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Prior to and during the operations carried out on the 31st July 1917 in the MESSINES Sector, this N.C.O. was acting for the Brigade Signalling Officer who was absent on duty. He planned the whole of the communications for the operation and personally supervised the laying and maintenance of all lines etc. He showed considerable skill and ability in organising the system of communications.

The whole of the work was carried out under heavy shell fire and under extremely difficult conditions.

The excellent example of this N.C.O. inspired the men who worked with him and enabled them to successfully complete the work. The thorough manner in which the scheme was planned and executed assisted materially in the success of the operation.