

post for over two hours, although nearly surrounded by greatly superior numbers, thereby enabling infantry to withdraw and take up a position further back.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Eric Albert Mendham Cleveland, L'pool R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his company under a very heavy bombardment of high explosive and gas shells, forming a defensive flank when the right of the brigade was threatened, and later beat off a determined attack. He was wounded when reconnoitring.

2nd Lt. Ernest Clough, W. Yorks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. He commanded a platoon in the front line, which the enemy succeeded in penetrating after repeated attacks. He showed great dash in the leading of a bombing attack, which finally drove the enemy from the trench.

T./Capt. Walter Burgess Cluff, R. Fus. (Lt., S. African Def. Force).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was in command of a company, and during repeated enemy attacks he inspired confidence in all ranks under his command. He was wounded in the shoulder just before being ordered to withdraw, but successfully extricated his company from a very difficult position. He set a very high example of what a company commander should be.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Muir Dudley Coats, S. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Though in bad health, this officer refused to go sick, and stuck to his work with the battalion throughout three weeks' fighting. On several occasions he carried messages of great importance, crossing open ground swept by fire, and thereby enabled the battalion to carry out successful movements.

T./Capt. Richard Collier Coatsworth, M.B., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He early led his regimental stretcher-bearers through very heavy shell fire to remove all wounded that could be found. He organised the removal of wounded, and by his perpetual cheerfulness and coolness set a fine example to his men, and effected the successful evacuation of many wounded.

T./Lt. Henry Roland Cobbett, R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his battalion was suddenly attacked in rear by the enemy he quickly extended the other ranks forming the headquarters of the battalion, some forty men in all, and beat off the enemy until two companies from the support position arrived. His prompt action prevented a local position of some tactical importance from falling into the enemy's hands, and saved the salient from the danger of being cut off.

Capt. John Aloysius Coghlan, R. Ir. Reg., Spec. Res., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in leading his section into action against the advancing enemy. On one occasion he advanced on foot in front of his sole remaining Tank to within ten yards of the enemy, and enabled the Tank to inflict heavy casualties. Throughout the day he set a fine example of leadership and courage.

T./Capt. Gerald William James Cole, Ches. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a vigorous attack was launched by the enemy against the front held by his company he continually went up and down the line issuing clear orders and rallying his men. It was largely due to his fine leadership and example that the attacks were beaten off. During the withdrawal he was wounded, being the last of the company to leave the front line.

Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. Henry Arthur Charles Cole, R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while in charge of the operations at the trains in which the C.C.S. equipment was being loaded. For many hours the locality, and particularly the railway line, was being heavily shelled, but he voluntarily remained on duty for over twenty-four hours after a heavy day's previous work, and it was mainly owing to his splendid example that almost all the equipment was safely got away.

Rev. Hugh Basil Cole, A.C.D.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during recent operations. He repeatedly exhibited the greatest courage and disregard of danger. His indomitable cheerfulness and unflinching thought for the concern of others gained him the admiration of all ranks. He gave his services freely in a variety of capacities.

2nd Lt. Harry Waldo Collier, R.A.F., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During recent operations this officer carried out a contact patrol in a thick mist at a height of only 150 feet under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and flew daily during the misty weather at low altitudes bringing back much useful information of the enemy, and harassing them with machine-gun fire and bombs. It was greatly due to his magnificent work that headquarters were kept informed of the enemy's movement during the different phases of the battle. By his gallant and cheerful spirit at a time when the squadron was suffering heavy casualties, he set a splendid example to the others.

T./Lt. Joseph Stanley Collingwood, Gen. List.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty while organising communications. His coolness under heavy fire set an excellent example to the signal section and runners, and enabled touch with the tactical situation to be maintained.