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

No. VX 19139 Private Bruce Steel Kingsbury, Australian Military Forces.

In New Guinea, the Battalion to which Private Kingsbury belonged had been holding a position in the Isurava area for two days against continuous and fierce enemy attacks. On the 29th August, 1942, the enemy attacked in such force that they succeeded in breaking through the Battalion's right flank, creating a serious threat both to the rest of the Battalion and to its Headquarters. To avoid the situation becoming more desperate, it was essential to regain immediately the lost ground on the right flank.

Private Kingsbury, who was one of the few survivors of a Platoon which had been over-run and severely cut about by the enemy, immediately volunteered to join a different platoon which had been ordered to counter-attack.

He rushed forward firing his Bren Gun from the hip through terrific machine-gun fire and succeeded in clearing a path through the enemy. Continuing to sweep the enemy positions with his fire and inflicting an extremely high number of casualties on them, Private Kingsbury was then seen to fall to the ground shot dead by the bullet from a sniper hiding in the wood.

Private Kingsbury displayed a complete disregard for his own safety. His initiative and superb courage made possible the recapture of the position which undoubtedly saved Battalion Headquarters, as well as causing heavy casualties amongst the enemy. His coolness, determination and devotion to duty in the face of great odds was an inspiration to his comrades.

*War Office, 9th February, 1943.*

**REGULAR ARMY.**

War Subs. Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) (Actg. Brig.) W. S. Tope, A.M.I.Mech.E. (18562), R.A.S.C., is granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. 28th Jan. 1943.

**ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS.**  
14/20th H.

Lt.-Col. L. H. S. Groves (17026) on completion of period of service in command remains on full pay (supern.). 13th Jan. 1943.

Maj. J. B. Norton (12296) to be Lt.-Col. 13th Jan. 1943.

**ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.**

The undermentioned Lts. to be Capts. 30th Aug. 1942:—

C. D. Newington (63528). A. I. H. West (63526). E. A. de L. Young (63511).

Capt. (D.O.) T. R. Hall (49975) to be Maj. (D.O.). 7th Feb. 1943.

**ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.**

Capt. H. R. V. Cooke, B.A. (34670) to be Maj. 6th Jan. 1943.

**INFANTRY.**

*Cheshire R.*

Capt. P. G. Grisewood (63587) to be Capt. & Paymr. (on prob.) R.A.P.C. 20th Oct. 1942.

*D.W.R.*

Lt. R. E. M. Thackeray (62618) now h.p. list late D.W.R., to be Capt. 23rd Aug. 1942.

*Durham L.I.*

Maj. E. T. Heslop (14498) to be Lt.-Col. 23rd Dec. 1942.

*Gordons.*

Lt. I. L. E. Macmillan (65366) to be Capt. 31st Jan. 1943.

**ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.**

Rev. W. B. Hughes, O.B.E., M.A. (42) Chapln. to the Forces 1st Cl. (C.E.) retires on ret. pay. 1st Feb. 1943.

**ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.**

Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) G. B. Hadden, M.B. (10416) having attained the age for retirement is retained on the Active List supern. to estab. 7th Feb. 1943.

Capt. (War Subs. Maj.) (temp. Lt.-Col.) R. W. Scott, M.B. (56533) to be Maj. 1st Feb. 1943.

**ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.**

Col. (O.O. 1st Cl.) (temp. Brig.) (actg. Maj.-Gen.) W. W. Richards, C.B.E., M.C. (14638) to be temp. Maj.-Gen. 9th Jan. 1943.