

he took up a position with two Lewis guns in a wood commanding the enemy's approach, and, though wounded in the hand and face, he maintained the position until almost surrounded, and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. His courage and tenacity were most marked.

44626 Sjt. J. J. Kennedy, M.G. Corps (Beverley).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He covered the withdrawal of other troops until surrounded, when he rushed his team with the gun through the enemy and came into action again. By his coolness and courage during seven days' fighting he worked great havoc among the enemy.

15528 Sjt. A. Kett, Norf. R. (Haddiscoe).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was responsible for holding back the enemy, who were on three sides of him, for three hours. During this time he showed great courage and determination. Finally, he withdrew his men, covering their retreat with a Lewis gun, and afterwards organised and delivered a successful counter-attack. His gallantry was splendid.

17934 Sjt. B. King, M.M., Worc. R. (Hamp-ton, Middlesex).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of his platoon, kept his men together, and succeeded in holding up two enemy attacks and covering a pre-arranged withdrawal of our troops. By his great coolness and initiative throughout operations he set a very fine example to all ranks when all company officers had become casualties.

353201 Pte. W. J. Lardi, Lond. R. (Ventnor).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while acting as leading bayonet man in a night raid on hostile trenches. He came upon an enemy machine-gun team, and rushing in, followed by his men, the whole of the hostile party were killed, and, although severely wounded in the face, he captured and brought back the machine gun. His courage and energy were a brilliant example to all ranks with him.

93869 C.S.M. J. Leah, M.G. Corps (Ashton-under-Lyne).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has at all times shown coolness and steadiness under fire, and carried out his duties with great energy and zeal, and set a fine example to his men.

13870 C.S.M. S. C. Lee, Notts. and Derby. R. (Beeston).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During a raid on the enemy's trenches this warrant officer behaved with great gallantry and coolness, rendering valuable assistance to his company commander and setting a fine example to the men. On the withdrawal of the party he helped to carry back a badly wounded man across No Man's Land under heavy machine-gun fire.

61251 Cpl. T. G. Lesar, R. Fus. (Stamford Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With great initiative and much skill he attacked from a flank two heavy machine guns, which were holding up the advance of the attacking lines following the platoon of which he was in command. He organised a bombing party of six men, and captured the two guns and the few survivors of the gun teams, thus allowing the advance to continue. His gallantry and promptitude were most valuable factors in the success of this operation.

S/20578 L./Cpl. R. H. Lewis, Rif. Bde. (Herne Hill).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an assault he displayed great dash, and personally bayoneted six of the enemy. He took charge of his platoon and re-organised it under heavy fire. He gained touch with the post on his flanks, killing three of the enemy while doing so. He displayed great coolness and an utter disregard of danger.

426525 Sjt. S. H. Lewis, M.M., R.E. (Twickenham).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After his section officer was wounded he assumed command of his section, and showed great initiative in command, especially at one time in preparing for a counter-attack. He also made a reconnaissance under fire, and brought back most accurate reports.

17763 Pte. J. Lillystone, Wilts. R. (West Norwood).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Under heavy fire he moved his Lewis gun into a commanding position and greatly helped to break down three separate enemy attacks by the magnificent handling of his gun. When his gun was put out of action he organised various sections in his trench, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy with rifle fire. It was mainly owing to his courage and initiative that the position was held.

15805 Sjt. A. Loosemore, V.C., W. Rid. R. (Sheffield).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When out with a fighting patrol he displayed conspicuous gallantry and powers of leadership when his officer was wounded and the platoon scattered by hostile bombs. He rallied the men and brought them back in order, with all the wounded, to our lines. On a subsequent occasion he handled his platoon with great skill and a complete disregard of his own danger under a heavy machine-gun fire, and it was owing to his determination and powers of leadership that the platoon eventually captured the enemy post which they were attacking.

3rd Cl. Asst. Surgn. J. W. C. Lopez, I.S.M.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a whole period, also for his coolness, resourcefulness and untiring work during a particular action.