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*War Office,
21st April, 1942.*

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

Second-Lieutenant George Ward Gunn, M.C. (143906), Royal Horse Artillery (Wirral, Cheshire).

On the 21st November, 1941, at Sidi Rezegh, Second-Lieutenant Gunn was in command of a troop of four anti-tank guns which was part of a battery of twelve guns attached to the Rifle Brigade Column. At 10.00 hours a covering force of enemy tanks was engaged and driven off but an hour later the main attack developed by about sixty enemy tanks. Second-Lieutenant Gunn drove from gun to gun during this period in an unarmoured vehicle encouraging his men and reorganising his dispositions as first one gun and then another were knocked out. Finally only two guns remained in action and were subjected to very heavy fire. Immediately afterwards one of these guns was destroyed and the portee of another was set on fire and all the crew killed or wounded except the Sergeant, though the gun itself remained undamaged. The Battery Commander then arrived and started to fight the flames. When he saw this, Second-Lieutenant Gunn ran to his aid through intense fire and immediately got the one remaining anti-tank gun into action on the burning portee, himself sighting it while the Sergeant acted as loader. He continued to fight the gun, firing between forty and fifty rounds regardless alike of the enemy fire which was by then concentrated on this one vehicle, and of the flames which might at any moment have reached the ammunition with which the portee was loaded. In spite of this, Second-Lieutenant Gunn's shooting was so accurate at a range of about 800 yards that at least two enemy tanks were hit and set on fire and others were damaged before he fell dead, having been shot through the forehead.

Second-Lieutenant Gunn showed the most conspicuous courage in attacking this large number of enemy tanks with a single unarmoured gun, and his utter disregard for extreme danger was an example which inspired all who saw it. He remained undismayed by intense fire and overwhelming odds, and his gallant resistance only ceased with his death.

But for this very gallant action the enemy tanks would undoubtedly have over-run our position.

No. 6846197 Rifleman John Beeley, The King's Royal Rifle Corps (Winchester).

On the 21st November, 1941, during the attack by a Battalion of The King's Royal Rifle Corps at Sidi Rezegh against a strong enemy position,

the Company to which Rifleman Beeley belonged was pinned down by heavy fire at point-blank range from the front and flank on the flat and open ground of the aerodrome. All the officers but one of the Company and many of the other ranks had been either killed or wounded. On his own initiative, and when there was no sort of cover, Rifleman Beeley got to his feet carrying a Bren Gun and ran forward towards a strong enemy post containing an anti-tank gun, a heavy machine gun and a light machine gun. He ran thirty yards and discharged a complete magazine at the post from a range of twenty yards, killing or wounding the entire crew of the anti-tank gun. The post was silenced and Rifleman Beeley's platoon was enabled to advance, but Rifleman Beeley fell dead across his gun, hit in at least four places.

Rifleman Beeley went to certain death in a gallant and successful attempt to carry the day. His courage and self-sacrifice was a glorious example to his comrades and inspired them to further efforts to reach their objective, which was eventually captured by them, together with 700 prisoners.

*War Office,
21st April, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the publication of the names of the undermentioned as having been commended for brave conduct:—

The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).
No. 6287280 Private James Smith.

The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own).
Captain (temporary Major) Fitzroy Hubert Fyers, C.V.O. (1070).

REGULAR ARMY.

*War Office,
21st April, 1942.*

Maj.-Gen. Sir Frederick Gwatkin, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (39080), Ind. Army, is granted the local rank of Lt.-Gen. 27th Feb. 1942.

The undermentioned Cols. (temp. Brigs.), are granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen.:—

P. G. S. Gregson-Ellis, O.B.E. (15399). 17th Mar. 1942. (Substituted for the notifn. in the Gazette of 14th Apr. 1942.)

P. H. Mitchiner, C.B.E., T.D., M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., K.H.S. (2162), T.A. 15th Apr. 1942.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Lt.-Col. H. Greene, M.C. (8018), on completion of tenure of serv. as Regtl. Lt.-Col., remains on full pay (supernumerary). 21st Apr. 1942.

The undermentioned Majrs., to be Lt.-Cols.:—

P. N. Ellis (1793). 18th Mar. 1942.

G. B. Vaughan-Hughes, M.C. (8967). 1st Apr. 1942.

F. H. S. Pownall, M.C. (5895). 13th Apr. 1942.

War Subs. Lt.-Col. E. M. G. Brittan (23349). 21st Apr. 1942.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The undermentioned Lt.-Cols., on completion of tenure of serv. as Regtl. Lt.-Cols., remain on full pay (supernumerary).

R. E. Fryer (20338). 6th Apr. 1942.

B. C. T. Freeland (135). 18th Apr. 1942.

The undermentioned Majrs., to be Lt.-Cols.:—

D. Harrison, D.S.O. (15407). 1st Apr. 1942.

K. H. Lockhart (10755). 1st Apr. 1942.

W. D. Robertson, D.S.O. (10838). 6th Apr. 1942.

F. W. T. Hards (1488). 18th Apr. 1942.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) F. J. Franckeiss (67634), to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.). 22nd Apr. 1942.

INFANTRY.

R. Scots.

Capt. E. F. P. Armitage, M.C. (41068), is Dismissed the Service by sentence of a Gen. Court-Martial. 26th Oct. 1941.

R. Norfolk R.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) A. E. Grant (67635), to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.). 20th Apr. 1942.

K.R.R.C.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) Francis Everard DRACOTT (137627) (Emergency Commn.), to be Lt. (Qr.-Mr.). 20th Apr. 1942.

R. Ir. Fus.

Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) H. Lyne (26735), to be Lt.-Col. (Qr.-Mr.). 22nd Mar. 1942.

MEMORANDUM.

Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) W. Barnes (26765), 5th Innis. D.G., is transferred to the E.R.E. List, on appt. as Adj. & Qr.-Mr., Staff Coll. 22nd Mar. 1942.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

REGIMENTAL LIST.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Lt. G. S. K. Johnston (39177), is restd. to the rank of Capt. 9th Apr. 1942.

INFANTRY.

Manch. R.

Lt. J. E. Pearson (60927), ceases to belong to the Res. of Off. on account of ill-health. 17th Apr. 1942.

REGULAR ARMY.

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS, ETC.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS.

2nd Lothians & Border Yeo. (T.A.).

2nd Lt. A. M. McPake (197975) resigns his commn. 1st Apr. 1942.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

The undermentioned Offrs., from S. Rhodesian Forces, to be 2nd Lts. 20th Sept. 1941:—

Lt. Paul Meredith JACKSON (231228). 2nd Lt.

John Noel Davys WOODROW (231229). 2nd Lt.

Ronald John BAWDEN (231230).

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. relinquish their commns.:—

14th Feb. 1942:—

W. M. Burnside (148125), on appt. to a commn. in the R.A.F.V.R.

22nd Apr. 1942:—

S. N. Follwell (187500), on account of ill-health and retains the rank of 2nd Lt.

2nd Lt. J. M. E. Hutton-Squire (186755) resigns his commn. 17th Apr. 1942.

Lt. G. C. Taylor, M.C. (110999) to take rank and precedence in his Corps and in the Army, as if his appt. as Lt. bore date 21st Oct. 1941.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The personal number of Lt. John REID-SMITH, A.M.Inst.C.E., is 104789, and not as stated in Gazette (Supplement) dated 1st Oct. 1940.

The undermentioned to be 2nd Lts.:—

13th Jan. 1942:—

Lt. William BROWNIE (225146).

1st Feb. 1942:—

2nd Lt. S. Rose (203159), from A. & S.H., retaining his present seniority.

10th Feb. 1942:—

Cadets:—

John Griffin BAKER (232216). William Jonah HARRISON (232217). Benjamin Charles DUTTON (232218). Robert Ian BELL (232219). James Crichton MASSIE (232220). James Gordon Anstruther SMITH (232221). George Frederick ELEY (232222). Leonard TAYLOR (232223).

20th Mar. 1942:—

John Dudley BOSWELL (230291).

1st Apr. 1942:—

Lt. Robert John HOBSON (141052).

War Subs. Lt. G. V. Lidbury (80615) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health 21st Apr. 1942 and is granted the rank of Capt.

Transportation.

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. to be 2nd Lts., retaining their present seniority:—

11th Feb. 1942:—

M. A. Craig (203719), from Bedfs. & Herts. R.

18th Feb. 1942:—

F. Franklin (160149), from R.A.S.C.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

War Subs. Lt. C. F. Lyons (103591) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health 22nd Apr. 1942 and is re-granted the rank of Lt.

INFANTRY.

Bedfs. & Herts. R.

2nd Lt. L. B. Mellon (160508) resigns his commn. 27th Mar. 1942.

R.W. Fus.

2nd Lt. J. D. F. Weet (129603) relinquishes his commn. 4th Nov. 1941, on appt. to a commn. in the R.A.F.V.R. (Substituted for notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 21st Nov. 1941.)

Border R.

2nd Lt. P. P. Loraine, M.M. (183050), from Gen. List, to be 2nd Lt. 31st Mar. 1942, retaining his present seniority. (Substituted for notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 31st Mar. 1942.)

R. Sussex R.

2nd Lt. R. Massey (148964) is dismissed the Service by sentence of a General Court-Martial, 20th Feb. 1942.

Hampshire R.

Charles Patrick BURKE (227864) to be 2nd Lt. 24th Feb. 1942.

Seaforth.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) D. J. Fleming (107056) to be Lt. 1st June 1941, with seniority 23rd Oct. 1939 and relinquishes the appt. of Qr.-Mr. (Substituted for notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 13th June 1941.)

Gordons.

2nd Lt. G. F. Whyntie (149543) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health 21st Apr. 1942, and retains the rank of 2nd Lt.

The undermentioned Cadets to be 2nd Lts. 18th Jan. 1942:—

The Buffs.

Hugh Brychan DAVIES (232195). Joseph HAUSER (232196).

R. North'd Fus.

William Gibson MOFFETT (232197).

W. York R.

John Ramsden STOCKDALE (232198).

Bedfs. & Herts. R.

Colin Ivor James WADSWORTH (232199).

Green Howards.

Oswald LEWIS (232200). Christian John DIEDRICKS (232201).

Black Watch.

Norman Garner ROLPH (232202).

Essex R.

George James WHITE (232203).

H.L.I.

Thomas STEWART (232204).

Cameron's.

Thomas Andrew NICOL (232205). Archibald Bowman MITCHELL (232224).

GENERAL LIST, INFANTRY.

Capt. William BOYD-ORR, M.C. (185852) to be Lt. 1st Feb. 1941.

2nd Lt. L. Mills (34143) relinquishes his commn. 19th June 1941 and is re-granted the rank of Lt.-Col.

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

The undermentioned to be 2nd Lts.:—

22nd July 1941:—

2nd Lt. L. H. Grimley (175633), from R.E., retaining his present seniority.

28th Dec. 1941:—

Cadets:—

Raymond Albert DAVEY (232206). Frank Ernest Frampton DAVIDGE (232207). Kenneth Galt ADAMS (232208). Douglas Wyndham LONG (232209). Alan Donald MACKAY (232210). William MARTIN (232211). Brian MITCHELL (232212). William Stephen MORTIMER (232213). Graham Maitland SMITH (232214). Joseph Christopher SMITH (232215).

19th Jan. 1942:—

Cadets:—

Stanley Hinks LAYTON (232225). Edward Hybart RIDLEY (232226). Norman Arthur MOORE (232227). Arthur George LATTY (232228). Herbert DACKER (232229). Peter William DAVIES (232230).

29th Jan. 1942:—

Ernest James David EDWARDS (230271), without Army pay and allces.

Lt. J. Mallard (120886) resigns his commn. 11th Apr. 1942.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The undermentioned Offrs. relinquish their commns. on account of ill-health:—

20th Apr. 1942:—

War Subs. Capt. M. L. Mundy (101246) and is granted the rank of Maj.

22nd Apr. 1942:—

Lt. T. S. King, M.B. (150943) and retains his rank.

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

The notfn. regarding Lt. (O.M.E. 4th Cl.) E. D. Nelson (125448) in Gazette (Supplement) dated 26th Dec. 1941, is cancelled.

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. relinquish their commns. on account of ill-health 22nd Apr. 1942 and retain their present rank:—

S. P. Crowcroft (139198). E. G. Hennah (135305).

M.M. Branch.

The undermentioned to be 2nd Lts.:—

5th Jan. 1942:—

2nd Lt. A. G. K. Williams (156564), from S. Lan. R., retaining his present seniority.

24th Jan. 1942:—

Martin Philip Wax, B.Sc. (227098).

26th Jan. 1942:—

Thomas RILEY, B.A. (223710).

28th Jan. 1942:—

2nd Lt. R. L. Hoult (179230), from R.A., retaining his present seniority.

19th Feb. 1942:—

Ivan Maxwell Box, B.Sc. (227355). Eric Andrew Bernard POYNER, B.Sc. (227366).

2nd Mar. 1942:—

John Alan RICHARDSON, B.Sc. (227882).

3rd Mar. 1942:—

Donald Ivan Robert PORTER, B.Sc. (227765). Harry WHITE, B.Sc. (230372).

5th Mar. 1942:—

John Henry SWIFT, B.A. (230101).

13th Mar. 1942:—

Arthur STEWARD, M.Sc. (230508).

17th Mar. 1942:—

Kenneth Allison TOWNLEY, B.Sc. (230306). John Bolton WILSON (227336).

ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS.

The undermentioned to be Lts. and Payms.:—

10th Apr. 1942:—

Lt. J. Sephton (150744).

15th Apr. 1942:—

Lts.:—

P. M. O'F. Hosack (116302). S. L. St. John (150898).

2nd Lts.:—

W. E. Creeke (150918). J. Hammond (152283).

16th Apr. 1942:—

Lt. R. S. Dunsford (150936). War Subs. Lt. A. W. Waight (150889).

2nd Lts.:—

G. F. Adams (150878). F. Sinclair (147056).

18th Apr. 1942:—

Lt. J. U. C. Watt (122203).

Cadet Alfred John CLARK (230236), from Offr. Trng. Unit (R.A.P.C.), to be 2nd Lt. 26th Mar. 1942.

Lt. & Paymr. W. H. Ferris (122362) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health 21st Apr. 1942, and retains the rank of Lt.

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS.

The undermentioned to be Lts.:—

23rd Mar. 1942:—

Ronald John Gwynne HAYTON-WILLIAMS (169779). Hobert Herdman MCCONNELL (227509). Herbert Edgar SANDIFORD (225894).

25th Mar. 1942:—

Guy Siddons WHITE (227508).

PIONEER CORPS.

2nd Lt. J. F. Ursell (191463), from Gen. List, to be 2nd Lt. 15th Feb. 1941, retaining his present seniority.

War Subs. Capt. L. H. Mettler (107005) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health 17th Apr. 1942 and is granted the rank of Maj.

INTELLIGENCE CORPS.

The undermentioned Offrs. to be 2nd Lts. 20th Mar. 1942:—

Capt. Bernard SILLEY (171736). Lt. Theodore Bellingham REID, M.C. (227459).

GENERAL LIST.

The undermentioned to be 2nd Lts.:—

8th Dec. 1941:—

Harry Owen HUGHES (232004).

6th Jan. 1942:—

Capt. Geoffrey Francis SULMAN, M.C. (227862).

20th Jan. 1942:—

Anthony Bruno Francis BAROLO (227852).

20th Feb. 1942:—

Lt. William Henry SHERWOOD (146995).

23rd Mar. 1942:—

Leonard Hayward NUNN (230371).

CORRIGENDUM.

London Gazette (Supplement) dated 3rd Apr. 1942. Page 1502, Col. 1. Below line 22, insert 12th Oct. 1941:—

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

The undermentioned Offrs. relinquish their commns.:—

23rd Mar. 1942:—

Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. A. Q. Browning, O.B.E., T.D. (41652), having attained the age limit, and retains the rank of Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col.

21st Apr. 1942:—

Capt. G. L. Oatley (35567), on account of ill-health, and is granted the rank of Maj.

RECONNAISSANCE CORPS.

Capt. J. R. Browning (64663), from R. Sussex R., to be Capt. 10th Feb. 1942, retaining his present seniority.

War Subs. Lt. P. H. Gaskell (92700), from R. Fus., to be War Subs. Lt. 5th Dec. 1941, retaining his present seniority.

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Maj. C. L. Scarr (63997) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health 22nd Apr. 1942 and retains the rank of Maj.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

General List.

War Subs. Capt. J. J. Davis (98994) relinquishes his commn. on account of ill-health 22nd Apr. 1942 and is granted the rank of Maj.

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

Lt. R. D. Allen (35626), from R.A., to be Lt. (M.M. Branch) 29th Dec. 1941, retaining his present seniority.

GENERAL LIST.

TRAINING CORPS.

SEN. TRNG. CORPS.

Nottingham Univ. Coll. Contgt. (Eng. Unit).

Jeffrey William Hitchen KING (231295) to be 2nd Lt. for serv. with the Contgt. 25th Mar. 1942.

JUN. TRNG. CORPS.

Haileybury Coll. Contgt.

Robert Leslie ASHCROFT, M.B., T.D. (33307), late Capt. of this Contgt., to be Lt. for serv. with the Contgt. 21st Mar. 1942, with seniority 24th Jan. 1941. (Substituted for notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 20th Mar. 1942.)

Caleb Gordon WHITEFIELD (227813), late Capt. Suffolk R., to be Lt. for serv. with the Contgt. 21st Mar. 1942, with seniority 26th Sept. 1939. (Substituted for notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 20th Mar. 1942.)

AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE.

Sub. E. M. Harkess (196731), having attained the age limit, relinquishes her appt. 10th Sept. 1941. (Substituted for notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 10th Mar. 1942.)

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

REGIMENTAL LIST.

INFANTRY.

Cheshire R.

Lt. C. J. H. Goodwin, M.M. (49981), relinquishes his commn. 22nd Apr. 1942 and retains his rank.

WOMEN'S FORCES.

AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE:

The undermentioned are granted commns. as 2nd Subs.:—

11th Mar. 1942:—

Miss Sarah Cecelia GREEN (230581), with seniority and precedence next below 2nd Sub. M. M. P. Gray (216373).

Mrs. Dorothy Stowe FARRAND (230596), with seniority and precedence next below 2nd Sub. K. M. Evett (230595).

Miss Gwendolen Margaret EVANS (230611), with seniority and precedence next below 2nd Sub. V. E. Butcher (230610).

The undermentioned relinquish their commns.:—
29th Jan. 1942:—

War Subs. Subaltern (actg. Jun. Comdr.) E. G. Fenton (196144).

7th Apr. 1942:—

War Subs. Jun. Comdr. (temp. Sen. Comdr.) G. Mackenzie (192518), on account of ill-health.

Welfare Officers.

The undermentioned are granted hon. commns. in the rank of 2nd Sub., without pay and allces.:—

22nd Dec. 1941:—

Miss Veronica COWBURN (231042).

Mrs. Jean RIBCHESTER (231043).

Lady Marjorie LEIGHTON SEAGER (231044), next below 2nd Sub E. Parkinson (230426).

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