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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous award of the VICTORIA CROSS to:—

No. 4624899 Corporal (acting Sergeant) Hanson Victor Turner, The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own) (Halifax).

In Burma, at Ningthoukong soon after midnight on the night of 6th-7th June, 1944, an attack was made by a strong force of Japanese with medium and light machine-guns. In the first instance the attack largely fell on the S.W. corner of the position which was held by a weak platoon of about 20 men of which Sergeant Turner was one of the Section Commanders. By creeping up under cover of a nullah the enemy were able to use grenades with deadly effect against this portion of the perimeter. Three out of the four light machine-guns in the platoon were destroyed and the platoon was forced to give ground. Sergeant Turner with coolness and fine leadership at once reorganised his party and withdrew 40 yards. The enemy made determined and repeated attempts to dislodge them and concentrated all fire they could produce in an effort to reduce the position and so extend the penetration. Sustained fire was kept up on Sergeant Turner and his dwindling party by the enemy for a period of two hours. The enemy, however, achieved no further success in this sector. Sergeant Turner with a doggedness and spirit of endurance of the highest order repelled all their attacks, and it was due entirely to his leadership that the position was ultimately held throughout the night.

When it was clear that the enemy were attempting to outflank the position, Sergeant Turner determined to take the initiative in driving the enemy off and killing them. The men left under his command were the minimum essential to maintain the position he had built up with such effect. No party for a counter-attack could therefore be mustered and speed was essential if the enemy were to be frustrated. He at once, boldly and fearlessly went forward from his position alone

armed with all the hand grenades he could carry, and went into the attack against the enemy single handed. He used his weapons with devastating effect and when his supply was exhausted he went back for more and returned to the offensive again. During all this time the enemy were keeping up intense small arms and grenade fire.

Sergeant Turner in all made five journeys to obtain further supplies of grenades and it was on the sixth occasion still single handed, while throwing a grenade among a party of the enemy, he was killed.

His conduct on that night will ever be remembered by the Regiment. His superb leadership and undaunted will to win in the early stages of the attack was undoubtedly instrumental in preventing the enemy plan from succeeding. The number of enemy found dead the next morning was ample evidence of the deadly effect his grenade throwing had had. He displayed outstanding valour and had not the slightest thought of his own safety. He died on the battlefield in a spirit of supreme self sacrifice.

War Office, 17th August, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to:—

No. 4390973 Warrant Officer Class II (Company Sergeant-Major) Stanley Elton Hollis, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment) (Middlesbrough).

In Normandy on 6th June, 1944, during the assault on the beaches and the Mont Fleury Battery, C.S.M. Hollis's Company Commander noticed that two of the pill-boxes had been by-passed, and went with C.S.M. Hollis to see that they were clear. When they were 20 yards from the pillbox, a machine-gun opened fire from the slit and C.S.M. Hollis instantly rushed straight at the pillbox, firing his Sten gun. He jumped on top of the pillbox, re-charged his magazine, threw a grenade in through the door and fired his Sten gun into it, killing two Germans and

making the remainder prisoner. He then cleared several Germans from a neighbouring trench. By his action, he undoubtedly saved his Company from being fired on heavily from the rear and enabled them to open the main beach exit.

Later the same day, in the village of Crepon, the Company encountered a field gun and crew armed with Spandaus at 100 yards range. C.S.M. Hollis was put in command of a party to cover an attack on the gun, but the movement was held up. Seeing this, C.S.M. Hollis pushed right forward to engage the gun with a P.I.A.T. from a house at 50 yards range. He was observed by a sniper who fired and grazed his right cheek, and at the same moment the gun swung round and fired at point-blank range into the house. To avoid the fallen masonry C.S.M. Hollis moved his party to an alternative position. Two of the enemy gun crew had by this time been killed, and the gun was destroyed shortly afterwards. He later found that two of his men had stayed behind in the house and immediately volunteered to get them out. In full view of the enemy who were continually firing at him, he went forward alone using a Bren gun to distract their attention from the other men. Under cover of his diversion, the two men were able to get back.

Wherever fighting was heaviest, C.S.M. Hollis appeared and in the course of a magnificent day's work, he displayed the utmost gallantry and on two separate occasions his courage and initiative prevented the enemy from holding up the advance at critical stages. It was largely through his heroism and resource that the Company's objectives were gained and casualties were not heavier, and by his own bravery he saved the lives of many of his men.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
17th August, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's New Zealand Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Fiji and New Caledonia from 1st September, 1943 to 29th February, 1944:—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Major-General Harold Eric Barrowclough, D.S.O., M.C. (31490), New Zealand Military Forces.

War Office, 17th August, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer "The Efficiency Decoration" upon the following officers of the Territorial Army:—

**ROYAL ARMoured CORPS,
Fife and Forfar Yeomanry.**

Maj. F. S. McIntyre (38115).

County of London Yeomanry.

Capt. (T/Maj.) K. M. Ronald (40871).

The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry.

Capt. (T/Maj.) C. E. Awdry (39596).

Reconnaissance Corps.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. S. Nisbet (39457).

Capt. (T/Maj.) J. H. Shields (32089) (T.A.R.O.).

Royal Tank Regiment.

Capt. (T/Maj.) W. G. G. Watson (39357).

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Lt.-Col. (T/Brig.) H. H. V. Christie, M.C. (51876).

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Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. B. Allan (39547).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) T. I. Bishell (22470).
Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. R. Blagden (39598).
Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) W. J. Craig (47310).
Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) R. H. C. Herron (40146).
Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) H. S. Hunt, D.S.O., O.B.E. (38717).
Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) E. J. Riseley (49552).
Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) H. D. Stephens-Clarkson (36771).
Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) C. H. J. Ward (42125).
Maj. (a/Lt.-Col.) C. A. Blow (41864).
Maj. (a/Lt.-Col.) R. G. Boulton (39852).
Maj. (a/Lt.-Col.) D. P. Bryce (35220).
Maj. W. F. Barber (31165).
Maj. H. E. Barker (39694).
Maj. R. S. Belsey (41578).
Maj. A. H. E. Bentley (32754) (T.A.R.O.).
Maj. W. A. Brown (39794).
Maj. C. V. Burnside (44496).
Maj. T. C. Chalmers (25514).
Maj. R. G. Chisholm (41813).
Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) E. Dickinson, D.C.M. (39318).
Maj. D. B. Grieve (39965).
Maj. J. McDermid (49675).
Maj. E. R. Mouncher (41828).
Maj. W. A. Ramsay (62915).
Capt. & Bt. Maj. (T/Maj.) C. L. Prichard (37595) (T.A.R.O.).
Capt. (T/Maj.) E. G. A. Atkinson (36591).
Capt. (T/Maj.) D. J. M. Brown (30018).
Capt. (T/Maj.) B. S. Buck (39145).
Capt. (T/Maj.) J. H. Gibson (49554).
Capt. (T/Maj.) R. Hudson (41613).
Capt. (T/Maj.) A. G. Hutchinson (30124).
Capt. (T/Maj.) R. G. Sillars (48137).
Capt. (T/Maj.) W. D. Topley (20504).
Capt. C. H. L. Anderton (41928).
Capt. J. Blackwall (41684).
Capt. D. S. Cowans-Fairweather (30847).
Capt. P. J. E. Edgecombe (39163).
Capt. R. F. P. Sutton (36336) (T.A.R.O.).
Lt. (T/Capt.) E. D. Price (40039) (T.A.R.O.).

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Lt.-Col. C. E. T. Jones, M.C. (31662) (T.A.R.O.).
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Maj. C. H. Bourke Borrowes (34738) (T.A.R.O.).
Maj. S. T. Pester (40002).
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Capt. M. A. U. Heathcote (20208) (T.A.R.O.).

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Capt. (T/Maj.) (a/Lt.-Col.) J. Gray, M.B.E. (41679).
Capt. (T/Maj.) S. E. Bridgwater (36170) (T.A.R.O.).

INFANTRY.

The Royal Scots. (The Royal Regiment).

Maj. J. T. Campbell (36063).

The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

Maj. R. W. T. Chapman (16641).

The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

Capt. (T/Maj.) E. W. Lloyd (40073).

The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

Capt. L. H. Tibbenham (41623).

The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Alberts).

Capt. (T/Maj.) C. R. Barber (39009).

The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) R. T. Percival (44559).

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

Maj. G. A. B. Jenyns (37489).

The Lancashire Fusiliers.

Capt. (T/Maj.) J. C. B. Stephens (40781).

The Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Capt. G. A. R. Ross (41389).

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Capt. (T/Maj.) G. G. Sinclair (39931).

The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding).

Lt.-Col. E. H. Llewellyn, M.C. (35086).

The Hampshire Regiment.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) S. C. R. Dale (39961).

Capt. (T/Maj.) The Viscount FitzHarris (40516).

Capt. H. Turner (24004) (T.A.R.O.).

The Dorsetshire Regiment.

Capt. (T/Maj.) P. G. Ormrod (22427) (T.A.R.O.).

The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment).

Capt. R. S. Walker (41776).

The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's).

Maj. H. P. Verey (41870).

The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own).

Lt.-Col. R. D. Sherbrooke-Walker (34132).

Maj. T. A. Hall (40930).

The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Hon. Col. Sir David Milne-Watson, Bart., D.L. (28611).

The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's).

Capt. (T/Maj.) D. Barclay (53974).

The Gordon Highlanders.

Capt. J. C. Lunan (38292).

The Monmouthshire Regiment.

Capt. (T/Maj.) T. W. Stephens (28422).

ARMY AIR CORPS.

The Parachute Regiment.

Maj. A. G. Hildesley, O.B.E. (38263).

THE ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.

C.F. 3rd Class The Rev. Canon A. V. Hurley, O.B.E. (51958).

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Maj. The Hon. M. J. C. W. Fane (37487).

Maj. R. D. H. Houldsworth (31823).

Capt. H. W. Paul (25793) (T.A.R.O.)

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Lt.-Col. E. H. Brindle (42412).

Lt.-Col. F. J. Morris, M.C. (25978).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) W. A. Ball (40260).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) W. C. Barber (44260).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) F. A. Bevan (40928).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. F. Fraser (34675).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) H. H. Kenshole (45149).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. K. Reid (47371).

Maj. E. M. R. Frazer (44353).

Maj. G. N. Frizell (47891).

Maj. E. G. Snaith, M.C. (39948).

Maj. C. N. Vaisey (50098).

Capt. (T/Maj.) J. A. S. Brown (40329).

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Capt. (T/Maj.) R. Bartram (40753).

Capt. W. M. Cowan (39648).

Capt. W. E. Tait (40697).

ROYAL ARMY VETERINARY CORPS.

Capt. (T/Maj.) M. Bridgeman (30119).

PIONEER CORPS.

Maj. M. Lewis, M.C. (7913).

INTELLIGENCE CORPS.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) (a/Col.) H. G. Sandercock,

O.B.E., M.C. (108585) (T.A.R.O.)

Capt. (T/Maj.) K. H. Vignoles (41356).

GENERAL LIST.

Capt. (T/Maj.) N. F. Woodroffe, O.B.E. (127162).

SPECIAL LIST.

Capt. (T/Maj.) C. R. Bailey (31033) (T.A.R.O.)

TRAINING CORPS.

Aberdeen University, Senior Training Corps.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) R. B. Strathdee (40806).

Rossall School, Junior Training Corps.

Capt. M. J. Olivier (26670).

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ERRATA.

Mentions-in-Despatches.

The London Gazette of 20th December, 1940
(No. 35020).

For Lt. I. M. Beat, R.A.S.C., substitute Lt. J. McD. Beat (92332), R.A.S.C.

For Maj. A. H. Boswell Preston, C.B.E., R.A.S.C., substitute Lt. (actg. Maj.) A. Houston-Boswell Preston, C.B.E. (107078), R.A.S.C.

The London Gazette of 23rd December, 1943
(No. 36297).

For E/110909 Havildar Satyam Naidu, Corps of Indian Engineers, substitute E/110909 Havildar Satyam, Corps of Indian Engineers.

The London Gazette of 27th January, 1944
(No. 36349).

For Lt. M. H. L. Macdonnell (193648), R.T.R., R.A.C. (killed in action), substitute Lt. M. H. L. McDonnell (193648), R.T.R., R.A.C. (killed in action).

The London Gazette of 23rd March, 1944
(No. 36436).

For 2585781 Lce.-Corpl. J. Stout, Seaforth, substitute 2585781 Lce.-Corpl. J. Stout, R. Signals.

The London Gazette of 6th April, 1944
(No. 36456).

For 158092 S.-Sergt. (actg. W.O.I (I.E.)) H. A. Caulton, A.E.C., substitute 158092 S.-Sergt. (actg. W.O.II (I.E.)) H. A. Caulton, A.E.C.

For VX 7811 Pte. J. Grieves, Australian Military Forces, substitute VX 17811 Pte. J. N. Greaves, Australian Military Forces.

For VX 37362 Pte. V. Howard, Australian Military Forces, substitute VX 37362 Pte. V. V. Howard, Australian Military Forces.

For NX 3480 Gnr. F. James, Australian Military Forces, substitute NX 3480 Gnr. H. F. James, Australian Military Forces.

For NX 5610 Pte. J. Simcoe, Australian Military Forces, substitute NX 5610 Lce.-Corpl. J. C. Simcoe, Australian Military Forces.

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