

pany lost direction he led his platoon on to the objective and captured part of it. When supports arrived he led two sections against a machine-gun post, the four men immediately behind him were shot, but he went on alone and compelled the surrender of eighteen men and two machine guns. Later, with a patrol of six men he succeeded in capturing eighty-nine prisoners. He showed splendid courage and devotion to duty.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Hugh Courtenay, M.C., 1st Bn., Bedf. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource in action. While directing the advance of his battalion one company became slightly disorganised owing to heavy fire. He rushed forward and led the men on. He then went to the left of the attack, where it was held up by wire, and encouraged short rushes, himself setting the example. Finally, he led the first wave himself until the last objective was reached. During the consolidation he was wounded.

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) James Eadie Davidson, 19th Siege Bty., R.G.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and brilliant leadership in an attack. He reconnoitred a very forward position for his battery, and finally brought up his guns to a point within 1,500 yards of the front line from which he could reach all his objectives. He was here under continuous machine-gun fire, and for twelve hours his was the most forward battery in the sector. Thanks to his courage, initiative and energy the battery rendered valuable aid to the advance.

T./Maj. Arthur Rowland Davies, M.C., 226th Fd. Coy., R.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He made a reconnaissance of the forward roads under constant shell fire and made them fit for the volume of traffic which followed up the successful advance. He also entered villages as soon as captured to reconnoitre the water supply. He rendered very valuable service.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Charles Edward Davies, Royal Warwickshire R., attd. 16th Bn., Royal Welsh Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. When his battalion was held up by machine-gun fire he went up to the front line and personally endeavoured to get the companies forward, and then returned to headquarters and procured support from artillery and additional infantry enabling him to capture the enemy machine guns. Throughout the operation his coolness under heavy fire and disregard of danger inspired all ranks with confidence.

T./Lt.-Col. Grahame Deakin, 16th Bn., R. War. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in an attack. He personally went forward and, under heavy machine-gun fire, organised one of his companies and some other scattered units which had become mixed owing to the dense fog. He led them forward and captured his final objective, together with an enemy battery, and later, when both his flanks were exposed, he held his ground in

spite of heavy counter-attacks until he had organised an orderly withdrawal. He set a splendid example of courage and good leadership.

Lt. John Fattes Falconer, M.C., I.A.R.O., attd. 29th Lrs., I.A. (EGYPT).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of a machine-gun section. Being given a free hand he found that the best position for his section was held by the enemy, so he at once charged and drove them out, bringing his guns into action at fifty yards range on the retiring enemy, and also silencing a nest of their machine guns. He showed exceptional initiative.

Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) The Hon. Nigel Charles Gathorne-Hardy, Rif. Bde., attd. 2/6th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry in command of his battalion during an attack on a village. It was due to his supervision and personal reconnaissance previous to and after the capture of the village, that the operation was carried out successfully over open country with but few casualties. Numerous machine guns and over 160 prisoners were taken.

Maj. Philip Francis Gell, 14th Lrs., I.A. (EGYPT).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer led a turning movement in front of a bridgehead, which rolled up the enemy. He sabred three of the enemy and dismounted others with the hilt of his sword. He displayed exceptional ability as a cavalry leader.

T./Maj. William Gibson, M.C., S. Staff. R., attd. 10th Bn., W. York. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when in command of his battalion during five days' operations. He reorganised the battalion after an attack with great skill, pursued the retreating enemy, and assisted in the capture of further important enemy positions. His coolness and determination inspired his men throughout and contributed largely to the success of the operations.

Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Godfrey Davenport Goodman, C.M.G., 6th Bn., Notts. & Derby. R., Comdg. 21st Infy. Bde.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Two of his commanding officers being wounded, this officer on two occasions took over and, by his energy and drive, succeeded in taking the enemy position. On both these occasions he showed the greatest gallantry, moving about freely in the open under heavy fire of all arms. Though wounded he remained at duty until his brigade was relieved.

T./Capt. William Foster Greenwood, M.C., 9th Bn., Yorks. R. (ITALY).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a raiding party. The main body losing direction he penetrated the enemy's position with two men. He cleared out a number of dug-outs and shelters, killing all who resisted, and eventually returned with 12 prisoners. By his personal initiative and daring he prevented the raid being a failure, and achieved a partial success.