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War Office, 25th January, 1945.

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

Lieutenant John Hollington Grayburn (149002), Parachute Regiment, Army Air Corps (Chalfont St. Giles).

For supreme courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

Lieutenant Grayburn was a platoon commander of the Parachute Battalion which was dropped on 17th September, 1944, with the task of seizing and holding the bridge over the Rhine at Arnhem.

The North end of the bridge was captured and, early in the night, Lieutenant Grayburn was ordered to assault and capture the Southern end with his platoon. He led his platoon on to the bridge and began the attack with the utmost determination, but the platoon was met by a hail of fire from two 20 mm. quick firing guns, and from the machine guns of an armoured car. Almost at once Lieutenant Grayburn was shot through the shoulder. Although there was no cover on the bridge, and in spite of his wound, Lieutenant Grayburn continued to press forward with the greatest dash and bravery until casualties became so heavy that he was ordered to withdraw. He directed the withdrawal from the bridge personally and was himself the last man to come off the embankment into comparative cover.

Later, his platoon was ordered to occupy a house which was vital to the defence of the bridge and he personally organised the occupation of the house.

Throughout the next day and night the enemy made ceaseless attacks on the house, using not only infantry with mortars and machine guns but also tanks and self-propelled guns. The house was very exposed and difficult to defend and the fact that it did not fall to the enemy must be attributed to Lieutenant Grayburn's great courage and inspiring leadership. He constantly exposed

himself to the enemy's fire while moving among, and encouraging, his platoon, and seemed completely oblivious to danger.

On 19th September, 1944, the enemy renewed his attacks, which increased in intensity, as the house was vital to the defence of the bridge. All attacks were repulsed, due to Lieutenant Grayburn's valour and skill in organising and encouraging his men, until eventually the house was set on fire and had to be evacuated.

Lieutenant Grayburn then took command of elements of all arms, including the remainder of his own company, and re-formed them into a fighting force. He spent the night organising a defensive position to cover the approaches to the bridge.

On 20th September, 1944, he extended his defence by a series of fighting patrols which prevented the enemy gaining access to the houses in the vicinity, the occupation of which would have prejudiced the defence of the bridge. This forced the enemy to bring up tanks which brought Lieutenant Grayburn's positions under such heavy fire that he was forced to withdraw to an area farther North. The enemy now attempted to lay demolition charges under the bridge and the situation was critical. Realising this, Lieutenant Grayburn organised and led a fighting patrol which drove the enemy off temporarily, and gave time for the fuzes to be removed. He was again wounded, this time in the back, but refused to be evacuated.

Finally, an enemy tank, against which Lieutenant Grayburn had no defence, approached so close to his position that it became untenable. He then stood up in full view of the tank and personally directed the withdrawal of his men to the main defensive perimeter to which he had been ordered.

He was killed that night.

From the evening of September 17th until the night of September 20th, 1944, a period of over three days, Lieutenant Grayburn led his men with supreme gallantry and determination. Although in pain and weakened by

his wounds, short of food and without sleep, his courage never flagged. There is no doubt that, had it not been for this officer's inspiring leadership and personal bravery, the Arnhem bridge could never have been held for this time.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
25th January, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field:—

To be Additional Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Colonel (acting) David Proudfoot Levack, M.B. (30108), Royal Army Medical Corps.
Colonel Cusack Norman Roney-Dougal, M.C. (34391), late Royal Regiment of Artillery.

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Captain (temporary Major) George Henry Gordon, M.C. (128948), Royal Army Service Corps.
Captain (temporary Major) Leopold Herman Manderstam (191200), General List.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
25th January, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of distinguished services:—

To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Anderson Chapel, M.B.E. (35742), Royal Army Medical Corps.

War Office, 25th January, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field:—

The Distinguished Service Order.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Jesse Maxwell Lee (17989), The Hampshire Regiment.
Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Alfred George Gardyne de Chastelain, O.B.E. (185055), General List.
Captain (temporary Major) Hedley Vincent (191093), General List.

Bar to the Military Cross.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) George Robert Melville Harvey More, M.C. (85558), Corps of Royal Engineers.

The Military Cross.

Lieutenant Charles Edward Nield Wyatt (126348), 10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own), Royal Armoured Corps.
Captain Edward Neville Mumford, 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.
Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Zau June (ABRO.188), Army in Burma Reserve of Officers.

War Office, 25th January, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field:—

Royal Armoured Corps.

3 C.L.Y.

319390 Sergt. A. W. Barnes (killed in action).

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) (actg. Maj.) J. S. F. Macbeth (160094).

Lt. (temp. Capt.) A. A. H. Bedington (182513).

1429168 Bdr. H. W. Dukes.

11053311 Gnr. T. McPherson.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

1867053 W.O. II (Q.M.S.) E. A. Shand.

1877530 Spr. F. G. Moore (died of wounds).

Royal Corps of Signals.

2349439 Sgmn. J. Bamber.

Infantry.

R.S. Fus.

3133331 Fus. J. C. O'Hara.

Cameronians.

3242075 Lce.-Sergt. W. J. McDougall.

Hampshire R.

5512787 Pte. H. W. Grainger, B.E.M. (killed in action).

Midd'x. R.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. M. Stevens, O.B.E. (75544).

Manch. R.

Lt. K. H. Fox (130186).

Durham L.I.

Lt. (temp. Capt.) D. J. Stellan, M.C. (156770).

Cameron's.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) J. N. Lapraik, M.C. (132519).

Rifle Bde.

6916080 Rfmn. B. K. Bromley.

Royal Army Service Corps.

T/92464 Corpl. (actg. Sergt.) D. I. Cameron, D.C.M.
S/93151 Pte. A. Strachan.

Royal Army Medical Corps.

7360758 Corpl. J. D. Cunningham.

War Office, 25th January, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous award of a Mention-in-Despatches to the following in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field:—

South African Forces.

N.21410 Pte. S. Gawe.

War Office, 25th January, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:—

Royal Horse Artillery.

942014 Gnr. J. A. Southgate.

Royal Armoured Corps.

7940672 Corpl. F. R. Herring.
7939884 Lce.-Corpl. G. W. Millen.
7920425 Tpr. H. James.
5628538 Tpr. G. D. Marett.

14th/20th H.

Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) A. F. S. Clarke (41580).

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) T. C. Scott (70071).
Lt. (temp. Capt.) P. H. Rogers (207551).

Corps of Royal Engineers.

6897058 Sergt. V. T. Gumsley.
2114859 Corpl. E. E. Lloyd.
Pal/15482 Corpl. L. Sade.
2153021 Spr. R. G. Edmonds.

Royal Corps of Signals.

783758 Corpl. A. Dick.

Infantry.

R. Sussex R.

6408614 Corpl. A. St. C. Maslin.

Foresters.

4987118 Lce.-Corpl. G. F. Noble.

H.L.I.

13085714 Sergt. S. Brown.

Royal Army Service Corps.

Lt. E. B. deC. Lucocq (297166).
T/255474 Dvr. G. R. Watson.

Pioneer Corps.

13009479 Sergt. A. S. Davison.

Army Catering Corps.

7933252 Lce.-Corpl. J. H. Tucker.

INDIAN ARMY.

Indian Pioneer Corps.

84383 Subedar A. Ahmed.
12841 Clerk M. Shafi.

War Office, 25th January, 1945.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission for the wearing of the following decoration which has been conferred on the undermentioned N.C.O., in recognition of distinguished services in the cause of the Allies:—

DECORATION CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Silver Star.

589 Naik Balbir Pun, 6th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.

War Office, 25th January, 1945.

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

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS.

Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry.

Capt. (T/Maj.) A. G. P. Evans (41770).

Warwickshire Yeomanry.

Capt. (T/Maj.) Hon. M. R. Samuel (40827).

Yorkshire Hussars.

Maj. R. F. Wormald (31836).

North Somerset Yeomanry.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) I. F. M. Spence, M.C. (41787).

1st Derbyshire Yeomanry.

Maj. L. A. Clowes (36956).

1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) (A/Col.) N. V. Stopford-Sackville (26122).

Royal Tank Regiment.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. A. Crisp (36211).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) F. G. Pinnington (47368).

HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) A. D. McKechnie, D.S.O. (41986).

Maj. P. Pettit (51848).

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Brig. C. Lloyd, C.B.E. (44586) (T.A.R.O.).

Lt.-Col. (T/Brig.) A. F. Hely, D.S.O. (34589).

Lt.-Col. (T/Col.) The Lord Digby, D.S.O., M.C. (8587) (R. of O.).

Lt.-Col. H. T. W. Clements (42430) (R. of O.).

Lt.-Col. E. M. Gard (41584).

Lt.-Col. R. H. Glyn (45164).

Lt.-Col. W. S. Roddie (191410).

Lt.-Col. H. J. Tortise, D.S.O. (62102).

Lt.-Col. H. S. Young (38331).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) W. A. Owen (44225).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. E. N. Yates (28898).

Maj. (A/Lt.-Col.) E. H. Casper (22476).

Maj. H. E. Corben (26449).

Maj. A. W. G. East (47433).

Maj. R. S. C. Fletcher, D.S.O. (26306).

Maj. L. E. A. Foster (42414).

Maj. C. H. B. Grotian (40336) (since deceased).

Maj. D. H. Jelley (42268).

Maj. E. H. Leigh (39062).

Maj. T. J. Rowan (41416) (T.A.R.O.).

Maj. M. G. Williams (45250).

Capt. (T/Maj.) W. S. Crane (42260).

Capt. (T/Maj.) J. R. Farr (40838).

Capt. (T/Maj.) R. H. Piper (56941).

Capt. (T/Maj.) C. H. Priestley (40967).

Capt. (T/Maj.) R. E. C. Searight (2047).

Capt. (T/Maj.) F. C. Turner (21609) (T.A.R.O.).

Capt. (T/Maj.) D. J. Willson (40695).

Capt. G. K. Childe (41726).

Capt. E. R. Frow, M.C. (7949) (T.A.R.O.).

Capt. L. H. H. Geipel (20373).

Capt. A. J. W. Howell (45294).

Capt. W. J. G. Kestell (36812).

Capt. D. Macintyre (52130).

Capt. D. W. E. Orr (40228).

Capt. C. C. Snowden (46785).

Capt. D. J. B. Walker (37011) (T.A.R.O.).

Lieut. (T/Capt.) J. C. P. Madden-Gaskell (20596).

Lieut. (T/Capt.) J. Overton (42776).

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. M. L. Bogle, M.C. (123569).

Maj. J. J. D. McInnes (41347).

Capt. (T/Maj.) B. G. Le Page (34153).

Capt. A. B. Davies (16943).

Capt. H. C. Gettings (38141).

Capt. A. C. Kennedy (30034) (T.A.R.O.).

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) E. R. Perkins (42210).

Capt. (T/Maj.) A. Ellison, M.B.E. (49739).

Capt. (T/Maj.) F. S. Lodder (35093).

Capt. A. D. Brown (51278).

INFANTRY.

The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

Lt.-Col. (T/Brig.) G. V. Palmer, O.B.E. (6924) (R. of O.).

The Royal Norfolk Regiment.

Capt. (T/Maj.) W. L. Faux (41792).

The Devonshire Regiment.

Capt. (T/Maj.) E. G. Thorne (40831).

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

Lt.-Col. (T/Col.) Hon. L. O. Russell, O.B.E. (36585) (T.A.R.O.).

The Lancashire Fusiliers.

Capt. (T/Maj.) K. E. Lodge (25549).

The Royal Scots Fusiliers

Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. M. B. Buchanan (44391) (T.A.R.O.).

Capt. R. H. Reeve (87328) (T.A.R.O.).

The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Capt. (T/Maj.) A. F. V. McConnell (44318).

The Monmouthshire Regiment.

Capt. S. V. Edwards (41691).

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).

Capt. W. R. Campbell (23252) (T.A.R.O.).

The Worcestershire Regiment.

Capt. G. H. Wheelock (44581).

The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Capt. (T/Maj.) J. Muir (24981) (T.A.R.O.).

The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

Lt.-Col. P. S. Eliot (23474).

The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).

Capt. J. W. S. Fletcher (41821).

The Middlesex Regiment.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) C. N. C. Howard (94709).

Capt. G. C. D. S. Lowe (40951).

The Wiltshire Regiment.

Maj. (Local/Lt.-Col.) E. J. Stanford, M.C. (7774) (T.A.R.O.).

The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's).

Lt. (T/Capt.) H. O. Beck (38561).

The Highland Light Infantry.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) T. G. Robinson (16115).

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

Maj. G. E. G. Grant Forman (47876) (R. of O.).

The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) L. A. Baker (52926).

Capt. (T/Maj.) J. H. Stransom, D.C.M. (16446).

ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.

3rd Cl. The Rev. J. E. Griffiths (35576).

3rd Cl. The Rev. T. M. Linkie (42372).

4th Cl. The Rev. I. G. D. A. Forbes, M.B.E., M.C. (17730).

4th Cl. The Rev. J. Featherstone (42371).

4th Cl. The Rev. R. Fraser (50312).

4th Cl. The Rev. R. G. T. Gillman (12619) (T.A.R.O.).

4th Cl. The Rev. J. W. Sawyer (45147).

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Maj. M. Loam (42165).

Capt. (T/Maj.) H. Williams, M.B.E. (35077).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lt.-Col. E. Walsh (51942).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) A. H. Charles (41945).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) E. J. G. Glass (38280).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) F. W. A. Warren (42373).

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) J. F. Wilde (30973).
 Maj. H. P. Gabb, M.C. (99320) (T.A.R.O.).
 Capt. D. Jack (31075) (T.A.R.O.).
 Capt. J. H. B. Livingston (42478) (T.A.R.O.).

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

Capt. L. C. D. Doidge (7239) (T.A.R.O.).

PIONEER CORPS.

Maj. J. H. R. Dickson, M.C. (47938) (T.A.R.O.).
 Maj. H. Infield, M.C. (16551) (T.A.R.O.).
 Capt. (T/Maj.) K. B. Smith (36155) (T.A.R.O.).

ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) E. M. K. Mead (39696).
 Capt. (T/Maj.) B. G. Drummond (42043).

TRAINING CORPS.

Oundle School Contingent, Junior Training Corps.

Maj. (A/Lt.-Col.) G. Priestman (33929).

Perse School Contingent, Junior Training Corps.

Capt. A. E. Storr (31268).

War Office, 25th January, 1945.

ERRATA.

The Military Cross.

The London Gazette of 24th August, 1944

(No. 36668).

For Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Anthony Thomas Vannack Borrett (130022), Royal Armoured Corps, *substitute* Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Anthony Thomas Vannack Borrett (130022), Royal Armoured Corps.

For Captain (temporary Major) George Richard Shires (56427), Corps of Royal Engineers, *substitute* Captain (temporary Major) Geoffrey Richard Shires (56427), Corps of Royal Engineers.

The Military Medal

The London Gazette of 9th May, 1941

(No. 35157).

For No. 4270297 Lance-Corporal James Jones, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, *substitute* No. 4270152 Lance-Corporal Charles Farrel Jones, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (now Pioneer Corps).

The London Gazette of 21st December, 1944
 (No. 36850).

The notification regarding No. 4345247 Sergeant Harold Wilmott, Army Air Corps, on page 5853 of the above Gazette is cancelled; the notification of the award of the Military Medal to this N.C.O. having been made on page 4570 of the London Gazette dated 5th October, 1944.

The particulars of Corporal (acting Warrant Officer Class II (Company Sergeant-Major)) George Henry Webb, D.C.M., The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own) are as now shown and not as in the above Gazette.

Mentions-in-Despatches.

The London Gazette of 24th August, 1944

(No. 36668).

For Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. A. Murray (139881), R.A., *substitute* Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. A. Murray, M.M. (139881), R.A.

For 1913106 Sergt. D. A. Marlow, R.E., *substitute* 1913106 S.-Sergt. D. A. Marlow, R.E.

For 2344607 Lce.-Corpl. A. B. Lumsdon, R. Signals, *substitute* 2344607 Lce.-Corpl. A. B. Lumsdon, R. Signals.

For Lt. (temp. Capt.) R. W. Metcalfe (66492), Green Howards, *substitute* Capt. R. W. Metcalfe (66492), Green Howards.

For Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. F. T. P. Eyre (17727), Cheshire R., *substitute* Capt. W. F. T. P. Eyre (17727), Cheshire R.

For Lt. J. L. Leonard (420383), R.A.O.C., *substitute* Lt. J. L. Leonard (167345), R.A.O.C.

For Capt. (temp. Maj.) T. D. Gerratt (172281), Gen. List, *substitute* Capt. (temp. Maj.) T. D. Gerrett (172281), Gen. List.

The London Gazette of 11th January, 1945

(No. 36886).

The notification regarding 314089 Sqn. Q.M.S. G. R. T. Green, Royal Armoured Corps, on page 315 of the above Gazette, is cancelled; the notification regarding 314089 Sqn. Q.M.S. G. R. T. Green, 16th/5th L., Royal Armoured Corps, having been published on the same page of the Gazette.

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