

points from which to bring concentrated fire to bear on various strong points in support of the bombing operations enabled the whole sector to be captured.

Lt. William John Clegg, 1/1st Yorks. Dragoons.

On 20th October, 1918, south-west of Vichte, for conspicuous gallantry and good work whilst leading an advanced platoon. He continually came under very heavy machine-gun fire from his flank. He pressed forward, and succeeded in capturing seven field guns and over thirty prisoners. It was greatly owing to his fearless leadership that his company were able to advance about a mile and a half in front of the infantry.

Rev. Frederick Walter Cleveland, T./C.F., 4th Class, R.A.C.D., attd. 1/6th Bn., N. Staffs. R., T.F.

During the taking of the St. Quentin Canal, on 29th September, 1918, and later, during the advance on Doons Hill, he rendered invaluable assistance. He was with the second wave, and dressed a number of bad cases, and as soon as the first objective was reached, he assisted back to the aid post large numbers of men. He was wounded by shell fire in the back on the 4th October. He showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

Lt. Augustus Otto Fersenius Copley, 467th (N. Mid.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F.

On 6th November, 1918, he succeeded in constructing an important bridge for first line transport over the River Escaut, near Bailleul, under the most adverse conditions. During the whole time his men were hindered by machine-gun and heavy shell fire of all kinds. Notwithstanding these conditions, he carried on with his work, and, thanks to his coolness and fine example to his men, completed it.

T./2nd Lt. William Birkett Cockbain, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On the 25th October, 1918, during the advance on Englefontaine, he went forward in face of heavy fire and discovered that a large gap had been created on the left flank. He promptly rushed up two of his guns, killed a large number of the enemy and dispersed the remainder. Later, at the head of his section he got forward into the gap and held on while our infantry extended their flank and filled it. He did fine work throughout these operations.

T./2nd Lt. Percival Claude Cockerell, 1st Bn., North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in command of a platoon during the operations east of Solesmes on 23rd-26th October, 1918. When approaching Ruesnes he led out a patrol of eight men and cleared the village, capturing 26 prisoners in spite of considerable machine-gun fire. When the final objective was reached he again took out a patrol and ascertained that the enemy had vacated their positions, which information enabled a further advance to be made.

T./2nd Lt. Edward Hilder Colebrook, 8th Bn., E. Surr. R.

For marked gallantry and leadership near Ronsoy on the 18th September, 1918. His company commander was killed early, but, although wounded himself, he took command of the company and led them forward to the furthest point reached by the brigade. Here he reorganised them and took command of men of other units. In the evening he again led his company in a further attack, and then only went back to get his wound dressed when relieved by another officer.

Lt. George Ernest Coleman, 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For marked gallantry and initiative. On 23rd October, 1918, at Croix, while supporting an infantry attack, he brought his guns into action in face of heavy direct fire from two enemy field guns, and, firing one himself, put both these field guns out of action. Throughout the day he set a splendid example to those with him.

2nd Lt. Harold John Collins, 7th Bn., Hamps. R., T.F., secd. 33rd Bn., M.G. Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On the 26th October, 1918, during the advance on Englefontaine, he made a reconnaissance under heavy fire and discovered that the enemy had forced an entry on the left flank of the division. He immediately returned to his section and brought up four enemy guns and several Lewis guns to fill the gap, and kept them firing until the situation became normal. He undoubtedly prevented the left flank from being turned.

T./2nd Lt. Wilfred Jackson Collins, 1st Bn., R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability to command during the attack near Verchain on 24th October, 1918. He personally led an attack on two hostile machine guns, killing some of the teams and capturing the remainder. He then led his platoon to the first objective and assisted another company to take the second. His example and leadership were excellent.

Lt. Walter Jennings Collis, Leic. R., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

On 23rd October, 1918, near Basuel, in command of the reserve company, when he saw that the enemy's barrage had caused many casualties in the front line companies, he, on his own initiative, led forward his company in face of heavy shelling and machine-gun fire. On the way he was seriously wounded, but did not leave his company until some hours later, when he had reached the first objective. His conduct was gallant in the extreme.

T./Capt. George Oliver Connell, R.A.M.C., attd. H.Q. R.E., 41st Div.

For marked gallantry and devotion to duty at Courtrai on the night of 19th/20th October, 1918, when he went forward with a field company of R.E.s to the bank of the River Lys, remained with them throughout the bridging operations, and though in an exposed position and subjected to intense enemy shelling, dressed the wounded, and by his fine devotion to duty saved several lives.