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*War Office,
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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to

Lieutenant (acting Captain) Philip John GARDNER, M.C. (132595), Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps (Sydenham).

On the morning of November 23rd, 1941, Captain Gardner was ordered to take two tanks to the assistance of two armoured cars of the King's Dragoon Guards which were out of action and under fire in close proximity to the enemy, south-east of Tobruk. He found the two cars halted two hundred yards apart, being heavily fired on at close range and gradually smashed to pieces. Ordering the other tank to give him covering fire, Captain Gardner manoeuvred his own close up to the foremost car; he then dismounted in the face of intense anti-tank and machine gun fire and secured a tow rope to the car; seeing an officer lying beside it with his legs blown off, he lifted him into the car and gave the order to tow. The tow rope, however, broke, and Captain Gardner returned to the armoured car, being immediately wounded in the arm and leg: despite his wounds he lifted the other officer out of the car and carried him back to the tank, placing him on the back engine louvres and climbing alongside to hold him on. While the tank was being driven back to safety it was subjected to heavy shell fire and the loader killed.

The courage, determination and complete disregard for his own safety displayed by Captain Gardner enabled him, despite his own wounds, and in the face of intense fire at close range, to save the life of his fellow officer, in circumstances fraught with great difficulty and danger.

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REGULAR ARMY.

Col. (temp. Brig.) A. F. Harding, C.B.E., M.C. (12247), is granted the actg. rank. of Maj.-Gen. 26th Jan. 1942.

The undermentioned Lt.-Cols. and Bt. Lt.-Cols. to be Cols.:—

(Temp. Brig.) M. S. Chilton, O.B.E. (13379), from R.A., 25th Nov. 1941, with seniority 1st Jan. 1941.

(Temp. Brig.) M. A. B. Johnston, D.S.O., M.C. (1528), from R.A., 3rd Dec. 1941, with seniority 1st May 1941.

(Temp. Brig.) C. Mc. V. Gubbins, D.S.O., M.C. (14618), from R.A., 5th Dec. 1941, with seniority 1st July 1941.

(Temp. Brig.) M. A. James, V.C., M.C. (9331), from R. Sussex R., 12th Dec. 1941, with seniority 1st July 1941.

(Temp. Brig.) J. D. Russell, D.S.O., M.C. (12804), from H.L.I., 17th Dec. 1941, with seniority 1st Nov. 1941.

(Temp. Brig.) W. A. Dimoline (12284), Empld. List (late R. Signals), 19th Dec. 1941, with seniority 8th Nov. 1941.

(Actg. Brig.) A. G. Salisbury-Jones, M.C. (12779), from C. G'ds., 25th Dec. 1941, with seniority 9th Nov. 1941.

(Temp. Col.) J. B. Coates, M.C. (1460), from Queen's R., 27th Dec. 1941, with seniority 26th Nov. 1941.

(Temp. Brig.) G. W. Symes, M.C. (9517), from Y. & L.R. 1st Jan. 1942.

(Actg. Brig.) W. P. Wyatt (1146), from 17th/21st L. 1st Jan. 1942.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS.

4th/7th D.G.

Ret. Off. re-empld.

Maj. J. S. Mellor (5595), (late 4th/7th D.G.), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Capt. whilst so empld. 20th June 1941.

Capt. J. S. Mellor (5595), (late 4th/7th D.G.), is restd. to the rank of Maj. 7th Nov. 1941.

R.T.R.

Capt. D. C. F. Chute (56687), from Border R., to be Capt. 11th Feb. 1942, with precedence next below Capt. D. F. Boyd-Moss.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Col. A. R. B. Cossart, D.S.O. (6457), ret pay (late R.A.), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Lt.-Col. whilst empld. in an appt. appropriate to that rank. 3rd Feb. 1941.

Lt.-Col. E. S. Hay (407), ret. pay (late R.A.), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Maj. whilst so empld. 1st Nov. 1940.

2nd Lt. C. B. A. Hire (145758), to be Lt. 10th Feb. 1942.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Lt.-Col. A. E. White (9611), on completion of tenure of serv. of Regtl. Lt.-Col. remains on full pay (supernumerary). 10th Feb. 1942.

Maj. G. F. Heaney (11829), to be Lt.-Col. 10th Feb. 1942.