

they were all killed or wounded, when he attached himself, although wounded, to another small party and fought on until it was in danger of being cut off. He then attached himself to a reserve unit, until they in turn were surrounded and every one captured, killed or wounded. From there he made good his escape to the river, helping along an officer who had been gassed.

2nd Lt. William Maurice Cole, Leic. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led a patrol in daylight to the enemy's lines, crawled through three belts of wire, surrounded, with three of his men, an enemy organised shell-hole and tried to take the sentry prisoner. The man resisted, and the noise disturbed an enemy machine-gun post close by, so they shot him for identification. Next day he again led a daylight patrol and gained valuable knowledge of the enemy's movements, locating several posts and the time at which they were manned.

T./2nd Lt. Harry Colin, Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a counter-attack. He was wounded whilst charging an enemy machine-gun, which he captured, but established his platoon in the enemy's position before going to the aid post. Later, he led a patrol at night, worked all along the battalion front, and returned with valuable information.

Lt. Simon Collier, Yeo., attd. Wilts. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as battalion signalling officer. Throughout a week's fighting he maintained signal communication under great difficulties. Later, with his battalion, he showed conspicuous gallantry in a counter-attack which completely repulsed the enemy. He set a fine example of energy and initiative.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Robert Henry Collins, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in command of the company during enemy attacks. He showed great coolness and ability in command of his men, and on the third day was dangerously wounded while distributing them in a new position. His example throughout was of a high order.

Lt. James Milton Constable, Ox. & Bucks. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. At a critical moment, when the enemy looked like breaking through, he collected battalion headquarters details and led them out to fill a gap, thereby successfully checking the enemy. During the whole day he was continually on the watch for enemy attempts to get round the flank, and by his personal example of coolness and determination helped to keep the line intact.

2nd Lt. Robert Cooke, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. For 24 hours his battery was subjected to an intense bombardment, and suffered

heavily in personnel and equipment. He showed great coolness in constantly going himself to the battery under fire to assist wounded and save equipment. It was due to his courage and initiative that the guns were eventually withdrawn successfully.

T./Capt. William Cooper, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was unremitting in his attentions to wounded under fire, and stayed behind in a village with a small salvage party attending to a number of wounded and gassed officers and men who came in. He behaved splendidly.

T./I.O.M., 2nd Cl., and Hon. Capt. Joseph Weston Coyle, A.O.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He successfully evacuated three ordnance mobile workshops under shell and finally machine-gun fire, from a site which fell into the enemy's hands immediately after. He did fine service.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Leonard Cracknell, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when a shell penetrated the dug-out and all his men were buried or rendered unconscious by the fumes and explosion, except himself and one gunner. In spite of the imminent danger of a further collapse of earth, he succeeded with this man in digging out all except four men before help arrived. It was due to his coolness and determination that so many lives were saved.

T./2nd Lt. Claude Howard Crofts, R. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When the raiding party was held up he displayed great skill and determination in reorganising them under heavy trench-mortar and machine-gun fire, and leading them again to the attack. When the party was again held up he led them forward to a third attempt, adopting a flank movement. He showed great coolness and initiative.

T./2nd Lt. Lewis Hayhurst Cronshaw, Tank Corps.

This officer displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of a tank, reaching his objective through a heavy fire, and remaining there for the pre-arranged period, though his infantry escort had been held up some way behind. On his way back the tank broke down in the middle of the enemy barrage, but he repaired the damage after 30 minutes' work under heavy fire, and it was safely driven back to the rallying point.

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Southwell Crosby, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the men of his company were badly shaken by machine-gun fire from enemy aeroplanes. He maintained the position alone, his orderly being immediately shot dead.