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War Office, 6th June, 1944.

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

No. 13068 Sepoy (acting Naik) Nand Singh, 11th Sikh Regiment, Indian Army.

In Burma on the night of the 11th/12th March, 1944, a Japanese platoon about 40 strong with Medium and Light Machine-Guns and a Grenade Discharger infiltrated into the Battalion position covering the main Maungdaw-Buthidaung road and occupied a dominating position where they dug fox-holes and underground trenches on the precipitous sides of the hill.

Naik Nand Singh commanded the leading section of the platoon which was ordered to recapture the position at all costs. He led his section up a very steep knife-edged ridge under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Although wounded in the thigh he rushed ahead of his section and took the first enemy trench with the bayonet by himself. He then crawled forward alone under heavy fire and though wounded again in the face and shoulder by a grenade which burst one yard in front of him, took the second trench at the point of the bayonet.

A short time later when all his section had been either killed or wounded, Naik Nand Singh dragged himself out of the trench and captured a third trench, killing all the occupants with his bayonet.

Due to the capture of these three trenches the remainder of the platoon were able to seize the top of the hill and deal with the enemy. Naik Nand Singh personally killed seven of the enemy and owing to his determination, outstanding dash and magnificent courage, the important position was won back from the enemy.

War Office, 6th June, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field:—

Bar to the Military Cross.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) John Richard Olivey, M.C. (170243), The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).

War Office, 6th June, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Mediterranean:—

The Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) John Ryder Ryan (155296), Royal Regiment of Artillery (Aylesbury, Bucks).

War Office, 6th June, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the South-West Pacific:—

The Military Cross.

Second-Lieutenant Bruce Insham Dent (285658), Fiji Military Forces.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Sergeant Ilala, British Solomon Islands Defence Force.
No. 556 Sergeant Semisi Belo, Fiji Military Forces.

The Military Medal.

Warrant Officer Class I (Sergeant-Major) Frank John Wickham, British Solomon Islands Defence Force.
No. 717 Sergeant Ilaitia Waqa, Fiji Military Forces.
No. 633 Corporal Manoa Roko, Fiji Military Forces.
No. 592 Private Viliame Lautiki, Fiji Military Forces.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the South-West Pacific:—

Fiji Military Forces.

582 Sergt. Akuila Saukura.
573 Corpl. Malakai Mo.