

Lance-corporal Nicholls, realising the danger to the company, immediately seized a Bren gun and dashed forward towards the machine-guns, firing from the hip. He succeeded in silencing first one machine-gun and then two other machine-guns, in spite of being again severely wounded.

Lance-corporal Nicholls then went on up to a higher piece of ground and engaged the German infantry massed behind, causing many casualties, and continuing to fire until he had no more ammunition left.

He was wounded at least four times in all, but absolutely refused to give in. There is no doubt that his gallant action was instrumental in enabling his company to reach its objective, and in causing the enemy to fall back across the River Scheldt.

Lance-corporal Nicholls has since been reported to have been killed in action.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the undermentioned awards for gallant and distinguished services:—

Bar to The Military Cross.

Lieutenant Delmé Chedworth Gwynee Seymour-Evans, M.C., Royal Armoured Corps.

The Military Cross.

Second Lieutenant Corrie Alexander Halliday, Royal Armoured Corps.

Second Lieutenant Robin Dorrien Grace Oates, Royal Armoured Corps.

Second Lieutenant Warren Vyvyan Hamilton Gape, Royal Armoured Corps.

The Military Medal.

No. 548805 Sergeant Thomas Henry Bowyer, Royal Armoured Corps.

No. 552802 Corporal (acting Sergeant) Arthur James Alfred John Taber, Royal Armoured Corps.

Col. F. F. S. Smith, M.D., Ch.B. (Edin.), V.H.S., I.M.S., is apptd. Hon. Surgeon to The King, 8th Nov. 1939, vice Maj.-Gen. E. W. C. Bradfield, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.B., M.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Edin.), I.M.S.

Col. E. G. Kennedy, M.B., B.Ch. (R.U.I.), D.O.M.S. (Eng.), I.M.S., is apptd. Hon. Surgeon to The King, 24th Nov. 1939, vice Col. S. G. S. Haughton, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.D., B.Ch., M.A.O. (Dub.), I.M.S.

Col. R. H. Candy, C.I.E., M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S. (Eng.), I.M.S., is apptd. Hon. Surgeon to The King, 24th Jan. 1940, vice Col. W. E. R. Williams, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), I.M.S.

REGULAR ARMY.

Col. D. E. Whitworth, M.C., Ind. Army, is granted the temp. rank of Brig. whilst empld. as a Bde. Comdr. 7th May 1940.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned relinquish their appts.:—

Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) G. S. Szlumper, C.B.E., T.D., A.M.Inst.C.E. (40493), R.E. (T.A.), a spec. appt. and the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. 31st July 1940.

Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) H. H. Blake, O.B.E., M.B., late R.A.M.C. (Res. of Off.),

as Dep. Dir. of Med. Servs. and the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. 27th June 1940, and remains empld.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

Maj.-Gen. B. L. Montgomery, C.B., D.S.O., from a Comdr., to be spec. empld. and is granted the actg. rank of Lt.-Gen. 22nd July 1940.

Col. (temp. Brig.) H. P. M. Berney-Ficklin, M.C., to be a Comdr., and is granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. 19th July 1940.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Maj. & Bt. Lt.-Col. (D.O.) E. W. Chapman having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay. 30th July 1940.

Temporary Short Service Commission.

Lt. G. L. Whitehurst (107850) is removed from the Army on conviction by the Civil Power. 9th Mar. 1940.

INFANTRY.

E. Lan. R.

2nd Lt. R. N. Wilson to be Lt. 12th Sept. 1939.

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Capt. E. Clark, A.M.I.Mech.E., to be Maj. 29th July 1940.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lt.-Col. C. McQueen, M.C., having attained the age for retirement, retires 29th July 1940, and remains empld.

Maj. C. F. Anthonisz to be Lt.-Col. 29th July 1940.

The undermentioned Capt. to be Maj. :—

J. B. George, M.B. 28th July 1940.

(Temp. Maj.) J. T. Robinson, M.D. 29th July 1940.

(Actg. Maj.) M. A. Rea, M.B. 29th July 1940.

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS.

Lt.-Col. T. K. Place (15742) retires on ret. pay. 31st July 1940.

Short Service Commission.

Lt. (on prob.) J. H. Robertson (96496) is confirmed in his rank.

Lt. J. H. Robertson (96496) to be Capt. 31st July 1940.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Matron Miss M. Nicholson, R.R.C., having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay. 13th July 1940.

Sister (temp. Matron) Miss M. Russell, A.R.R.C., to be Matron. 13th July 1940.

The undermentioned Sisters resign their appts.:—

Miss M. L. R. Jack. 1st July 1940.

Miss K. M. Keane. 6th July 1940.

Miss E. A. Madden. 31st July 1940.

Staff Nurse Miss L. M. Parish resigns her appt. 31st July 1940.

MEMORANDA.

Lt. G. L. Whitehurst (late North'd Fus.) is deprived of his rank on conviction by the Civil Power. 9th Mar. 1940.

The undermentioned relinquish their rank on enlistment into the ranks of the Army:—

Lt. W. J. Gunston (late R.A.S.C.). 30th Mar. 1939.

Lt. G. Collis-Barry (late Loyal R.). 15th May 1939.