

2nd Lt. William Henry Collins, Hamps. R., attd. 10th Bn. (SALONIKA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. No other officers were left in his company, and his three senior serjeants were casualties, but he led his company with great skill and determination, setting a splendid example to all under his command. In capturing a position he was wounded, but did not wait to have his wounds dressed until all his objectives had been captured and his company reorganised.

2nd Lt. Malcolm Coogan, A. & S. Highrs. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1/8th Bn., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and tenacity in hand-to-hand fighting. On proceeding up an unknown trench, his party was heavily bombed, and he was wounded in three places. In spite of this he got a Lewis gun into action, and directed a party to rush the post at the point of the bayonet. The rush was successful, but he kept his gun in action, exposed to continuous grenade fire until reinforcements came up. After carefully handing over, he was persuaded to retire, having set a fine example of resolution and cheerfulness.

2nd Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles Henry Cobden Cook, 4th Bn., Som. L.I. (T.F.), attd. 6th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership. This officer, in leading an attack, was held up by the fire of two machine guns. He worked through the wire with a private under cover of rifle grenade fire, and bombed the enemy through their loophole. The remainder of the men worked round and captured the post. Although wounded by machine-gun fire, he continued at duty.

Lt. Frank Eaden Cook, 1/10th Bn., Manch. R., T.F.

This officer, finding that the platoon on his left was held up, after reconnoitring the hostile position, successfully pushed on with his platoon, and with great gallantry and skill drove the enemy from his position, thus enabling the platoon on his left to gain its objective. Twice he led his platoon forward at critical moments, and his initiative and determination greatly assisted towards the success of the operation.

Lt. Samuel Davenport Cooke, 5th Bn., E. Lan. R., T.F., attd. 13th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership in command of his company in the attack. Owing to a check to the battalion on his left, his men were subjected to enfilade as well as direct machine-gun fire, and were also in danger of being surrounded. Entirely by his initiative he extricated them from an untenable position, and at the same time inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. He set his men a fine example of courage and coolness.

Capt. (T./Maj.) Richard Francis Cooper, R. Fus., attd. 14th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Prior to the attack this officer made a very thorough forward reconnaissance, and the following day followed close behind the infantry with his Tanks, his knowledge of the ground being of great assistance. Two days later he again made a reconnaissance of

important ground under heavy fire. Throughout he showed skill and determination in closely co-operating with the infantry.

Capt. Stuart Rauson Cooper, 8th Bn., W. York. R., T.F.

He led his company very gallantly and cleared a village. When the enemy counter-attacked in force some of the men began to withdraw, but he rallied them, and, collecting men from another company whose officers had become casualties, he led them forward and re-established the line. His fine example and disregard of personal danger were an inspiration to all ranks.

2nd Lt. William Moore Cooper, 4th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was partly responsible for organising troops in the assembly area prior to an attack; and after the assault, when parties of the enemy were reported in a wood with machine guns, he, with only two men, killed several of them and brought back valuable information, which cleared up the situation. Throughout the operations his fine behaviour inspired confidence in all around him.

2nd Lt. James Alma Corley, M.M., 2nd Bn., attd. 12th Bn., Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. This officer was in command of the left flank support company. During a counter-attack by the enemy he led half his company in a flank attack against very superior numbers. This greatly helped to stem the tide of the attack and cut off a portion of the enemy's forces. Later, with a patrol, he rounded up the isolated party, capturing two officers, forty-two prisoners and some machine guns.

Lt. Charles William Coulter, 3rd, attd. 13th Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While bringing rations and ammunition up to the front line the road was heavily shelled, a mule being killed and the driver stunned. Sending the remainder of the convoy forward he and a N.C.O. dragged the driver to cover and removed the kit from the mule. He then caught up the convoy and delivered the whole of the rations and ammunition. On the return journey he was wounded, but brought his transport back to the lines. His determination ensured the delivery of the much-needed food and ammunition.

Lt. George Middleton Cowan, R.E., T.F., attd. 14th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer was the Senior Tank Commander of two Tanks operating with some infantry. Prior to his arrival the infantry had been held up for some hours in front of a village. He at once sent one Tank round the flank of the village and led his own Tank straight through it. He then went back and led the infantry forward, finding the Tanks surrounded when he returned. While making a gallant effort to reach them he was wounded.