

MILITARY CROSS

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During the period under review 16 Nov - 15 Feb 45.

Maj A H J Dunlop was Commanding 'A' Coy 3 Bombay Grs.

In the operations for the KYAUKMYAUNG bridge head from 3rd - 10th Feb this Coy was in protection of a Squadron of the RAC. Throughout this period Maj Dunlop by his skilful handling of the Coy prevented all enemy attempts to close with and destroy the tanks.

The Coy, especially during the advance to relieve YESHIN and later, in the attack on EAST RIDGES, while escorting the tanks came into the closest contact with the enemy and suffered heavy casualties. Maj Dunlop personally supervised the evacuation of casualties exposing himself without any regard for his own safety - on one occasion seizing a bren gun from a wounded man and engaging the enemy to cover evacuation,

Maj Dunlop's example throughout this period was an inspiration to his men and a direct cause of their successful protection of the tanks whereby not a single Jap was able to close and destroy them.

This Officer's courage is worthy of the highest praise.

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Throughout the period covered by this report this officer has shown military skill and leadership beyond all praise and far above the standard of his rank.

The task of tank protection has frequently taken Major DUNLOP's Company into situations where other infantry have been unable to go and where casualties have had to be suffered to no apparent gain to the infantry protecting the tanks, On all these occasions Major DUNLOP has shown the most magnificent example of coolness and courage, always in the right place to encourage the most hard pressed or to alter their dispositions to get greater effect on the enemy. The enormous confidence and good fellowship that now exists between the British Tank Crews of this Regt, who had never before worked with Indian Troops, and the Bombay Grenadiers has been the direct outcome of this officer's outstanding leadership. To quote two instances only which illustrate the tremendous moral superiority that this officer has created in his men over the Japanese:

Firstly at KABAING North of MANDALAY two platoons with a troop of tanks came on approx 140 Japanese in the open late in the evening, The Japs were first engaged by the tanks and infantry, and then the platoons took to the bayonet to complete the enemy's discomfiture,

Secondly at MAGWE early on the morning after it had been captured by 'A' and 'B' Coys Bombay Grenadiers and 150 Regt RAC (Y&L), Major DUNLOP saw about 15 Japs escaping to an island in midstream in a boat. He despatched four men only to deal with these enemy and killed the lot.