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'We offer our congratulations to Mr & Mrs F. J. Clark of Netherleigh upon their son Lt. Hugh B. Clark of the Army Staff having been awarded the MC for his successful evacuation of HQ during the recent push-back. Lt. Clark was left by the General during the evacuation in charge of a certain amount of war material which included 2 lorries as well as 2 despatch riders. During the evacuation Lt. Clark and his party were exposed to terrific machine gun fire while bombs exploded in the streets at short intervals. He was finally left with only 1 lorry and 1 despatch rider, safely reaching Headquarters. All other transport was demolished together with its occupants. Lt. Clark received immediate recognition for his gallant services, the General in command bestowing upon the brave young officer the award of the MC.