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| | Bedfs & Herts Regiment | 74626 | Lieut (T/Capt) MICHAEL JAMES REX FLETCHER | This officer has been Chief Cipher Officer of 8th Army since its inception and before that was Chief Cipher Officer of Western Desert Force. Faced with a colossal task and one of vital importance to the success of operations this officer organised and kept the ciphers of 8th Army running in a highly satisfactory manner, under the most trying conditions. His staff branch was always understaffed and overloaded with work - ciphers were being compromised by capture continuously and there was no cipher security officer to assist him. He flew to Tobruk and back while it was still invested to clear up cipher comprises and he was always going forward to Corps during the highly mobile operations to assist and supervise and watch cipher security. This officer is outstanding as a cipher officer and I do not think his multifarious duties could have been better carried out by any other officer. He was always an inspiration and good example to those under his command and of invaluable assistance to me. | C.S.O. Eighth Army | M.B.E. ✓ | HEW |

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