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	1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers	3129711	Fusilier JOHN HEATHY LESLIE	<p><u>North Burma Campaign.</u></p> <p>On 27 Feb '45, Fus Leslie was a Bren gunner in the leading platoon of his company engaged in clearing enemy opposition between SINDONG and ONMA. His platoon came under heavy and accurate fire from a MMG and two IMG's so that two sections were unable to move. This Fusilier, with his Section Commander, worked forward round the flank to engage the enemy and draw the fire off their platoon. He personally shot a Japanese who was throwing a grenade and another who was attempting to take cover. He then came under very heavy fire, withdrew to his own forward troops and gave covering fire for the withdrawal of his platoon. Later on in the day, as acting Section Commander, when another platoon was held up, Fus. Leslie's platoon was ordered to attack with the bayonet across open paddy field. Fus Leslie led the attack with his Platoon Sgt and Coy Comd, firing as he advanced. On reaching the edge of their objective they were met by a shower of grenades and found it impossible to force their way through the thick scrub which covered the enemy position. One grenade burst in front of Fus. Leslie and cut him in several places about the face. Although blown off his feet, and in full view and under heavy fire from the enemy, he quickly returned the fire and when he had finished his magazines he threw grenades. All this time he was shouting encouragement to his comrades and passing on orders to his men. Eventually the enemy was forced to withdraw.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> Lieut. Colonel, Commanding 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers.</p>	<p>M.M. 21.6.45</p>	

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	1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers.	312971	Fusilier <u>JOHN HEALIX LESLIE</u>	He refused to be evacuated until the whole area was cleared and in spite of severe pain and shock his high spirits and cheerful disposition were an example to all. Fus. Leslie's courage and aggressive determination to close with the enemy were of the highest order; his example was an inspiration to all and greatly contributed to the ejection of the enemy from a strong position which constituted a dangerous threat to the battalion area.			

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