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War Office, 20th November, 1942.

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

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Victor Buller Turner (17630), The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own) (Thatcham, Berks).

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 27th October, 1942, in the Western Desert.

Lieutenant-Colonel Turner led a Battalion of the Rifle Brigade at night for 4,000 yards through difficult country to their objective, where 40 German prisoners were captured. He then organised the captured position for all-round defence; in this position he and his Battalion were continuously attacked from 5.30 a.m. to 7 p.m., unsupported and so isolated that replenishment of ammunition was impossible owing to the concentration and accuracy of the enemy fire.

During this time the Battalion was attacked by not less than 90 German tanks which advanced in successive waves. All of these were repulsed with a loss to the enemy of 35 tanks which were in flames, and not less than 20 more which had been immobilised.

Throughout the action Lieutenant-Colonel Turner never ceased to go to each part of the front as it was threatened. Wherever the fire was heaviest, there he was to be found. In one case, finding a solitary six-pounder gun in action (the others being casualties) and manned only by another officer and a Sergeant, he acted as loader and with these two destroyed 5 enemy tanks. While doing this he was wounded in the head, but he refused all aid until the last tank was destroyed.

His personal gallantry and complete disregard of danger as he moved about encouraging his Battalion to resist to the last, resulted in the infliction of a severe defeat on the enemy tanks. He set an example of leadership and bravery which inspired his whole Battalion and which will remain an inspiration to the Brigade.

War Office, 20th November, 1942.

REGULAR ARMY.

Maj. Gen. (actg. Lt. Gen.) A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (6855), to be temp. Lt. Gen., 7th Nov. 1942.

Col. (temp. Maj. Gen.) M. G. N. Stopford, D.S.O., M.C. (4554) is granted the actg. rank of Lt. Gen. 11th Nov. 1942.

Col. (temp. Maj. Gen.) E. F. Tickell, C.B.E., M.C. to be Maj. Gen., from 12th Nov. 1942, with seniority 30th Sept. 1942.

Col. (actg. Maj. Gen.) G. Lammie, C.B.E., M.C. (11057) to be temp. Maj. Gen., 17th Nov. 1942.

Col. (temp. Brig.) J. A. Baillon, O.B.E., M.C. (10592) is granted the actg. rank of Maj. Gen., 3rd Sept. 1942. (Substituted for notfn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 6th Oct. 1942.)

Col. (temp. Brig.) G. St. G. Robinson, D.S.O., M.C. (1909) is granted the actg. rank of Maj. Gen., 11th Nov. 1942.

Col. A. D. Macpherson, D.S.O., M.C. (1019) retires on ret. pay, 30th Sept. 1942.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS.

8th H.

Ret. Offr. re-empld.

Capt. G. S. Rowley (4703), ret. (late 8th H.), is 1std. to the rank of Maj., 13th July 1942.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The undermentioned Lt.-Cols., on completion of tenure of serv. as Regtl. Lt.-Cols., to remain on full pay (supern.):—

W. G. R. Nutt, M.C. (10924), 16th Aug. 1942.

J. A. Graham (21244), 5th Sept. 1942.

INFANTRY.

The Queen's R.

Lt. A. C. MacE. Savage (63567) to be Capt., 30th Aug. 1942.