

variably in the front line, superintending operations, without the slightest regard for personal danger. On one occasion, prior to an assault, he walked about in the open, in spite of heavy hostile fire, placing the men in their assembly positions, and the great success achieved by the battalion was mainly due to the splendid example set by him.

T./Lt.-Col. Thomas Robert McCready, M.C., comdg. 63rd Bn., M.G.C., T./Maj., R. Marines.

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during an advance. In addition to carrying out several reconnaissances he commanded his machine-gun battalion most ably. When the infantry were checked by machine-gun fire he brought his companies into action, and directed fire on the points of resistance so successfully that the infantry were enabled to advance, and by capturing a ridge ensure the success of the operation.

Lt.-Col. Wilfrid James Mitchell, 2/124th Baluchistan Infy. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his battalion most skilfully in the attack, and in spite of heavy casualties from a strong point on his flank, succeeded in capturing his objective. His courage and perseverance on this occasion were most marked.

T./2nd Lt. (A./Capt.) William John Nagle, M.C., 2nd Bn., Suff. R.

When ordered, during operations, to clear a trench area infested with machine guns and holding up an advance, he displayed the greatest courage and determination in leading his company. He cleared over a mile of trench line and sunken roads, and was responsible for the capture of over 200 prisoners and many machine guns. His utter disregard of danger and fine example were primarily responsible for the success of the operation.

Lt. Basil Ralph Newstead, 1st Bn., North'd Fus.

His company having been ordered to attack a very strong position which had held up the attacking battalion all day, he made a gallant personal reconnaissance, whereby he was able to dispose his company in so favourable a position that not only were all the objectives gained, and many prisoners and machine guns taken, but patrols were pushed out, enabling the whole original objectives of the brigade to be occupied without further loss. His courage and inspiring example were of a very high order.

Major Sydney Maplesden Noakes, C/178th Bde., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an advance. He made a daring reconnaissance by day to locate our advanced posts, and also a concealed enemy machine-gun nest. He drew the fire of the nest and then returned and turned his battery on it, knocking out the position and establishing and consolidating the line of posts. He did fine work.

T./2nd Lt. Richard Northcote, 17th Bn., M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. This officer with his section was attached to the left leading battalion of the division. On the objective being gained, the enemy counter-attacked in large numbers, and made a gap; the forward troops were being rapidly surrounded, and this officer undoubtedly saved the situation by keeping his guns firing to the front, flank and rear, and in addition manning six Lewis guns and one captured enemy gun. His coolness in keeping the section steady and controlling the fire enabled the infantry to re-form.

Lt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Fred Horris Peter, M.C., R.W. Fus., attd. 5th Bn., York. L. I., T.F.

During operations lasting several days orders could be received at very short notice, and consequently great responsibility and initiative had to be left to commanding officers. Throughout these operations he was untiring in his efforts to arrange all details and plans, especially on one occasion, when he had to proceed through a heavy barrage, including gas, which affected him, to settle details for immediate operations which, mainly owing to his ability and courage, were successful.

Lt.-Col. Henry Lloyd Powell, 215th Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He commanded his brigade in a bold and intrepid manner in spite of heavy hostile shelling, and conformed to an ever-changing situation with skill and rapidity.

T./2nd Lt. Douglas William Robertson, M.C., 1st Bn., K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer advanced alone to reconnoitre the line of advance for his platoon under intense machine-gun fire, then returned and led his men forward section by section, being wounded in the face while doing so. He refused to leave, but led his men forward to the first objective. He was then hit through the chest and lungs, but continued to hobble forward, disposing his men well in advance of their objective. By this time eleven out of twenty men were wounded, but he had so cowed the enemy by his determination that they began to stream forward with their hands up. The capture of this position was the key to the enemy's defence. He was primarily responsible for the capture of at least ninety prisoners and some twenty machine guns.

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Arnold Leslie Sagar, 8th Bn., E. Lan. R., attd. 13th Bn., K.R.R.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer got his company into position for the attack despite heavy shelling, then, leading the front wave, he gained his objective. When held up at a strong point, he crawled out with a Lewis gun and one man to a flank, enfilading it with such success that forty prisoners, two machine-guns and one trench mortar were captured. During the ensuing thirty-six hours his company beat off three determined counter-attacks with heavy loss. He also led a bombing party, clearing a trench and killing or cap-