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PREFACE

In 1925 the War Office published an Army Order listing all the Battle Honours awarded to regiments of the British Army indicating which had been selected to be borne on the Colours or Appointments. This was the final list apart from three late applications and some minor amendments. In 1958 the War Office published a Record of all Battle Honours awarded to British (including British Gurkha) Regiments and Colonial Regiments for World War II and the Korean War, Regiments of the Commonwealth were not included. This is that list. The addressees shown at the end of the **Introduction** indicate a very limited distribution.

When this record was being checked prior to publication by the Naval & Military Press it quickly became clear there were many errors, typographical, grammatical and factual. To begin with quite a few new regiments put in an appearance and here are some examples: The Highlanders Light Infantry (very popular), The King's Own Yeomanry Light Infantry, The K.A.R.R.R.C (an amalgamation of the King's African Rifles with the King's Royal Rifle Corps?), The London Irish Fusiliers, The London Irish Buffs and The Royal West King Regiment. There were also cases where Honours not elected to be borne on the Colours were shown as elected and vice versa.

With each action designated as a Battle Honour there is a brief summary of the operation, sometimes naming units involved. This description was left except in cases where there were mistakes in Order of Battle details or where the write up was confusing. Another source of confusion was the designation of Indian Army units, such as the 12th Frontier Force Regiment and the 13th Frontier Force Rifles, two different regiments. There were problems with spelling of place names, for example St Pierre Lancers Vielle, a highly unusual rendering of St Pierre La Vieille, Sidi Rezech for Sidi Rezegh, Gameela for Gambela and Agordat for Agordat. Finally there was the index which contained many names that had nothing to do with anything, these were rigorously pruned and the names that remain are those for which Battle Honours were awarded.

The following published works were used for reference:

The Battle Honours of the British and Indian Armies 1662-1982 H.C.B Cook. The most important book on its subject and a magnificent piece of work. For some reason he omits The Tower Hamlets Rifles in his WWII regiments. A descendant of the WWI London Regiment, it had three battalions at one time during WWII

Orders of Battle Second World War 1939-1945 Lieut-Col H.F. Joslen

Commonwealth Divisions 1939-1945 Malcolm A. Bellis

Regiments and Corps of the British Army Ian S. Hallows

Handbook of British Regiments Christopher Chant

A Register of the Regiments and Corps of the British Army edited by Arthur Swinson.

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Worthing, July 2003

INTRODUCTION

The object of this Record is to provide a means of quick reference to those Battles, Actions and Engagements of the Second World War, which were awarded as Honours to the Regiments represented at them. Although in most cases a brief summary of the operation is made, with an indication of the troops involved, the background to the story must be read in the Official Histories, or Divisional or other Histories, which will provide a fuller account. Moreover, while the Army List will show all the Honours awarded to one regiment, this Record will make clear all the British Regiments to whom any one award has been made.

Regiments are shown by the names under which they won the award.

This Record covers only the British Regiments involved for whom awards were recommended by the War Office Battle Honours Committee. In many cases, (as will be seen from the outline orders of Battle indicated in the summaries) other Commonwealth troops were concerned. Awards in their cases are a matter for arrangement direct between the Commonwealth Government concerned and the Sovereign, and these awards are not made known officially to the War Office.

The Official List of Battles, Actions and Engagements as drawn up by the Battles Nomenclature Committee in their First Report, contains 970 classified operations, exclusive of these which took place in the South and South-West Pacific (which did not involve any British fighting units), which are included in the Final Report by the R.N.C. 633 of these operations are listed in this Record, and it will be appreciated that many of the remainder exclusively concern Commonwealth Forces. For this reason, or because the qualifying rules for Honours did not permit of an award, there are several gaps in the sequence of serials in the Official List compared with the Awards listed.

The official classification of each operation in the Official List has been indicated in the summaries which follow by reference to 'subsidiary Action' (or 'Engagement') when the serial refers to an operation with a 'Battle.' Where Actions or Engagements, however, were separate, they are so indicated by the use of a capital A or E.

The sequence of the Official List has been followed throughout. This is generally chronological, by Theatres, but not always so, as the campaigns are divided into 'Phases'. These Phases will be found in the Official List.

It may be of interest to summarise the Battles in the Second World War for which the largest number of awards were made. As a general rule, this indicates those Battles in which the greatest number of different units were employed.

Awards to 20 or more Regiments were made as follows (figures in brackets represent the number emblazoned in each case):-

40 Regiments and over

1. Rhine	49 (36)
2. El Alamein	43 (42)
3. Rhineland	43 (19)
4. Mont Pincon	42 (16)

30 Regiments and over

5.	Caen	37	(22)
6.	Nederrijn	35	(6)
7.	Odon	33	(17)
8.	Tunis	32	(19)
9.	Gothic Line	31	(16)
10.	Normandy Landing	29	(29)
11.	Anzio	29	(24)
12.	Falaise	30	(13)

20 Regiments and over

13.	Argenta Gap	29	(16)
14.	Cassino II	24	(23)
15.	Gazala	26	(13)
16.	North Arakan	23	(13)
17.	Bourguebus Ridge	23	(9)
18.	Coriano	23	(8)
19.	St Omer-La Bassee	23	(8)
20.	Tobruk, 1941	22	(12)
21.	Landing in Sicily	21	(8)
22.	Garigliano Crossing	21	(7)
23.	Advance to Florence	21	(4)

The theatre distribution of the above is:-

North-West Europe	10
Italy	7
North Africa	4
Sicily	1
Burma	1

Also included in this Record is a list of the Honorary Distinctions awarded to regiments or battalions which were converted to fight in an Arm to which Honours are not awarded, and which were subsequently reconverted to their original Arm. In such cases, they would once again be entitled to carry Guidons or Colours, but their war services would have been unrecognised by awards of battle honours. To fill this gap, awards of Honorary Distinctions were made, to indicate the war services rendered.

Finally, the record includes the Honours awarded for the Korean Campaign of 1950-53. The manner of showing these follows the principles outlined above in respect of the Second World War.

Four copies of this Record were made, lodged as follows:-

Copy No 1	War Office Library
Copy No 2	Secretary, Honours and Distinctions Committee, P.S.12, War Office
Copy No 3	P.S.12, War Office
Copy No 4	Cabinet Office Archives, Great George Street

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NORWAY, 1940-41

In April, 1940, in an attempt to forestall a German occupation of Norway, two Anglo-French expeditions were sent to that country. The first, in central Norway, entailed two main landings, in the Namsos area north of Trondheim, and in the Andalsnes area south of Trondheim.

The second expedition, comprising Franco-Polish troops, landed in the Narvik area, while British forces were deployed further south in the Mosjoen-Mo-Bodo area to hold off enemy forces advancing from the south.

The campaign of 1940 was over by the end of May. In the closing days of 1941, a raid at Vaagso was responsible for the addition of that year to the Theatre Honour.

The Theatre Honour of 'Norway, 1940,' was selected to be borne on the Colours of:

Irish Guards

The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

The South Wales Borderers

The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)

The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

and has also been awarded to:

Scots Guards

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment

The York and Lancaster Regiment.

The Theatre Honour of 'Norway, 1941,' was awarded to the Commando Association.

VIST

21st to 22nd April, 1940

In this Engagement, overwhelming German forces including ski-troops attacked 146th Brigade, using infiltration tactics. British casualties in the area amounted to 157 officers and men killed, missing and wounded.

The Honour has been awarded to:

The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

KVAM

25th to 26th April, 1940

The 15th and 148th Brigades provided the troops in this area, carrying out the fighting withdrawal during which these Engagements were fought, and in which the British troops lost a quarter of their strength in casualties.

'Kvam' has been awarded to:-

The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

'Otta' has been awarded to:-

The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).

OTTA

28th April, 1940

STIEN

17th May to 18th May, 1940

24th Guards Brigade was the British formation involved in these Engagements in this area, where a withdrawal was again being conducted in the face of enemy attacks.

‘Stien’ has been awarded to the:-

Scots Guards.

‘Pothus’ has been awarded to the:-

Irish Guards.

POTHUS

25th to 26th May, 1940

VAAGSO

27th December, 1941.

In this Engagement, Nos. 2 and 3 Commandos carried out a successful raid to destroy fish-oil factories and shipping. There was severe fighting on the island of Maaloy and on Vaagso. 150 Germans were killed and 98 captured.

The Honour has been awarded to:-

The Commando Association.

NORTH-WEST EUROPE, 1940, '42, '44-45

After eight months of operational inactivity, the British Expeditionary Force in France advanced, in May, 1940, to the line of the River Dyle in Belgium to meet the oncoming Germany Armies. The main attack of the latter was made on the 12th May, against the French some 25 miles to the south of the British right flank, with the result that the Channel coast was reached by the 23rd May, the lines of communication of the B.E.F. having been cut by 21st May.

The main body of the B.E.F. began to withdraw on the night 16th/17th May, to be evacuated eventually from Dunkirk by 3rd June.

Parts of two divisions which had been cut off, with L. of C. troops, and other divisions landed in France continued to fight south of the Somme until 18th June, when the 1940 campaign ended.

Raiding operations against the coast of France in 1942 account for the addition of this year to the Theatre Honour.

British Forces landed in France again in the assault on Normandy on the 6th June, 1944, and by May, 1945, their victorious armies stood on the banks of the Elbe and the shores of the Baltic and North Sea.

‘North-West Europe, 1940, ’44-45,’ was selected for emblazonment by the:-

13th/18th Hussars	Gloucestershire Regiment
15th/19th Hussars	Worcestershire Regiment
Royal Tank Regiment	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
Lothians and Border Horse	Duke of Wellington's Regiment
Fife and Forfar Yeo.	South Lancashire Regiment
Coldstream Guards	Essex Regiment
Royal Scots	King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Royal Warwickshire Regiment	King's Royal Rifle Corps
Royal Norfolk Regiment	Highland Light Infantry
East Yorkshire Regiment	Gordon Highlanders
Green Howards	Rifle Brigade
Cameronians	

and has also been awarded to the:-

4th/7th Dragoon Guards	East Lancashire Regiment
5th Dragoon Guards	Royal Hampshire Regiment
East Riding Yeomanry	Black Watch
Grenadier Guards	Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
Welsh Guards	Dorset Regiment
Queen's Royal Regiment	Royal Berkshire Regiment
Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Middlesex Regiment
R. Lincolnshire Regiment	Wiltshire Regiment
Suffolk Regiment	Manchester Regiment
Royal Scots Fusiliers	Yorkshire and Lancaster Regiment
Cheshire Regiment	Durham Light Infantry
Royal Welch Fusiliers	Seaforth Highlanders
King's Own Scottish Borderers	Cameron Highlanders

Kensington Regiment
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

Royal Ulster Rifles

‘North-West Europe, 1940,’ was emblazoned by the:-

9th Lancers	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
12th Lancers	East Surrey Regiment
Bufs	Royal Sussex Regiment
King’s Own Royal Regiment	Royal West Kent Regiment
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment	Queen Victoria’s Rifles (T.A.)

and has also been awarded to the:-

Queen’s Bays	West Yorkshire Regiment
10th Royal Hussars	Loyal Regiment
Royal Fusiliers	Sherwood Foresters

‘North-West Europe, 1940,’ 44, was emblazoned by the:-

South Staffordshire Regiment	Border Regiment
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and was also awarded to the:-

Lancashire Fusiliers	North Staffordshire Regt.
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‘North-West Europe, 1940,’ 45, was emblazoned by the:-

Northampton Regiment

‘North-West Europe, 1942,’ 44-45’, was awarded to the:-

Parachute Regiment	Commando Association
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‘North-West Europe, 1944’ is borne on the Colours of the:-

Hertfordshire Regiment

and has also been awarded to the:-

24th Lancers	King’s Regiment
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‘North-West Europe, 1944-45’ was emblazoned by the:-

Life Guards	Scots Guards
Royal Horse Guards	Irish Guards
1st Royal Dragoons	Somerset Light Infantry
8th King’s Royal Irish Hussars	Royal Leicestershire Regiment
Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry	South Wales Borderers
Westminster Dragoons	King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
3rd/4th County of London Yeomanry	Glider Pilot Regiment
Inns of Court Regiment	Queen’s Westminster
Honourable Artillery Company	London Rifle Brigade
Herefordshire Light Infantry	Special Air Service Regiment

and was also awarded to the:-

4th/7th Dragoon Guards	Derbyshire Yeomanry
Royal Scots Greys	Northamptonshire Yeomanry
11th Hussars	Devonshire Regiment
22nd Dragoons	Welch Regiment
Staffordshire Yeomanry	Monmouthshire Regiment

DYLE

10th to 16th May, 1940

This was the opening Action of the campaign in Belgium. I Corps (1st, 2nd and 48th Divisions) and II Corps (3rd and 4th Divisions) held an area from Wavre to the ferry north of Louvain. Enemy probing attacks were made and repelled until midnight 15th/16th May, when withdrawal took place.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards	Manchester Regiment
12th Lancers	North Staffordshire Regiment
Royal Berkshire Regiment	Royal Ulster Rifles

and has also been awarded to the:-

13th/18th Hussars	Royal Welch Fusiliers
Grenadier Guards	Middlesex Regiment
Coldstream Guards	Durham Light Infantry
Royal Scots	Cheshire Regiment

WITHDRAWAL TO ESCAUT

17th to 19th May, 1940

This Action commemorates the contact with the enemy along the whole front of withdrawal from the River Dyle on the 18th and 19th May.

The Honour is born on the Standard and Guidon of the:-

5th Dragoon Guards	15th/19th Hussars
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and has been awarded to the:-

13th/18th Royal Hussars	Cheshire Regiment
East Riding Yeomanry	Manchester Regiment
East Yorkshire Regiment	Gordon Highlanders
Royal Irish Fusiliers	

DEFENCE OF ESCAUT

19th to 22nd May, 1940

Throughout 20th and 21st May, the enemy attacked with increasing strength in the endeavour to establish bridgeheads over the river. Partial success was achieved in places, and this Action commemorates some hard fighting.

The Honour is borne on the Colours of the:-

Royal Scots	Lancashire Fusiliers
Royal Warwickshire Regiment	Gloucestershire Regiment

and has also been awarded to the:-

Coldstream Guards	Border Regiment
Queen's Royal Regiment	Royal Sussex Regiment
Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
Bufs	Northamptonshire Regiment
Royal Norfolk Regiment	Royal West Kent Regiment

East Yorkshire Regiment
Royal Welch Fusiliers
Worcestershire Regiment
East Lancashire Regiment
East Surrey Regiment
Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Middlesex Regiment
Manchester Regiment
North Staffordshire Regiment
Cameron Highlanders

AMIENS, 1940

20th May

In this Engagement the Germans attacked 7/R. Sussex in their position astride the Amiens-Poix road, where they suffered heavy casualties.

The Honour has been awarded to the:-

Royal Sussex Regt.

DEFENCE OF ARRAS

19th to 24th May, 1940.

This Engagement commemorates the stand by various formations and units under command of Major-General R. L. Petre, in which some severe fighting occurred.

The Honour is borne on the Colours of the:-

Welsh Guards

Manchester Regiment

Wiltshire Regiment

and has also been awarded to the:-

12th Lancers

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

East Yorkshire Regiment

Black Watch

Green Howards

Northamptonshire Regiment

Royal Scots Fusiliers

ARRAS COUNTER ATTACK

21st May, 1940

In this Engagement a counter attack was launched from Vimy Ridge with 1st Anti-Tank Brigade, 151st Brigade of 50th Division, and two anti-tank batteries of 5th Division.

The Honour has been awarded to the:-

12th Lancers

Durham Light Infantry

Royal Tank Regiment

Royal Northumberland Fusiliers

BOULOGNE, 1940

22nd to 25th May

This Action commemorates the defence of the town by the Irish Guards and Welsh Guards, who bear the Honour on their Colours.

CALAIS, 1940

22nd to 26th May

This Action denotes the gallant defence of the town by the Greenjacket Brigade. The Honour is borne on the Appointments of the:-

Queen Victoria's Rifles
Rifle Brigade

King's Royal Rifle Corps

and has also been awarded to the Royal Tank Regiment.

FRENCH FRONTIER, 1940

23rd to 27th May

Fighting of varying intensity took place in this Action.

The Honour has been awarded to the:-

East Yorkshire Regiment

ST. OMER-LA BASSEE

23rd to 29th May, 1940

In this Battle, the bigger of the two recorded for the 1940 campaign, some bitter fighting occurred over a widespread area. The success of the ultimate evacuation from Dunkirk largely depended on the fighting both in this and the Battle of the Ypres-Comines Canal.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

5th Dragoon Guards
East Riding Yeomanry
Royal Norfolk Regiment
Royal Irish Fusiliers

Cheshire Regiment
Dorset Regiment
Cameron Highlanders
Royal Welch Fusiliers

and has also been awarded to the:-

Royal Tank Regiment
Welsh Guards
Royal Scots
Buffs
King's Own
Royal Northumberland Fusiliers
Lancashire Fusiliers
Gloucestershire Regiment

Royal Sussex Regiment
Essex Regiment
Sherwood Foresters
Royal Berkshire Regiment
Manchester Regiment
Durham Light Infantry
Worcestershire Regiment

WORMHOUDT

28th May, 1940

This subsidiary Engagement covers the scene of fierce resistance by British troops to repeated attacks by the enemy attempting to cut off the British Army.

The Honour is borne on the Colours of the:-

Royal Warwickshire Regiment

and has also been awarded to the:-

Cheshire Regiment

Worcestershire Regiment

CASSEL

27th to 29th May, 1940

Stubborn fighting took place in this subsidiary Engagement, in which 48th Division held off fierce attacks by enemy armour, until finally the town was surrounded and the gallant garrison had to fight its way out.

This Honour was emblazoned by the:-

East Riding Yeomanry

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Gloucestershire Regiment

and was also awarded to the:-

Cheshire Regiment

FORET DE NIEPPE

27th to 28th May, 1940

In this subsidiary Engagement an attempt was made to delay the German advance northwards towards Cassel.

This Honour has been awarded to the:-

Royal Sussex Regiment

Royal West Kent Regiment

YPRES-COMINES CANAL

26th to 28th May, 1940

In this Battle, 5th Division, under Major-General H. E. Franklyn, was largely instrumental in making time for the embarkation to begin at Dunkirk, by fiercely resisting all German attacks to break through to the coast.

The Honour is borne on the Guidon and Colours of the:-

13th/18th Hussars

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Royal Warwickshire Regiment

North Staffordshire Regiment

Royal Scots Fusiliers

and has also been awarded to the:-

East Yorkshire Regiment

Wiltshire Regiment

Cameronians

Sherwood Foresters

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Middlesex Regiment

The Black Watch

Manchester Regiment

Northamptonshire Regiment

Seaforth Highlanders

Gordon Highlanders

DUNKIRK, 1940

26th May to 3rd June

The period covering this Action denotes the period of embarkation during which 338,226 troops were evacuated. The Honour has been restricted to those units which actually held and fought on the perimeter during this time, and thus accounts for the absence of many names of regiments who were present but

whose fighting in the campaign was already over.

The Honour was accepted for emblazonment by the:-

4th/7th Dragoon Guards	King's Own Scottish Borderers
5th Dragoon Guards	East Lancashire Regiment
12th Lancers	Duke of Wellington's Regiment
Fife and Forfar Yeomanry	East Surrey Regiment
Grenadier Guards	Border Regiment
Coldstream Guards	Royal Hampshire Regiment
King's Own	South Lancashire Regiment
Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Loyal Regiment
Royal Fusiliers	Royal Berkshire Regiment
Royal Lincolnshire Regiment	King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Suffolk Regiment	Middlesex Regiment
East Yorkshire Regiment	Durham Light Infantry
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment	
Royal Ulster Rifles	

and has also been awarded to the:-

Green Howards	Sherwood Foresters
Cheshire Regiment	Gordon Highlanders
Black Watch	

SOMME, 1940

24th May to 5th June

This Action, in which units of 1st Armoured and 51st Highland Divisions took part, under French command, covers abortive attempts to secure the river crossings.

The Honour is borne on the Colours of the:-

Queen's Bays	10th Hussars
9th Lancers	

and has also been awarded to the:-

Royal Tank Regiment	Gordon Highlanders
Lothians and Border Horse	Cameron Highlanders
Royal Scots Fusiliers	Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Border Regiment	Black Watch
Seaforth Highlanders	

WITHDRAWAL TO SEINE

6th to 10th June, 1940

This Action was a fighting withdrawal from the Somme in the face of German attacks.

The Honour has been awarded to the:-

Queen's Bays	Bufs
9th Lancers	Royal Scots Fusiliers
Lothians and Border Horse	Seaforth Highlanders

WITHDRAWAL TO CHERBOURG

9th to 18th June, 1940

This was the last Engagement of the 1940 campaign, in which the hastily landed troops of 52nd Lowland Division found themselves re-embarking within a few days.

The Honour has been awarded to the:-

Highland Light Infantry

ST VALERY-EN-CAUX

10th to 12th June, 1940

The name of this Engagement commemorates the disastrous end of the 51st Highland Division in France, having fought gallantly and being finally killed or captured.

The Honour is borne on the Colours of the:-

Duke of Wellington's Regiment

Kensington Regiment

Seaforth Highlanders

and has also been awarded to the:-

Lothians and Border Horse

Gordon Highlanders

Royal Norfolk Regiment

Cameron Highlanders

Black Watch

SAAR

13th May, 1940

Early in this month 51st Division took over an extended sector in the Maginot Line.

This Engagement denotes the defeat of a German attack on the British defences.

The Honour is borne on the Colours of the:-

Kensington Regiment

And has also been awarded to the:-

Black Watch

BRUNEVAL

27th to 28th February, 1942

This Engagement commemorates a gallant raid on a German radar station, the Honour for which is borne on the Colours of the:-

Parachute Regiment

ST. NAZAIRE

27th to 28th March, 1942

This successful Engagement, in which a Naval force and No. 2 Commando co-operated, resulted in the blocking of the harbour for use by 'U' Boats.

The Honour was awarded to the:-

DIEPPE

19th August, 1942

In this Action, Nos. 3 and 4 Commandos, with a Royal Marine Commando, took part under command of 2nd Canadian Division in a raid on Dieppe which failed with very heavy casualties.

The Honour was awarded to the:-

Commando Association

NORMANDY LANDING

6th June, 1944

This Battle was the assault landing on and across the Normandy beaches. Under Second Army were I and XXX Corps, with 6th Airborne Division, 3rd Division, 3rd Canadian Division, 50th Division, and 1st and 4th Special Service Brigades. Additionally, 27th Armoured Brigade was under command of 3rd Division; 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade under 3rd Canadian Division; and 56th Brigade and 8th Armoured Brigade were under 50th Division.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

4th/7th Dragoon Guards
13th/18th Hussars
22nd Dragoons
Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry
Staffordshire Yeomanry
Westminster Dragoons
East Riding Yeomanry
Inns of Court Regiment
Royal Warwickshire Regiment
King's Regiment
Royal Norfolk Regiment
Royal Lincolnshire Regiment
Devonshire Regiment
Suffolk Regiment
Hertfordshire Regiment

East Yorkshire Regiment
Green Howards
Cheshire Regiment
South Wales Borderers
Royal Hampshire Regiment
Dorset Regiment
South Lancashire Regiment
Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry
Royal Berkshire Regiment
King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Middlesex Regiment
Royal Ulster Rifles
Glider Pilot Regiment
Parachute Regiment

and was also awarded to the:-

Commando Association

PEGASUS BRIDGE

6th June, 1944

This subsidiary Engagement denotes the capture by coup de main of the Orne bridges.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry Glider Pilot Regiment

And was also awarded to the:-

Parachute Regiment

MERVILLE BATTERY

6th June, 1944

In this subsidiary Engagement units of 6th Airborne Division captured the Merville Battery.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

Glider Pilot Regiment

and was also awarded to the:-

Parachute Regiment

PORT EN BESSIN

7th to 8th June, 1944

This Engagement covers the capture by 50th Division of Port en Bessin and Escures, and the link up with the 1st U.S. Division which joined the British bridgehead with that of the Americans.

The Honour was awarded to the:-

Devonshire Regiment

SULLY

8th to 9th June, 1944

In this Engagement, stiff fighting by 50th Division caused the enemy to withdraw from this strong point.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

South Wales Borderers

CAMBES

9th June, 1944

This Engagement was fought by 3rd Division, the village being attacked and captured after some severe fighting.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

East Riding Yeomanry

and was also awarded to the:-

Royal Lincolnshire Regiment
King's Own Scottish Borderers

Middlesex Regiment
Royal Ulster Rifles

PUTOT EN BESSIN

8th June, 1944

3rd Canadian Division had stiff fighting with enemy armour in this Engagement, recapturing the village after being forced out of it.

The Honour was emblazoned by the:-

24th Lancers