

Lt. Frederick Charles Clark, 56th (Lond.) Divl. Sig. Coy., R.E., attd. H.Q. 168th Inf. Bde.

When the enemy was heavily bombarding battalion headquarters, he personally ran a telephone line through the barrage and linked up Bde. H.Q. with Battle H.Q. of the attacking battalions. During the whole day's severe fighting he was conspicuous for his gallantry and untiring energy.

Lt. Gilbert Clark, Ayrshire Yeo., T.F., attd. 1/4th Bn., R. Scots Fus., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He went out with a patrol and attacked two machine guns with grenades, driving them into the open, and thus inflicting losses with rifle and machine-gun fire. Locating further posts, he inflicted losses on them also. His action greatly helped the success of the attack in the evening.

2nd Lt. Francis Herbert Clarke, R.F.A., S.R., attd. 124th Bty., 28th Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. When acting as forward observation officer during an attack he showed great resource in rallying the infantry, who were held up by machine-gun fire. Being the only officer on the spot, he took command, reconnoitred the situation, and then led the attack forward. When the situation became obscure he made a daring reconnaissance, and sent back valuable information.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) John Peard Clarke, 12th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack while in command of a section of Tanks. He led his Tanks on foot owing to the mist to the starting point, and was twice wounded in doing so. He then led his section into action, and cleared a village of machine guns, thus enabling the infantry to advance with few casualties. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

2nd Lt. Herbert Edwin Coatman, 2nd Bn., Lond. R.

He commanded a company in the attack on a section of the main enemy position, and destroyed several machine guns, of which the enemy had collected a great number and were delaying our progress. On the following day he performed reconnaissance work of the highest value, and throughout the engagement he set a conspicuous example of gallantry, and displayed exceptional qualities of leadership.

Lt. Frank Allan Cocksedge, M.M., 1st Bn., Norf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. When his company commander was wounded early in the day, he led the company forward to the first objective. When the troops on his flank were forced back he made a reconnaissance, under intense fire, and enabled the battalion to occupy an advanced position. He showed great initiative and skill.

2nd Lt. Edwin Bertram Collier, R.G.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 332nd Siege Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. When an enemy shell landed nearly on one of the guns, passing the whole detachment and setting fire to the camouflage and some cartridges in the gun-pit, he at once got to work and put out the fire, saving the ammunition in and around the pit and averting a serious fire. He then fought the gun until relieved by a fresh detachment. He behaved splendidly.

2nd Lt. Charles de Eggesfield Collin, R.G.A. (Spec. Res.), attd. 255th Siege Bty.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a box of cartridges was set on fire during a heavy enemy bombardment, he at once ran from cover and succeeded in putting out the fire. His prompt action undoubtedly prevented a serious explosion.

Lt. James Collins, 7th Bn., Gord. Highrs., T.F., secd. 10th Bn., Tank Corps.

Notwithstanding a bullet hole in his petrol tank, he kept his Tank in action and cleared out a village, taking 150 prisoners. When the infantry advance was held up he directed his Tank against the machine guns which were resisting, and silenced them. The infantry were then able to continue their progress. Throughout the action his courage and determination were an inspiration to all.

T./Capt. Reginald Frank Collins, D.S.O., 24th Bn., R. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and dashing leadership during a night attack. He led one of the leading companies through strong opposition to his final objective, inflicting very heavy casualties on the enemy. He then led a party of his men against enemy machine-gun nests and aided other troops to reach their objectives. He showed fine courage and determination, and personally accounted for many enemy dead and prisoners.

2nd Lt. George James Letham Coltart, 4th Bn., R. Scots., T.F., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry whilst temporarily commanding his company during an attack. He led them forward under heavy fire to reinforce the remainder of the battalion; and subsequently he successfully reorganised them and got in touch with units on both flanks. At one period he personally worked a Lewis gun, after the team had become casualties, and inflicted heavy casualties on a party of the enemy. Throughout he showed marked initiative and ability to command.

Lt. David Chaigneau Colvill, 2nd Bn., O. & B. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. He led his company splendidly in an attack, and although two platoons lost direction in the mist he organised the remainder under heavy shell fire and led them forward, killing or capturing many of the enemy with a number of machine guns, and contributing largely to the success of the operation.