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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Thomas MacDonald Banks, M.C., Essex R.

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He led his battalion some 5,000 yards through thick fog and against heavy opposition to the final objective, withdrawing most skilfully to the first objective when almost surrounded by the enemy, and consolidating it. Two days later, when adjacent troops were finding difficulties in consolidating their positions, he personally led their outposts some 400 yards forward, and under heavy fire supervised consolidation. Throughout he set a fine example of cool courage to all ranks.

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) The Hon. John Denis Yelverton Bingham, Hrs., attd. Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and perseverance in supervising the assembly of tanks, which he successfully launched in an attack. He had previously reconnoitred the ground over which the tanks were going to operate, being out daily under all conditions of hostile shelling. He showed the utmost devotion to duty in an enterprise which was particularly successful.

T./Capt. Edward Kerr Borthwick, M.C., K.A.R.

For most conspicuous gallantry in action. When an enemy maxim had been brought into action at forty yards range he seized the opportunity of a temporary stoppage of the gun, went out alone, shot the N.C.O. in charge, drove off the team, and captured the gun. Earlier in the day he had most gallantly assisted in an attack on the enemy's camp, and most skilfully covered the retirement when the enemy counter-attacked in superior numbers. He showed courage, determination and leadership of a high order.

T./Maj. Charles Eric Browning, S. Wales Bord.

For conspicuous gallantry in the field. In command of a raiding party he showed great coolness and initiative while directing the wire cutting under heavy fire, and in plain view of the enemy, owing to their Very lights. He successfully took and occupied the enemy position, while another party went on to carry out a further operation, and finally covered the withdrawal of the latter with great skill. After being the last to leave the captured position, he returned some distance at great personal risk to search for some missing men. Throughout the operation his judgment, gallantry and resource were most marked.

Maj. Wickham Frith Chappel, D. Gds.

For conspicuous gallantry and skilled leadership during an attack. He galloped his squadron and captured a wood, taking one officer and twenty-four other ranks prisoners, and capturing two heavy guns and four machine guns. The success of this masterly action greatly facilitated the further advance of squadrons on his left.

T./Capt. William Grahame Cobb, M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. K.A.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. For six hours, in the middle of a desperate fight at close quarters, he maintained his dressing station and attended the many wounded. Enemy's fire was coming from three directions, and the only cover was two ant-heaps. He frequently went forward to the firing line and brought in wounded at great personal risk. He undoubtedly saved many lives by his perseverance and determination, all the wounded being safely evacuated under the greatest difficulties.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Spencer Richard Fleischer, M.C., E. Lan. R., S.R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his company against a strongly fortified position, which he captured in spite of determined resistance, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy, taking field guns, trench mortars, and large numbers of heavy and light machine guns. He personally rushed one of the guns that was delaying our advance. His capture of this important position undoubtedly made subsequent success possible.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Gordon Miller Forde, M.C., R. Innis. Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In company with another officer he crawled out about 400 yards from the front line under full observation from the enemy lines, and remained out about seven hours, making a most daring reconnaissance of the enemy's position, and gaining most valuable information, from which he organised a successful raid on the enemy's position. By his personal courage and coolness he set a splendid example to his battalion.

Capt. (A./Lt.-Col.) Lionel Gartside, H.L.I.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability to command. For two days he kept up continuous fire on enemy positions in a wood, finally establishing a formed line with his battalion and thereby enabling the right of the brigade to advance. Later, he most ably organised the defences of a new position, and as a result repelled a strong enemy attack. Throughout operations his untiring energy and fine leadership inspired all.

T./Maj. Robert Hawar Gill, North'd Fus.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an enemy attack. He was in command of his battalion, which was continuously attacked throughout the day. When the enemy penetrated the division on his left, he not only organised a defensive flank extending over 600 yards, but he was the means of enabling other troops to capture a large body of the enemy by cutting off their retreat. It was greatly due to his energy and splendid disregard of personal danger that his line was held intact.