

2nd Lt. William Philip Connolly, 4th Bn., R. War. R., attd. 16th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations south of Solesmes from 13th to 20th October, 1918. On the night of the 13th inst., when the situation was most obscure, he went out, located forward companies, and laid wires out to them. During the following days he took out parties continually under heavy fire and gas, laying and mending wires. Throughout he performed his duties admirably.

2nd Lt. David Archibald George Cook, R. Highrs., attd. 8th Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership of a platoon throughout the operations east of Ypres from 28th September to 27th October, 1918. When the battalion was ordered to fill a gap in the line east of St. Louis on the night of 22nd-23rd October he and his platoon were responsible for gaining touch on the left. He also gained some valuable information as to posts held by the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Percy Frank Cooksley, 6th Bn., M.G. Corps.

At Preselles Farm, near Sequehart, on 8th October, 1918, he was in charge of a section of machine guns which had been detailed to go forward with an infantry battalion and assist its advance. When opposition was met with on the right flank he immediately got his guns into action and succeeded in silencing the enemy machine guns and killing the crews. His coolness and gallantry were a splendid example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Frederick Thomas Cooper, 10th Bn., R.W. Kent R.

Near Knokke, on the night of 23rd-24th October, 1918, during a night attack on a nest of enemy machine-gun posts the company commander was killed. He was on liaison duty with the company on a flank, and immediately took charge, and it was entirely due to his coolness and courage under very heavy machine-gun fire that the attack was successfully continued.

T./2nd Lieut. Howard Leslie Cooper, 1st Bn., Worc. R.

On the 14th October, 1918, he was the last of his company to leave the bank of the Haute Deule Canal, east of the village of Flers, during a most gallant but unsuccessful attempt to cross. His company was practically decimated by artillery, trench-mortar, and machine-gun fire, and it was owing to his use of a Lewis gun under his command, which kept firing until he saw the remainder of his company withdrawing, that he enabled the remnants, amounting to about 20 per cent., to get back. He behaved most gallantly.

T./2nd Lt. Walter Edward Cooper, 1st Bn., S.W. Bord.

He was in command of the two platoons which had orders to clear up the orchards south of Catillon on 4th November, 1918. Shortly after leaving their assembly position a heavy enemy barrage came down, inflicting several casualties and causing a check. He rallied the men and led them to their objective with great gallantry, capturing nine

prisoners and two machine guns. He has previously done good work, especially at Bellevue Farm on 18th October.

T./2nd Lt. Leonard Edward Coston, North'd Fus., attd. 12/13th Bn.

Near Poix du Nord, on 24th October, 1918, for gallantry in handling his company and capturing the final objective, after all the other officers in his company had become casualties. Fierce opposition was kept up by enemy machine guns, but his fearless leadership inspired his men, with the result that the final advance was maintained without a pause.

2nd Lt. Leonard John Lionel Cotten, 2nd Bn., Hamps. R.

On the night of the 16th October, 1918, on the east bank of the River Lys, near Courtrai, a party of the enemy had penetrated the line of the unit on his left, and was enfilading them, causing them to withdraw hurriedly. He promptly faced his platoon round and charged the enemy, who broke and ran, and the situation was completely restored. Throughout operations he showed great courage and initiative.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Thomas Cowcher, 5th Bn., R.W. Fus., T.F., attd. 23rd Bn., Lan. Fus.

On 28th October, 1918, in the vicinity of Warcoing, he swam the River Escaut to get to the assistance of a wounded pilot, and carried him to our side under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. By his courage and determination he saved him from the enemy.

2nd Lt. Austin John Cox, 6th Bn. (attd. 1/5th Bn.) Glouc. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry in leading his platoon in the attacks at Beaufeuve and Maretz, on 5th and 10th October, 1918. At Beaufeuve, on 6th October, he took out a patrol in the face of heavy machine-gun fire, and, although suffering heavy casualties, obtained most useful information. Immediately he returned he volunteered to take out another patrol to complete his reconnaissance. Throughout the operations he did excellently.

2nd Lt. Leslie Guy Coxhead, R. Suss. R., Spec. Res., attd. 7th Bn.

For great gallantry near Epehy on the 18th September, 1918. When the battalion was held up by severe machine-gun fire, and all the officers in three companies had become casualties, he succeeded in rallying the men. He took command of all he could collect and led them forward, and assisted the company on his flank to maintain its position, thus materially helping the attacking troops to advance.

T./Lt. John Lockhart Craig, 7th Bn., N. Staff. R. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Digya on 17th August, 1918. When the troops on his right and left began to withdraw he restored a critical situation by taking up a defensive position, and there maintained himself against heavy odds until reinforcements arrived. Later he was wounded while pressing home an attack on a hill.