

Netrabahadur Thapa retrieved the ammunition and himself with his platoon Headquarters took the offensive armed with grenades and khukris. Whilst so doing he received a bullet wound in the mouth followed shortly afterwards by a grenade which killed him outright. His body was found next day, khukri in hand and a dead Japanese with a cleft skull by his side.

True to the traditions of the service and his race Subadar Netrabahadur Thapa had fought against overwhelming odds for 8 hours before he was killed. His fine example of personal bravery and his high sense of duty so inspired his men that a vital position was held to the limit of human endurance.

His valour and devotion to duty will remain an epic in the history of the Regiment.

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OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
12th October, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of valuable services (Appointment to be dated the 12th September, 1944):—

To be an Honorary Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Osman Mahmud Muhammed, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

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Order of the British Empire.

The particulars of the following appointments are as now shown and not as shown in:—

The London Gazette No. 36486, dated the 27th April, 1944, page 1925:—

For Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Strathord Anderson (VX 26), Australian Military Forces.

Read Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Strathord Andersen (VX 26), Australian Military Forces.

The London Gazette No. 36544, dated the 8th June, 1944, page 2574:—

For Colonel (temporary Brigadier) Bertran Combes, Australian Military Forces.

Read Colonel (temporary Brigadier) Bertrand Combes, Australian Military Forces.

War Office, 12th October, 1944.

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

The Distinguished Flying Cross.

Captain (temporary Major) Ralph Richard Cobley (85540), Royal Regiment of Artillery (London, N.14).

Lieutenant (acting Captain) Geoffrey Hugh Ivon Jones (187555), Royal Regiment of Artillery (Exmouth).

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Ian Godfrey Neilson (91686), Royal Regiment of Artillery (Glasgow).

The Distinguished Flying Medal.

No. 2162082 Staff-Sergeant Stanley George Bone, Army Air Corps (Letchworth, Herts.).

No. 3387884 Staff-Sergeant David Fisher Kerr, Army Air Corps (Preston, Lancs.).

War Office, 12th October, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East:—

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) H. Mackay, M.B.E. (108592).

War Office, 12th October, 1944.

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The Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The London Gazette of 23rd March, 1944 (No. 36436).

For No. VX 72101 Corporal Leslie Charles Drew, Australian Military Forces, *substitute* No. VX 72101 Corporal Ronald Arthur Drew, Australian Military Forces.

Mentions-in-Despatches.

The London Gazette of 6th April, 1944 (No. 36456).

For Pal/11275 Corpl. Ali Ibn Abdel Hafis Mohamed II Masri, A.M.P.C. (Palestine Section), *substitute* Pal/11275 Corpl. Ali Abdul Hafez El Khalili, A.M.P.C. (Palestine Section).

The London Gazette of 27th April, 1944 (No. 36486).

For Capt. T. G. Trainor (NX 72), Australian Military Forces, *substitute* Capt. T. G. Trainor (NX 472), Australian Military Forces.

For Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. D. Forman (NX 174992), Australian Military Forces, *substitute* Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. A. D. Forman (NX 174992), Australian Military Forces.

For Lt. M. M. Hook (NX 137087), Australian Military Forces, *substitute* Lt. M. M. Hooke (NX 137087), Australian Military Forces.

The London Gazette of 24th August, 1944 (No. 36668).

For 10578263 Pte. R. D. G. Skeets, R.E.M.E., *substitute* 10578263 Pte. R. D. G. Skeet, R.E.M.E.

The Military Medal.

The London Gazette of 31st August, 1944 (No. 36679).

For No. T/164917 Warrant Officer Class II (Company Sergeant-Major) Bunley Paine, Royal Army Service Corps, *substitute* No. T/164917 Warrant Officer Class II (Company Sergeant-Major) Brinley Paine, Royal Army Service Corps.

The London Gazette of 14th September, 1944 (No. 36699).

For No. 64096 Private John Elliott Bowman, Royal Army Service Corps, *substitute* No. 64096 Private John Elliot Bowman, Royal Army Service Corps.

The Military Cross.

The London Gazette of 5th October, 1944 (No. 36730).

For Lieutenant Duncan John Trail Robertson (261452), Royal Regiment of Artillery, *substitute* Lieutenant Duncan John Trail Robertson (261452), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

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