

on the last occasion returned with twenty bullet holes in his machine, after his passenger had emptied  $1\frac{1}{2}$  drums of ammunition from a Lewis gun at the adversary.

T./Capt. Hugh Richardson Perkins, M.C., 13th Bn., Welsh R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took command of another battalion when many of the officers had become casualties during an attack and reorganised it under heavy enemy fire. Later, he led the battalion in another attack in the face of intense shell and machine-gun fire, and by his courage and initiative was largely responsible for the capture of the enemy's position with many prisoners.

T./Capt. John Edward Lennard Payne, M.C., 10th Bn., W. Rid. R. (ITALY)

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership when in charge of a large raiding party. Although the objective was continuously swept by enfilade machine-gun fire, he carried out the operation successfully and withdrew his party in perfect order, capturing a large number of prisoners. He exhibited great coolness and ability to command.

T./Major (A./Lt.-Col.) Francis James Popham, N. Lan. R., attd. 2/5th Bn., R. Lanc. R. (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in an attack. He led his battalion in an advance of two miles through the enemy's lines and captured a village, in spite of strong opposition. He showed great initiative and determination both in the attack and in a withdrawal which later became necessary owing to his position being isolated.

Major (A./Lt.-Col.) David Watson Powell, North'n R., attd. 1st Bn., R. Berks. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during an attack. When both the company commanders on the right of his battalion were wounded, he went up at once, under heavy machine-gun fire, and personally rushed the attack through to its objective. Later, when the line was temporarily disorganised, he immediately went and, under heavy machine-gun fire, reorganised it. He showed the highest qualities of command under difficult conditions.

T./Capt. and Bt. Maj. (A./Maj.) Cyril George Rossi-Ashton, 7th Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during a fortnight's fighting. He commanded his company with skill and judgment, reorganising his company and achieving with composite crews results with their shooting which gained the appreciation and confidence of the infantry, and thereby combined attainment of his objective on every occasion.

T./Capt. Archibald Douglas McInnes Shaw, 1st Bn., R. Sco. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in an attack. In thick fog he led the leading company successfully through to the final objective. When his company was held up by machine-gun fire from a trench,

he personally led a bayonet charge and captured the trench, with twenty prisoners. He then pushed on and captured 120 prisoners, besides killing many of the enemy. The success of the operation was largely due to his marked courage and determination.

T./Maj. Donald Patrick Shaw, 6th Bn., Dorset. R.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack. He commanded his company with so great enterprise and dash that in one afternoon eight machine guns and twenty prisoners were taken by them. He personally accounted for many of the enemy, and the result of his determined action and initiative was the weakening of an enemy position preparatory to an attack carried out successfully against it that night. Later, in command of his battalion, he showed marked ability and fighting spirit.

Capt. (A./Maj.) John Mowat Slater, 1/4th Bn., Royal Scots (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry and skill while commanding his battalion in an attack. By his personal example and leadership he inspired his men with such dash and determination that all objectives were taken, and over 400 prisoners and forty machine guns were captured. His conduct was magnificent throughout.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Richard Glasse Smithard, M.C., 7th Bn., Shrops. L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilful handling of his battalion in the capture of a position. After personally reconnoitring the line of advance, he got his battalion round a heavily gassed area, and in spite of thick fog successfully gained his objective, thereby materially assisting the advance of the battalion on his right. Two days later, he made a further advance and consolidated his position. It was due to his fine example and fine leadership that the battalion successfully fulfilled its mission.

Lt. Michael Francis Tennant, S. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his men forward with great dash, and captured an officer and twelve men himself. In an attack on a village he led two platoons, and made such good use of ground that they suffered few casualties, in spite of very heavy fire. The village was full of the enemy, by whom at one time he was surrounded, but by the skilful use of his Lewis guns he reached the final objective, killing or capturing the majority of the enemy.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Harry Delamere Thwaytes, 1st Bn., Dorsetshire R.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during an attack on an enemy position. The battalion commanded by him successfully forced their way through strong wire defences, in face of heavy machine-gun fire, and under his direction successfully maintained and consolidated the position won, though subjected to repeated enemy attempts to recover it.