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

Captain (temporary Major) Herbert Wallace Le Patourel (72117), The Hampshire Regiment (Huntington, Yorks.).

For conspicuous gallantry in action in the TEBOURBA area on the 3rd December, 1942.

On the afternoon of the 3rd December, 1942, the enemy had occupied an important high feature on the left of the Company commanded by this officer. Counter-attacks by a Company of another Battalion and detachments of Major Le Patourel's Company had been unable to regain the position. This officer then personally led four volunteers under very heavy fire to the top in a last attempt to dislodge several enemy machine guns. The party was heavily engaged by machine gun fire and Major Le Patourel rallied his men several times and engaged the enemy, silencing several machine gun posts.

Finally when the remainder of his party were all killed or wounded, he went forward alone with a pistol and some grenades to attack enemy machine guns at close quarters and from this action did not return. From reports received from wounded men, this officer died of wounds.

Major Le Patourel's most gallant conduct and self sacrifice, his brilliant leadership and tenacious devotion to duty in the face of a determined enemy were beyond praise.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1, 9th March, 1943.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma:—

*To be an Additional Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Brigadier (acting) George Ruddell Gilpin, M.C. (10223), Corps of Royal Engineers.

*To be Additional Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) (acting Major) Alistair Murray Lees (145297), Corps of Royal Engineers (Dundee).

Captain Edmund MacLaine, M.B. (173463), Royal Army Medical Corps (Port Ballintrae, Co. Antrim).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Alexander Ralph Milman (58191), Infantry.

Captain (temporary Major) (acting Lieutenant-Colonel) Reginald Ernest Morley Pratt, Corps of Indian Engineers.

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) (acting Major) Arthur Clifford Cox (134801), Royal Corps of Signals (Hayes).

Warrant Officer Class I (Assistant Surgeon (British Cadre) (1st Class)) Clive Mark Egerton Eyles, Indian Medical Department.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) John James Harper (120473), Royal Army Service Corps (attached Royal Indian Army Service Corps) (Middlesbrough).

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Thomas Henderson, Corps of Indian Engineers.

Captain (acting Major) (Deputy Commissary) Claude William Parker, Royal Indian Army Service Corps.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Walter Dockray Scott (101910), Corps of Royal Engineers (Chesham).

Lieutenant (acting Captain) Stewart Vernon Staples (123283), Royal Army Service Corps (attached Royal Indian Army Service Corps) (Old Woking).

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma, to:—

No. 326041 Trooper Walter Peter Bell, Royal Armoured Corps (Yeomanry) (York).

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