

advance was temporarily held up by machine gun and rifle fire from a blockhouse, he advanced to an exposed position on a flank under very heavy fire, and, by quick and intelligent use of his Lewis gun, silenced the blockhouse and enabled it to be rushed. Many of the enemy were killed, wounded and captured there, and the fall of this strong point enabled the final objective to be secured. He subsequently helped to capture another strong point, displaying gallantry and fearlessness of a high order throughout the operation.

1188 Cpl. (A./Sjt.) J. Lally, Ches. R. (Roscommon).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of his platoon during the attack and capture of an enemy post. By his personal dash and fine leadership he gained his objectives and consolidated them under heavy fire, afterwards maintaining his position against several determined counter-attacks.

362 Sjt. F. G. Lambeth, R.W. Kent R. (Halling).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he was in charge of an isolated post which was subjected to an intense barrage for three hours. Although his Lewis gun and team were three times partially buried, he extricated them on each occasion, and took them to another shell hole. He stuck to his exposed position and kept up an intense fire as soon as the attack commenced. Although severely bruised, he showed a splendid example of pluck and determination.

20887 Cpl. C. E. Lambourne, Mach. Gun Co. (Reading).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in maintaining a constant supply of ammunition and rations to his gun teams under most difficult and trying conditions. His carrying party consisted of five men, and the continual and urgent demand for ammunition necessitated many journeys under heavy fire. Without him the guns would have been useless, and it was due to his fine personal example and initiative that the work was so successfully carried out.

11412 Pte. L. B. Lamkin, C. Gds. (Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in laying three-quarters of a mile of telegraph cable under very heavy fire. The two men who had started with him were wounded, and he completed the work single-handed. Later, again single-handed, he captured an enemy machine gun which was causing casualties to his comrades. A few days after this he displayed splendid presence of mind and disregard of his personal safety in rescuing a wounded comrade from a dug-out which had been set on fire by enemy shelling. He was in imminent danger of being blown up by a dump of bombs which was blazing freely at the entrance.

240067 C./S./M. G. Lane, Midd'x R. (Uxbridge).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action. By his cheerful-

ness under exceptionally trying circumstances, and his energetic handling of his men, he greatly assisted his company commander. When wounded he refused to leave his post until ordered to do so, and he inspired all those he came in contact with by his fine example.

242582 Cpl. A. Langton, York. L.I. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When his officer and senior N.C.O.s had become casualties he took command and led his party with great dash and determination into the enemy's trench, where he organised bombing parties and reached his objective, setting a splendid example of fearlessness and skilful leadership throughout the whole operation, under very heavy fire. He afterwards went out in search of wounded, and unaided brought in the bodies of his officer and four men who were lying out in No Man's Land.

48559 Spr. D. F. Langton, R.E. (Dartford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst laying an infantry track. Just as his party started, the officer and N.C.O. were killed and the remainder blown off their feet by a shell. Sapper Langton then obtained the map from the body of his officer and marked out the track himself, in spite of persistent sniping. The laying out of this track was in the highest degree important, and he showed the greatest courage and determination in leading his small party to the successful completion of the task.

935002 B.S.M. W. A. Lawrence, R.F.A. (Hush Hill Park, London, N.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when taking guns into action. Having come under heavy fire, his convoy was unable to proceed across a canal, whereupon he went forward four times, with an officer, to reconnoitre. By his great coolness and resolution the morale of his men was maintained, and it was very largely due to his fine example that the guns were eventually got into action.

204020 Pte. E. Lawson, Lanc. Fus. (Burnley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's lines. When all his Lewis gun team had become casualties and he was shot through the neck himself, he continued, with great pluck and determination, to keep his gun in action during enemy counter-attacks.

6/1522 Pte. J. Leacy, R. Ir. Regt., attd. R.E. (Gorey, Co. Wexford).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took a Lewis gun up to the front line when the team had been knocked out, and assisted in repelling an enemy counter-attack. He remained with the infantry after his party had been withdrawn, assisting to repel further attacks. His example and disregard of danger were of great value.

10210 L./Cpl. W. Leckey, I. Gds. (Mallow, Co. Cork).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a Lewis gun section. By keeping up a heavy fire on an enemy