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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-Colonel Charles Groves Wright Anderson, M.C., Australian Military Forces.

During the operations in Malaya from the 18th to 22nd January, 1942, Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, in command of a small Force, was sent to restore a vital position and to assist a Brigade. His Force destroyed ten enemy tanks. When later cut off, he defeated persistent attacks on his position from air and ground forces, and forced his way through the enemy lines to a depth of fifteen miles. He was again surrounded and subjected to very heavy and frequent attacks resulting in severe casualties to his Force. He personally led an attack with great gallantry on the enemy who were holding a bridge, and succeeded in destroying four guns. Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, throughout all this fighting, protected his wounded and refused to leave them.

He obtained news by wireless of the enemy position and attempted to fight his way back through eight miles of enemy occupied country. This proved to be impossible and the enemy were holding too strong a position for any attempt to be made to relieve him.

On the 19th January Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson was ordered to destroy his equipment and make his way back as best he could round the enemy position.

Throughout the fighting, which lasted for four days, he set a magnificent example of brave leadership, determination and outstanding courage. He not only showed fighting qualities of a very high order but throughout exposed himself to danger without any regard to his own personal safety.

*War Office,
13th February, 1942.*

REGULAR ARMY.

Maj.-Gen. T. C. Newton, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E. (6248), retires on ret. pay. 12th Feb. 1942.

Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) G. I. Gartlan, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (4423), to be temp. Maj.-Gen. 25th Jan. 1942.

Col. A. K. Hay, D.S.O., M.C. (22814), ret. pay (Res. of Off.), reverts to ret. pay, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.-Gen. 12th Feb. 1942.

Col. H. B. P. L. Kennedy, C.M.G., D.S.O. (14942), ret. pay, reverts to ret. pay, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.-Gen. 12th Feb. 1942.

The undermentioned Cols., ret. pay (Res. of Off.), revert to ret. pay, and are re-granted the hon. rank of Brig. 12th Feb. 1942:—

A. S. Archdale, D.S.O. (6906).

F. W. Bullock-Marsham, D.S.O., M.C. (5101).

R. T. Hammick, D.S.O. (12060).

The undermentioned Cols. revert to ret. pay, and are granted the hon. rank of Brig. 12th Feb. 1942:—

C. N. French, C.M.G., C.B.E. (932), ret. pay.

G. H. Gill, C.M.G., D.S.O. (148), ret. pay (Res. of Off.).

Col. R. S. Abbott, C.I.E., M.C. (3037), ret. Ind. Army, reverts to Ind. Pens., and is re-granted the hon. rank of Brig. 12th Feb. 1942.

Col. D. J. M. Campion, D.S.O. (19894), ret. pay (Res. of Off.), reverts to Ind. Pens., and is granted the hon. rank of Brig. 12th Feb. 1942.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS.

17th/21st L.

Ret. Off. re-empld.

Maj. H. Boyd-Rochfort, D.S.O., M.C. (42571), is restd. to the rank of Lt.-Col. on ceasing to be empld. 12th Feb. 1942.

R.T.R.

Ret. Off. re-empld.

Lt.-Col. J. P. M. Ingham, D.S.O. (1139), (late R.T.R.), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Maj. whilst so empld. 20th Feb. 1941.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Capt. T. F. K. Dunne (54502), ret. pay (late R.A.), is restd. to the rank of Maj. 12th Feb. 1942, on ceasing to be empld.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) L. J. Whitehorn (58392), to be Maj. (Qr.-Mr.). 12th Feb. 1942.

INFANTRY.

R. Scots.

Lt. A. C. Patterson (66084), to take rank and precedence in his Corps and in the Army, as if his appt. as Lt. bore date 29th Aug. 1939.

Green Howards.

Ret. Off. re-empld.

Maj. L. F. Lanyon (3197), ret. pay (late Green Howards), at his own request, reverts to the rank of Capt. whilst so empld. 21st Jan. 1942.

R. Fus.

Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) G. R. Whyley (45033), to be Maj. (Qr.-Mr.). 12th Feb. 1942.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) Clifford BURTON (144488), (Emergency Commn.), to be Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) 14th Feb. 1942.