

Lt. John Cuthbert Coates, Gurkha Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy counter-attack. He held on to his position until reinforcements arrived, when he counter-attacked with success, driving back greatly superior numbers of the enemy with the bayonet. He set a very fine example of coolness and determination to his men.

Lt. Derek Arthur Stephen FitzRoy Cole, Dn. Gds., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He commanded his section with great ability and dash, and his initiative during a patrol enabled him to locate and silence an enemy battery. He set a fine example to his men.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Wilfred Coleman, R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He held the forward post, of which he was in charge, against a heavy enemy counter-attack. Though twice blown up by enemy shells and wounded in the head, he declined to leave until his post was relieved during the night. He showed a splendid example of determination and endurance to the men under his command.

T./2nd Lt. John McDonald Colvin, attd. E. Lanc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during an attack. He led his platoon right forward and consolidated his position, capturing three machine guns. He laid the foundation of the very fine advance made by the battalion. He did splendidly.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Michael Percy Concannon, R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his battery with remarkable courage and skill in the absence of his commanding officer, commanding it during four days' hard fighting with much ability and resource under heavy fire. He set a fine example to his men.

2nd Lieut. Reginald William Cook, Devon. R., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his company commander became a casualty he took command and handled his men with great skill, helping to protect the flank of the whole division. He was wounded during the action, but remained at duty, only coming to have his wound dressed when the situation had become stabilised. He set a fine example of gallantry and endurance to his men.

No. G.95036 C.S.M. Thomas Cooke, M.M. London Regt.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This warrant officer, single-handed, attacked and captured an enemy machine gun that was holding up the advance of his company. When all the officers of his company became casualties he took command and led the men with cheerfulness and courage, which did much to encourage them in very severe fighting. When there remained only one officer in the battalion who was not a casualty he rendered invaluable service in the

work of reorganisation. He set a brilliant example to all ranks.

Lieut. (A. Capt.) Algernon Edward Cottam, E. Surr. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He made frequent reconnaissances to the front over ground swept by artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire, and in spite of thick mist and other difficulties, he obtained important information of the positions occupied by the enemy. Throughout two days' operations he showed a splendid example of courage and initiative and untiring energy.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Horace Charles Bowman Cottam, Hampshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. Under prolonged operations his coolness and courage under heavy fire had a marked and inspiring effect on his men on many occasions when they had suffered heavy casualties and were weary with hard fighting. The capture of an important village under most difficult circumstances was very largely due to his initiative and skill.

T./Lt. George Edwin Bohun Coulcher, R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and endurance. He was severely wounded in the arm (which was subsequently amputated), but declined to have his wound dressed until the lorry driver he was with and who was also wounded had been attended to, and he had superintended the withdrawal of his working party and lorry to a place of safety. He then walked to the dressing station, holding the artery of his arm with his other hand. His fortitude and devotion to duty were a most inspiring example to his men.

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Algernon George Croll, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Having successfully assembled his company, in spite of many difficulties and heavy shelling and machine-gun fire, he led his men forward in the attack with fine courage and spirit. He was severely wounded, but carried on until exhaustion and loss of blood forced him to give in. He set a splendid example to all ranks under his command.

Lt. Dennis Patrick Cross, Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during a strong enemy attack. He continued to hold his ground with his company, and sent accurate information of the situation to the commander of the local counter-attack company. His splendid resistance and the vigorous help given by him to the counter-attacking troops were entirely responsible for restoring the line and arresting the enemy at this point.

2nd Lt. Cecil Robert Crossland, Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He led his platoon through a thick fog with great skill, and killed or captured over 100 of the enemy in their dug-outs. On the following day he took command of the company when his company commander became a casualty, and rallying stragglers from other units, he led them forward and reached the