

the enemy consisting of one officer and thirty other ranks, who had machine guns in action against our assaulting troops. He led his men against them with marked gallantry, killing eight of the enemy, taking the rest prisoners, and so silencing machine guns that were causing heavy casualties. Throughout the action he set a very fine example to his men.

2nd Lt. John Cooney, R.F.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. C./161st Bde.

On 5th and 6th November, 1918, he was in command of a section of guns in close support of the infantry, and showed great dash and initiative. On 6th November, when the infantry were held up by machine-gun fire, he brought one gun up through the village and engaged the machine gun over open sights at a range of 400 yards, silencing it and clearing the way for the infantry.

Capt. (A./Maj.) William Henry Cooper, C./251st (Northumbrian) Bde., R.F.A., T.F.

For courage and determination on 25th October, 1918, near Robersart. Under heavy machine-gun fire he reconnoitred for an observation post, and after being wounded carried out his reconnaissance, came back to his battery and made arrangements for control. Again on 8th November, under very difficult conditions, he managed his battery in the advance with great skill and gallantry. He has done constant good work.

2nd Lt. Maynell Frederic Bentley Cornforth, S. Staffs R. (Spec. Res.), attd. 9th Bn. (ITALY).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on night 31st October/1st November, 1918, at Saicile. Under direct hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, he succeeded after two attempts in throwing a footbridge across the River Livenza, thus enabling the attacking infantry to continue their advance. His coolness and personal gallantry were an inspiration to all ranks and materially assisted in the success of the operations.

Lt. Albert Coucher, D.C.M., 2nd Bn., Essex R.

For marked gallantry whilst commanding a platoon in the attack on the enemy positions, E. of Verchain, on 26th October, 1918. When it looked as if his company would be held up by a hostile machine gun he led some men against it and put the gun out of action. At the final objective, parties of the enemy put up a stubborn resistance in a sunken road, and it was due to his fearless leadership that the opposition was so quickly overcome.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Gordon Bryce Seymour Cousens, 65th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry whilst commanding the brigade during the advance and fighting E. of Le Cateau, on 23th October, 1918. By his courage and energy in reconnoitring under heavy shell fire for forward positions for the batteries of the brigade, he was successful in getting guns rapidly forward, thus ensuring effective support to the infantry in the attack.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Cox, Devon R., attd. 9th Bn.

On the night of 22nd/23rd October, 1918, during the attack on Pommereuil, the company was held up by a strongly-held line of enemy machine-gun posts. He at once engaged two posts with his Lewis guns, and under cover of their fire rushed the posts with the remainder of his platoon, putting them out of action and taking a number of prisoners. He then quickly dealt with four more posts in the same manner, thereby enabling the rest of the company to continue their advance. He showed marked courage and dash.

Capt. Walter Mundy Cox, 1/2nd (S.M.) Fd. Amb., R.A.M.C., T.F. (ITALY);

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the late strenuous operations N. of Asiago, from 31st October-2nd November, 1918. He remained on duty night and day for practically seventy-two hours. During this time he was in constant communication with the infantry and it was largely due to his efforts that such excellent touch was kept with the troops. He showed exceptional pertinacity in maintaining the liaison which was absolutely necessary to the success of the operations. He was much exposed to shell and machine-gun fire.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Norman Crabtree, 1/7th Bn. W. Rid. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill during operations on 11th October, 1918, E. of Naves. He led his company with great courage and determination, and after the enemy counter-attacked, he was ordered to collect stragglers, and to lead them forward in a re-counter-attack, which he did with marked success.

T./2nd Lt. James Cramer, Lan. Fus., attd. 15th Bn.

He commanded a platoon during the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal on 2nd, 3rd and 4th November, 1918. Shortly after starting the attack on the 2nd, he was wounded in the chest, but gallantly led on his men to their objective. Throughout the operations he was conspicuous by his cool, calm bearing, and on three occasions he gained his objective with only one section left.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Charles Frederick Cran, 5th Bn., Wilts R. (MESOPOTAMIA).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on Barziyan on 25th October, 1918. After clearing a village of the enemy he reorganised a company and advanced to within 800 yards of a town on his own initiative under heavy fire. He then reconnoitred alone towards the town and sent back valuable information. He afterwards led his men in the attack in a most intrepid and determined manner.

T./2nd Lt. Harold James Crane, 1st Bn., N. Lancs R.

For conspicuous gallantry during the forcing of the Sambre-Oise Canal on 4th November, 1918, and subsequently. He advanced across the Canal in command of the leading platoon in a very thick mist, and under heavy fire showed great judgment in handling his men.