

T./Lt. Eric Unwin Laurie, M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, firstly, when acting as liaison officer between infantry and machine guns, when he sent information of the situation, which was of the highest value; and later, when in command of five machine guns, one of which he mounted in a most exposed position on a bridge head. For six and a half hours he remained with his guns, firing almost continuously, despite his severe losses, and causing heavy enemy casualties. He set a magnificent example throughout of courage and resource.

Capt. Joseph Illingworth Lawson, R.A.M.C. (S.R.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in bringing in wounded under heavy shell fire, with no one between him and the enemy, thereby saving them from being made prisoners.

T./2nd Lt. Herbert Cecil Laycock, E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the senior officer of his battalion in the front line, in command of the centre platoon. He kept the line intact, although for three hours his flanks were enfiladed. During the withdrawal he covered the retirement of the wounded and M.O.'s staff, by taking up a position with two Lewis guns in front of the aid post.

T./Lt. John Arthur Lea, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when in command of the reserve company of his battalion. Under cover of an intense bombardment the enemy succeeded in piercing part of a line, and he was ordered to recapture the position. He led his company forward under heavy machine-gun fire, and succeeded in re-taking the ground which had been temporarily lost. Owing to mist, direction was difficult to keep, and in order to avoid his company losing direction he kept about twenty yards ahead of his men, thus exposing himself to additional danger. His courage and coolness were at all times admirable.

T./2nd Lt. Anthony Leach, British West Indies R., attd. R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As an observer, whilst engaged on photographic work, he was attacked by five hostile triplanes. After he had fired a burst of thirty rounds at a range of 100 yards, one of the enemy planes went down in flames. Though the remaining hostile planes were reinforced by another ten machines, and though he himself was wounded, he fired a drum at a range of 150 yards, which resulted in another of the enemy machines rolling over on its side and falling to pieces. By his skill and coolness he undoubtedly saved his pilot and the machine.

2nd Lt. Frank Leach, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the guns and transport of two 6-inch Howitzer Batteries were hopelessly

blocked on the road, owing to intense machine-gun and shell fire, and the personnel being all scattered, this officer volunteered to return to the column, and helped to burn all the lorries and stores before they fell into the enemy's hands.

T./Capt. Guy Seely Leach, Yorks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his C.O. went to hospital, this officer took over command of the battalion at a very critical time. He organised several lines of defence and held his battalion ready for a counter-attack. When it was heavily shelled, he set a fine example, bringing in wounded and assisting the M.O. to dress them.

T./Lt. Cecil Glen Leary, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rallying his men repeatedly and in encouraging them by example to engage the advancing enemy. His determination and courage contributed largely to the effective retirement of the unit, especially in a railway cutting, where he collected stragglers, and by an immediate counter-attack restored the line, which had been temporarily lost.

Capt. James Cunliffe Leask, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading a counter-attack through a village. After severe fighting, he successfully cleared the village and enabled a force to be extricated, thus greatly assisting the withdrawal that was in progress. He behaved with gallantry and skill.

T./Lt. Harry Gray Leaver, Lan. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his company and driving the enemy back on the right flank. By the promptness and dash of this counter-attack a critical situation was relieved and the flank secured. Later, he again showed great courage with his company, under intense shell fire, in holding an important part of the new line.

Lt. Arthur William Leech, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a counter-attack, when his commanding officer had become a casualty, he took command of the battalion and successfully led the attack to its objective, capturing two machine-guns and several prisoners. This successful counter-attack was instrumental in holding up the enemy at a critical moment, and great praise was due to this officer.

Lt. Henry Chicele Lefroy, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in organising and maintaining the group headquarters communications, repairing the lines which were continuously broken by enemy fire, and where destroyed, laying fresh ones.

2nd Lt. (A./Lt.) John Alfred Lennon, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He handled his bat-