

tion, capturing three successive positions that were held with determination, and securing over 100 prisoners and twenty machine guns. On reaching the final objective he was cut off by the enemy, but fought his way back with great skill and determination. He set a splendid example to his men throughout the engagement.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Henry Archer Colt, M.C., Glouc. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership. He commanded his battalion during three days' severe fighting, including the capture of an important village, with very great ability and courage. In spite of heavy casualties he pushed forward to his successive objectives with great determination, being himself severely wounded when leading the final assault on the village. His example greatly inspired his men.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Henry Christian Seymour Combe, R. Horse Gds., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry while in command of a company of fourteen tanks. He carried out an operation which was extremely difficult owing to the nature of the ground, deployed his tanks and supervised their movements under very heavy shell fire. Throughout the engagement he kept in the closest touch with his tanks, his coolness and judgment being the direct means of enabling the infantry with whom he was working to reach their objectives with very few casualties.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Richard Niven Coulson, Sco. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination while commanding his battalion during an attack, when there was great difficulty in maintaining direction owing to fog and smoke barrage. On the advance being checked he went forward and reorganised his own firing line and that of units on his flank. Continuously under heavy fire, his personal example had a marked effect on the men.

T./Maj. William Gilliat Cragg, N. Lan. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability when in command of a company. He handled his men with great dash under heavy fire, and by his skilful dispositions enabled two guns and two machine guns to be captured with trifling loss. He pushed forward the attack with determined courage, and rapidly obtained all objectives.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Fred Dawson, M.C., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in handling a section of four tanks, with which he crossed two miles of open country under heavy fire. He directed operations during the clearing of a village, and when the right flank was exposed he took one tank and a platoon of infantry and captured the village.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Norman Ayrton England, W. Rid. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer has commanded his bat-

talion with marked success during severe fighting, which culminated in the brilliant assault and capture of an important enemy position. The spirit and dash shown by all ranks of the battalion has been largely due to the fine example he has continually set them.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Robert Forbes, M.C., R. Highrs.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He rallied and directed men in thick fog under heavy fire, encouraging them by his personal example; and on reaching the final objective he obtained valuable information by a daring reconnaissance. When it became necessary to evacuate the objective he displayed great courage and skill in getting the men away under heavy fire. He behaved splendidly throughout.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Geoffry Hampson, Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership with his tanks in action. He was of the utmost assistance to the infantry and when the cavalry were held up at a wood he cleared it of the enemy and pushed on. He went from tank to tank giving orders and showed an entire disregard for his own safety.

T./Capt. Cyril Dudeney Hayfield, M.C., E. Kent R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership during an attack. He was lent to another battalion to form them up for attack, and did so with the greatest ability. Later, when the officer commanding was killed, he led them most gallantly to the final objective and consolidated his position. His courage and initiative greatly inspired his men.

2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) Albert John Honywill, M.C., Devonshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry, skill and ability. He handled his company with great skill in face of heavy machine-gun fire, and captured two machine guns which were holding up our advance. Later in the day he advanced with considerable tactical ability and captured 200 prisoners. He was later wounded in the capture of a village, in which he materially assisted. Throughout the action his coolness and good judgment were remarkable and worthy of great praise.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Charles Evelyn Johnston, M.C., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Under heavy machine-gun fire he personally reorganised his own battalion and stragglers from other units, and when all his officers had become casualties he went forward himself and dealt with the remaining nests of enemy machine guns. He displayed great coolness and composure under intense fire and his example had an excellent effect on his men.

T./Maj. Whitfield Glanville Johns, K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership while commanding the battalion during