained out for five hours under heavy fire repairing leads, and succeeded in keeping the line intact, bringing in with him eventually a gunner who had been helping him.

P.W./1541 C.S.M. H. Leighs, Midd'x R. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander was killed he took command of the men who were occupying his part of the trench, and distributed ammunition and encouraged the men to successfully repel heavy attacks until relieved of his command by an officer. He showed great coolness and initiative.

24381 Sjt. G. Leivesley, Ches. R. (Birkenhead).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, his company almost surrounded, he took charge of it in the absence of the officers, and conducted its withdrawal in a masterly manner, displaying much coolness under heavy fire.

G/6887 L./Cpl. E. Letts, R.W. Surr. R. (Croydon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack by his platoon some of the men got separated. He promptly collected them and led them to the remainder of the platoon. His promptitude caused the counter-attack to be successful.

446619 Spr. (A./L./Cpl.) E. J. Lewis, R.E. (Hoylake).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When in charge of a party guarding a bridge, this N.C.O. noticed that some spun yarn in close proximity to the primers and fuses to the main charge of 500 lbs. of ammonal had been ignited by a shell-burst. He at once went and extinguished it, saving the destruction of the bridge and probably many lives.

14100 Sjt. J. Lewis, Glouc. R. (Bristol).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while commanding a platoon during an attack, when he captured five houses and three orchards. His consolidation was excellent, and his reports concise. The success of the operations was largely due to his courage and determination. Had it not been for his following close to the barrage, greater casualties might have been incurred.

8151 Sjt. H. A. Lewry, R. Suss. R. (Hurstpierpoint).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading an attack. When the company commander was killed, he took command, organised his men, and occupied the positions with great skill. His resource and coolness helped to a great extent towards the capture of the positions allotted to the battalion.

23406 Pte. C. Libby, D. of C.L.I. (Menheniot, Cornwall).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying messages under heavy machine-gun fire, on one occasion through a hailstorm of bullets, when the first two runners had been killed under his very eyes. It was this soldier who saw the enemy cavalry coming down the road, and warned the Lewis gun team, thereby causing the enemy's total destruction. Although worn out, and with his feet quite raw, he continued his work, and his staying powers were a wonder to all who came in contact with him. A fine example of pluck to the battalion.

14994 A./C.S.M. G. W. Lings, M.M., Leic. R. (Stapleford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During critical periods of rearguard fighting he frequently exposed himself under very heavy shell and machine-gun fire, encouraging the men in their resistance. He