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NOTES ON GENERAL VON RAVENSTEIN

General Von Ravenstein received the decoration Pour le Merite when he was First Lieutenant in the 37th Infantry Regiment. Early in 1939 he was Lieutenant Colonel commanding a battalion of the First Light Division. He was promoted Colonel in August 1939 to command a regiment of lorried infantry.

In June, 1940, when his regiment played an important part at the crossing of the Meuse, he was awarded the Ritterkreuz.

In June of this year he was reported as Major General commanding the 5th Light Armoured (Colonial) Division in North Africa. This was converted into the 21st Armoured Division, which he was commanding when he was captured. The Division is mostly recruited in Prussia.

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