

Lance and another man jumped upon the parapet of the trench and heavily bombed the advancing enemy, who became greatly demoralised. Our troops resumed the offensive and captured many machine guns and prisoners. The gallant action of this N.C.O. and his companion undoubtedly saved an awkward situation.

24500 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) F. G. Lane, R.E. (Downton, Hordle).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He laid and mended telephone lines to the attacking battalions under heavy shell fire. He worked incessantly under most trying conditions, and displayed great initiative in maintaining communication throughout the operations.

240275 Pte. J. Lane, M.M., N. Lan. R. (Little Hulton).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during an enemy counter-attack. He assumed command of his section and himself took up an advanced position, single-handed, engaging the enemy for an hour and a half until his bombs were exhausted and the enemy had retired in confusion. He finally withdrew his section most skilfully. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

G/61061 Cpl. W. Lawrence, R. Fus. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry during a successful night attack. By his promptitude and fearless leadership he put many enemy machine guns out of action before they were able to inflict casualties. On two occasions he personally killed the whole team, and with his platoon was responsible for rounding up over 50 prisoners. He did magnificent work.

17406 L./C. B. Leicester, Manch. R. (Northwich, Cheshire).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He attacked an enemy trench mortar which was firing from a position in rear. He led his section to within bombing distance, rushed the position, destroyed the gun, and captured or killed the crew with the bayonet. He showed splendid courage and determination.

25909 Sjt. A. Lester, R.F.A. (Stoke-on-Trent).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as acting battery serjeant-major. He assisted in getting the battery into action under intense shell fire, and moved about in the open collecting the detachments with utter disregard of danger. He set a splendid example of courage throughout the day, which was largely responsible for the steadiness shown by the whole battery.

38351 Pte. R. G. Lindsay, R. Scots (Springburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as runner. He was severely wounded in five places while carrying urgent orders to the most advanced company: but sent a man who came to his help with the message and refused to be carried away until the man reported the message de-

livered. He then got himself carried to battalion headquarters and reported the orders delivered. He behaved splendidly.

30474 Pte. J. Locherty, E. Lan. R. (Dun-dee).

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack. Together with a comrade he rushed forward and bombed an enemy machine-gun post, killing four and bringing back two prisoners and knocking out a machine gun. His splendid act cleared the way for the advance of his company.

35071 Pte. T. J. Lock, Welsh R. (Senghenydd).

He manœuvred his Lewis gun into position against an enemy machine gun that was holding up our advance, and engaged it with great effect, putting fourteen of the enemy out of action and capturing the gun. He was wounded later in a similar enterprise. During several days' hard fighting he set a splendid example of courage and determination to the men with him.

55786 Sjt. W. Lockley, Notts. & Derby. R. (Arnold).

For conspicuous gallantry and resource. When his company was strongly counter-attacked he led a determined charge against the enemy, and, advancing under a shower of bombs, put out of action an enemy machine gun which had held up the attack. He set a magnificent example of courage and initiative.

11037 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Lord, E. Surr. R. (Richmond).

When a company was being held up during the attack, by heavy rifle and machine-gun fire he rushed across an exposed piece of ground swept by enemy fire, and, taking up a favourable position, he killed the crews of several of the machine guns. Later on he took part in the assault and was one of the first in the rush which captured the enemy trench with 70 prisoners and 12 machine guns. His personal gallantry and dash were admirable, and he set a splendid example to all ranks.

6445 C./S./M. H. Loughman, Bord. R. (Salford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid. He was with the leading platoon, and when the first lines of his company were held up by hidden wire and very heavy machine-gun fire, he dashed forward with a few men and rushed two machine guns one after another, killing or capturing the teams. This action enabled his company to reform and successfully rush the objective. He showed magnificent courage and rendered most valuable service.

241087 L./Cpl. T. Love, H.L.I. (Glasgow).

He successfully attacked and put to flight a party of six of the enemy who were enfilading our line with a machine gun. In spite of impediments of wire, he got his Lewis gun to bear, and he finally charged with three other men and routed them. His initiative was worthy of great praise, as he