

shewed conspicuous courage and initiative in the handling of his platoon. During an attack he pushed forward his Lewis gun, and by keeping down the enemy fire enabled the neighbouring platoons to consolidate their position. On the following night his platoon was leading the advance and he again shewed great initiative in using his Lewis gun to silence enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance; by so doing largely contributing to the success of the operation.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Sydney Arnold Clayton, 7th Bn. Middx. R., T.F., Secd. 15th Bn. Tank Corps.

On the approach march preceding the attack on Flesquieres on September 27th, 1918, he displayed conspicuous gallantry and initiative in getting into position. On finding that the tank commander and three of the crew of his leading tank had been killed, he himself drove the tank over the newly-selected route, afterwards returning and guiding over each of his tanks in turn. Later, he led his section through the village, clearing the way for the infantry. Throughout he did splendid work.

2nd Lt. Thomas Clayton, 3rd, attd. 1st Bn., Bord. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Courtrai. During the operations of October 14th, 1918, he took his platoon forward to support the leading wave when it was temporarily held up by heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. On another occasion with a handful of men he rushed an enemy machine gun, put it out of action, and killed the entire crew. His fine courage and leadership were responsible to a great extent for the success of the operation. He has always shown the greatest personal gallantry in action.

2nd Lt. Arthur William Clear, 6th Bn. R.W. Fus., T.F., attd. 16th Bn.

In the attack by moonlight across the River Selle of October 20th, 1918, he took charge of the party which dealt with the enemy positions along the railway cutting. He methodically disposed of strong enemy opposition, tackling first a machine-gun nest of five light and one heavy machine guns. In one case he crept with two men up to a particularly troublesome gun and rushed it, killing the two gunners who fired to the last. He showed great courage and leadership under difficult circumstances, setting a fine personal example and at the same time working coolly by sound tactical methods.

2nd Lt. Edward Clements, 2nd Bn. R. Suss. R.

During an attack on the enemy near Pontru on September 18th, 1918, he led his platoon with great coolness and skill to the first objective. All the other officers having become casualties, he then took command of the company, and led them on to the second objective. Here he reorganised the company in the captured position under heavy machine-gun fire. On one occasion during the operation he, with a few men, rushed and bombed an enemy machine gun which was holding them up. He showed marked courage and leadership.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Richard Constantine Clively, 16th Bn. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and excellent leadership on September 29th, 1918, near Quennemont Copse. When the situation was obscure, and it was obvious that the attack had miscarried, and the enemy was holding the line in strength only 500 yards in front, he held a conference with the infantry company commanders, and under heavy shell and machine-gun fire organised a fresh attack to endeavour to reach the start line. He distributed his tanks amongst the infantry, and by his coolness set a splendid example to all ranks.

T./2nd Lt. Leslie Gordon Clough, 36th Bn. M.G. Corps.

At Gulleghem on October 15th, 1918, he displayed marked courage and ability. When working in conjunction with a battalion he covered the attack on Gulleghem with great effect. He engaged and silenced enemy machine guns at close range and rendered very great assistance to the success of the attack. The employment and control of his guns under heavy shell fire and enemy machine-gun fire was outstanding.

T./Lt. Benjamin Renington Cogley, 17th Bn. Manch. R., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the attack on the Fonsomme line on October 1st/2nd, 1918. He showed fine leadership whilst in command of a company. Though constantly under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, he posted his men on points of vantage and skilfully organised the defence against a heavy counter-attack which completely broke down in front of our lines. His tireless energy contributed much to the success of the operation and inspired all ranks with the greatest confidence.

T./Sub-Lt. Clifford Squires Codner, Hawke Bn., R.N.D., R.N.V.R.

During the operations at Niergnies, on October 8th, 1918, this officer, finding the brigade bridge over the L'Escaut Canal badly damaged by shell fire and transport stranded halfway across, climbed along a narrow plank at the side of the bridge and lashed the broken spars together. He then salvaged the transport on the bridge, and safely conducted the battalion transport to the assembly position. This gallant act was accomplished at night under heavy shell fire. He has previously done good work for his battalion.

Lt. Austin Ernest Moss Coles, 4th Bn. Suff. R., T.F., attd. 1/1st Camb. R.

During the operations south of Meaulte on August 22nd, 1918, he displayed great courage and skill in leading his company to the attack. When a heavy counter-attack drove back the battalion on the right, leaving the right flank of his company exposed, he immediately carried out a daring reconnaissance, and established a defensive flank with his reserve platoon. This flank he consolidated and held until the situation on his right was restored. His complete disregard of danger inspired all ranks under him.