

2nd Lt. Robert Compton, 4th Bn. S. Lan. R., T.F., attd. 16th Bn. Manch. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of September 24th/25th, 1918. Whilst on patrol near St. Eloi he attacked an enemy post stronger than his own and compelled it to retire. The next night, when the enemy attempted a raid, he did excellent work in driving off the raiding party. He then helped to carry in some wounded men of another unit from the outpost line under heavy shell fire. On every occasion he has shown considerable gallantry and leadership.

No. 5585 Coy./Sgt.-Maj. John Conway, 12th Bn. Manch. R.

On October 12th, 1918, during the attack near Neuville he showed marked gallantry and skill in leading his company. He changed his dispositions to avoid casualties from heavy shelling and attacked the outskirts of the village, personally leading his troops and putting up a very fine show. Throughout the day he did invaluable work.

2nd Lt. Randal Brooks Cooke, 7th Bn. Lond. R.

On August 31st, 1918, near Bouchavesnes, he led two platoons of his company with great dash and gallantry in the assault on enemy positions in a wood. After gaining the objective beyond the wood, he led his men across a valley beyond and secured an important tactical point on the far slope 500 yards beyond the objective. The capture and retention of this point not only secured the flanks of troops operating on the right and assured the position gained on the original objective, but also greatly facilitated the advance made on the following day. His action was also instrumental in securing the capture of many enemy who were retiring from the wood. He showed initiative and powers of leadership of a very high order.

Capt. Stanley Turner Cooke, 6th Bn. Lond. R.

This officer led his company with great gallantry on August 31st, 1918, in the attack on Marrieres Wood. On attaining his objective he reorganised the battalion and details of other battalions, and led them forward under heavy machine-gun fire to a trench 500 yards in front of the objective, which he held and occupied for 36 hours, though subjected to heavy shelling during the greater part of the time. He showed great courage and coolness under fire, and set a very fine example to all ranks.

Lt. Charles Gordon Towers Cooper, 400th (High.) Fd. Coy. R.E., T.F.

For gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of October 24th, 1918, at Thiant, when he was in charge of a party preparing the abutments for a heavy bridge over the River Ecaillon. The work was carried out under heavy shell fire, and the successful completion of the work was due to his steadiness and resource.

2nd Lt. Hugh de Bary Cordes, S. Gds. (Spec. Res.), attd. 1st Bn.

In the front trenches near Boursies, on the night of September 19th/20th, 1918, he volunteered for patrol work of exceptional

difficulty and danger. It was of the utmost importance that the crossings of the Canal du Nord should be located in view of an impending attack across it. He accurately carried out this task, successfully located three crossings in spite of hostile posts being all round him, and killed an enemy who endeavoured to interfere with him. He was killed during the attack on the 27th whilst leading his platoon with great gallantry.

T./2nd Lt. George Stronach Cormack, 18th Bn. Lanc. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative during the attack south-east of Ypres on Hill 60 and the Caterpillar on September 28th, 1918. His company commander early becoming a casualty, he assumed command, and led his men to and well beyond their objective, rushing two pill-boxes under heavy machine-gun fire and killing or capturing the garrisons and taking their guns. In the attack on Wervecq he pressed on and established a line, filling in a gap which existed to north of our line in front of Wervecq. Throughout the operations he set a splendid example to his men.

Lt. William Lawrence Cotton-Swanston, Indian Army, attd. 1st Bn. 50th Kumaon Rifles (Egypt).

For devotion to duty and personal gallantry in the face of the enemy on September 19th, 1918, north of Arsuf. He led his company up to the second objective, and finding the hostile machine-gun fire too heavy to wait for our barrage to lift, personally led his men through our own barrage and captured the position. He then stormed the third objective, and finding himself the only British officer present, reorganised the two companies that had attacked, and consolidated the position.

2nd Lt. John Edward Coutts, 5th Bn. Lanc. Fus., T.F., attd. 18th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack south-east of Ypres on Hill 60 and the Caterpillar on September 28th, 1918. When a hostile machine gun was enfilading the line of advance, he promptly led his men to a flank and rushed the post, capturing or killing the crew. In doing so he was badly wounded, but pressed forward and led his men to their objective, clearing out dug-outs and dislodging the enemy. He set a very fine example of pluck and determination.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Cowdery, 23rd Bn. Middx. R.

At Houthem, on September 29th, 1918, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when the battalion was withdrawing after an attack. He collected stragglers and placed them in positions, under very heavy machine-gun fire, and directed their fire. Again, during the successive attacks of October 1st/2nd, he led his men forward to the attack with great coolness under heavy fire, and placed his posts on the consolidated line and directed their fire on many targets with great skill. He did good work.

Lt. Cecil Mein Probyn Coxwell-Rogers, Pemb. Yeo., attd. 74th Bn. M.G.C.

East of Templeux le Guerard, September 21st, 1918, this officer advanced with his guns