

2nd Lt. John Edmund Collins, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion when fighting a rearguard action. Although his platoon suffered many casualties, and was almost surrounded, by his disregard of danger and skilful leadership he held up the enemy for three hours, at a time when delay was of the greatest importance. His gallant conduct undoubtedly saved the battalion and enabled the withdrawal to be completed.

Rev. James Ferguson Colquhoun, A. Chapl. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in being daily up in the front line through a week of heavy fighting, cheering and looking after the comfort of the men.

7143 C.S.M. Frederick Joseph Colton, R. Scots.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. After two of the platoon commanders were killed, this W.O., on his own initiative, went up to the front line and took command, repelling a determined attack by the enemy. He then crawled forward to a shell-hole, and remained there for three hours sniping the enemy, who were trying to regain their own lines from adjacent shell-holes.

Lt. John Forrester Colvin, Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a heavy enemy attack, when a partial retirement took place. Acting on his own initiative, and with the greatest courage and determination, he organised a party of different units and led them in a counter-attack, which materially assisted to restore the line, which had been broken. His fearlessness and grasp of the situation were beyond praise.

Lt. Robert Edward Combe, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He maintained his position, when men showed signs of withdrawing, by standing on the parapet, in full view of the enemy, encouraging and rallying them to hold together. Later, he led two counter-attacks, and contributed largely towards delaying the enemy's advance.

Lt. Edmund Spencer Compton, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He kept his section in close touch with the line throughout the operations. Often, under heavy shell fire, he carried out his orders with great ability and despatch. By his own good shooting and good judgment he crashed two enemy aeroplanes, and his conduct all through has been a splendid example to all ranks of his section.

Lt. Arthur Patrick Comyns, R. W. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When a considerable length of trench on both sides of him had been evacuated by the garrison, he held the trench with a Lewis gun and three men, keeping up a steady fire and inflicting many casualties on the enemy until reinforcements arrived.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Archibald Edward Considine, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of his company. When his right flank was turned, he held on and inflicted many casualties on the enemy. He displayed marked ability in quickly reorganising his men in successive positions, with the result that the rush of the enemy in superior numbers was delayed and eventually controlled.

T./Capt. Alan Gibb Cook, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while clearing wounded under heavy machine-gun and shell fire during an enemy attack. When the officer in charge of the bearers became a casualty, he carried on the evacuation of the wounded, though badly gassed himself. He frequently led squads to the front line in search of wounded, and showed great disregard of danger.

2nd Lt. Francis Frederick Cook, R.G.A., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty with his section under heavy fire. Finding two guns of another battery unable to withdraw through lack of support, he hitched them on behind his guns and succeeded in getting all away. Later, when two guns were awaiting transport, he returned with a caterpillar and got them away safely, in spite of heavy shell fire. It was due to his energy and courage that many guns were saved which would otherwise have been lost.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick William Cook, D.C.M., Suff. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the left flank of the battalion was in the air, this officer formed a defensive flank with his company and held on, thereby saving the battalion from being surrounded.

T./Lt. Douglas Graham Cooke, R.A.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when engaged in many low bombing patrols and low reconnaissances. On one occasion, when important information was required, he flew along a front of ten miles at 100 feet, being subjected the whole way to heavy fire from the ground, and on the same day along another front of twelve miles at 300 feet, each time returning with the information and his machine much shot about. He has destroyed several hostile machines in air combats, and has invariably displayed the highest courage and a splendid fighting spirit.

T./2nd Lt. Michael James Cooke, Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a hostile attack, when the expeditious manner in which he moved the Lewis guns of his company to its threatened flank was largely responsible for holding up the enemy's advance. Throughout the action he commanded his men, under extremely heavy fire, with the greatest courage and skill until severely wounded.