

which opened fire. Owing to a mistaken order seven of his men became detached, but he and a serjeant engaged the post at short range with rifle fire, drove off the enemy and captured the gun. He showed splendid courage and resource.

2nd Lt. Harold Gardiner Cobon, Yeo.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great initiative and judgment in a difficult situation, and set a splendid example to his men by his courage and contempt of danger under heavy fire.

T./2nd Lt. Frank Cocker, York. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He reorganised his company when all the other officers had become casualties during an attack, and captured the objective. He also brought in wounded under fire. Though badly wounded, he remained on duty till ordered to withdraw.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Harry Ronald Collier, K.O.S.B., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he collected about 50 men of various units, under a heavy barrage, and at once counter-attacked the enemy, driving them back 600 yards. This enterprise checked their advance, and enabled the battalion to be organised for a counter-attack.

Lt. Arthur Edgar Gerald Collins, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward on his own initiative and reconnoitred a road under heavy machine-gun and shell fire. After several attempts he succeeded in entering a village which was still in the enemy's hands, and was able to guide our attacking troops into the village through the enemy's wire. After fifteen hours' continuous work and fighting he assisted in getting guns forward over very difficult ground. He showed magnificent courage and initiative throughout.

Capt. Dennis Comins, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At a most critical moment during an enemy attack he took up a defensive line with his men under fire, and formed a rallying point for the infantry who were being driven back. His flank became exposed and he was forced to withdraw, but he established his men in a trench and held it throughout the day. Later on, though short of water, food and ammunition, he led his company forward in a counter-attack which gained 1,000 yards of ground. He displayed great courage and initiative.

Lt. Edmund Samuel Winter Cooke, S.W. Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company forward across 1,500 yards of ground swept by heavy machine-gun fire, and by his dogged determination succeeded in reaching the enemy's first line. He showed splendid courage and resource.

2nd Lt. John Henry Cooper, A. & S. Highrs., and R.F.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted to bomb an enemy aerodrome and destroyed some billets close to it. On another occasion he flew over the enemy's lines in a very thick mist and bombed some enemy transport, completely destroying one wagon and scattering the remainder with machine-gun fire. He then bombed and blew up a factory. His machine was badly hit and he returned to our lines with the greatest difficulty in very bad weather conditions. Later, in the course of three flights, he dropped bombs and fired 1,700 rounds on enemy infantry from a low altitude. He showed the greatest courage and determination.

T./Capt. Joseph Victor Cope, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in charge of stretcher-bearers in an exposed position, which was subjected to intense fire. Though he was suffering from gas he remained at his post for two days, setting such a magnificent example to his men that the evacuation of the wounded went on throughout the bombardment. By his courage and devotion to duty he saved many lives.

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Charles Cooper, R. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He assisted greatly in the capture of the final objective, and continually rallied men of various units and held his position against counter-attacks. He set a splendid example of courage to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Henry Frank Cornick, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an enemy attack he carried orders by motor cycle under intense enemy fire, being at times within a few hundred yards of the enemy. He showed the greatest determination and coolness.

T./2nd Lt. John Cowherd, Worc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He attempted to force a bridge, and was driven back by machine-gun fire. He advanced again behind a Tank, and when the bridge collapsed he remained, holding the bridge-head until the evening.

T./Lt. Thomas William Cox, R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon in most gallant manner, showing great dash and courage. He drove all before him, capturing a large number of prisoners and also a minenwerfer and its team. On the following day he displayed great gallantry in leading his platoon, which captured the hostile trench system against strong opposition, killing and taking prisoners a large number of the enemy.

T./2nd Lt. Robert Miles Crabtree, W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by an enemy machine gun he rushed the position, though the wire in front of it was not cut, under covering fire from Lewis guns and