

mirable regularity, being himself the last to leave any position that was being evacuated.
(M.C. gazetted 22nd April, 1918.)

T./Lt. Tom Buckley, M.C., 1st Bn., R. Marines.

He led his company forward in an attack with great gallantry and skill in the face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, and on reaching the objective he consolidated with initiative and ability, repelling a heavy counter-attack which was launched shortly afterwards. It was largely due to his fine example that the line he had gained was maintained intact.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

2nd Lt. Oswald Joseph Collison, M.C., 2/7th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

During an attack the conspicuous gallantry displayed by this officer, and his devotion to duty, were an invaluable example to his men. He attacked and captured a post that was hampering the work of consolidation, and maintained his position under heavy fire until he was wounded.

(M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1918.)

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

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the attack was checked, this officer led a bombing attack which restored the situation at that point and resulted in the capture of 50 prisoners. He showed coolness and determination in leading his platoon.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) John Charles Cornforth, M.C., G. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He led his company with great determination, and when the attack was held up he rushed forward to a trench with ten men and established himself there all day. He personally, with two men, worked down the trench and destroyed a machine gun with all its crew. Next day, with the only other remaining company officer, he organised and carried out an advance of nearly a mile under very difficult conditions. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty to all under him.

(M.C. gazetted 17th December, 1917.)

T./2nd Lt. Thomas Buchan Craig, M.C., 13th Bn., K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. Observing about 20 of the enemy advancing up a sap, he led his men across the open into the sap, and bombed towards his own line, shooting the enemy who tried to retire and killing the remainder, besides capturing a machine gun. The following day he defeated several attempts to enter his trench. On one occasion he personally went down a sap and established a block under rifle grenade fire.

(M.C. gazetted 16th September, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Richard Cecil Milman Crofton, M.C., A. Bty., R.H.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. He brought his battery through shell fire which killed and wounded several horses, and then came into action, and from an ex-

posed observation post brought effective fire to bear on a railway station which was crowded with enemy troops. His bold handling of his battery was a fine example to all, and he did considerable damage to the enemy.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

Capt. (A./Maj.) James Cuthbert, M.C., 2nd Bn., attd. 14th Bn., R. Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He successfully led his battalion in an advance of 4,000 yards, wresting two villages from the enemy. He then reorganised the men in daylight under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and all the officers of the leading company having become casualties, led it himself over another 1,000 yards and captured a third village. His cheerfulness and disregard of danger infected all ranks with the same spirit.

(M.C. gazetted 4th February, 1918.)

Capt. William James Dowling, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C. (Spec. Res.), attd. 3rd Bn., M.G. Corps, T./attd. 142nd Fd. Amb.

He was in charge of stretcher-bearers during very heavy fighting lasting for two days, and repeatedly went forward to satisfy himself that the R.A.P. were being kept clear. On many occasions he himself led forward stretcher squads under very heavy fire. He invariably displayed great gallantry, and afforded a magnificent example to all ranks working under him.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)

Capt. (A./Maj.) John Cecil Alexander Dowse, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. H.Q., 63rd Div.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer controlled the evacuation of wounded from the whole of the divisional front under artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire, and their rapid and efficient evacuation was due to his untiring zeal and energy in maintaining constant communications between battalions and field ambulances. He set a splendid example to all ranks.

(M.C. gazetted 14th January, 1916.)

2nd Lt. James Harry Dunnett, M.C., 2/4th Bn., W. Rid. R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during operations lasting for ten days. Prior to an attack he invariably walked up and down in front of his men waiting for the barrage to lift, and on two occasions, after the barrage had lifted, he dashed forward by himself and compelled two strong parties to surrender. When he had gained his objective he successfully consolidated the position.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) Albert Ewan Earle, M.C., 2/4th Bn., York. L.I., T.F.

This officer repeatedly proved of invaluable assistance to his C.O. during operations, especially in guiding the battalion to its position of assembly prior to an attack at short notice, and personally superintending its disposition under cover of a sunken road, although he was exposed the whole time to considerable shell and machine-gun fire. His courage and resource were most marked.

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