

to find out whether it was possible for his platoon to wade the dyke which lay beyond. He found the dyke too deep and wide to cross, and once again he came back over the wall and received orders to try and establish his platoon on the enemy side of it. For the third time he climbed over alone, found some empty German weapon pits, and providing the covering fire urged and encouraged his section to scale the wall and dash for cover. By this action he was able to bring down sufficient covering fire to enable the rest of the company to cross the open ground and surmount the wall for the loss of only one man.

Corporal Harper then left his platoon in charge of his senior section commander and walked alone along the banks of the dyke, in the face of heavy spandau fire, to find a crossing place. Eventually he made contact with the battalion attacking on his right, and found that they had located a ford. Back he came across the open ground, and, whilst directing his company commander to the ford, he was struck by a bullet which fatally wounded him and he died on the bank of the dyke.

The success of the battalion in driving the enemy from the wall and back across the dyke must be largely ascribed to the superb self sacrifice and inspiring gallantry of Corporal Harper. His magnificent courage, fearlessness and devotion to duty throughout the battle set a splendid example to his men and had a decisive effect on the course of the operations.

War Office, 2nd January, 1945.

REGULAR ARMY.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS.

17th/21st L.

Lt.-Col. J. Bury, O.B.E. (10708), on completion of period of service in commd. remains on full pay (supern.), 1st Jan. 1945.

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) R. B. B. Cooke, C.B.E. (403), to be Lt.-Col., 1st Jan. 1945.

The undermentioned Majors War Subs. Lt.-Cols. to be Lt.-Cols.:—

2nd Aug. 1944:—

F. H. C. Rogers, M.C. (17114).

1st Sept. 1944:—

S. B. Rawlings, C.B.E., M.C. (15435).

28th Sept. 1944:—

C. N. Joy (13970).

29th Sept. 1944:—

G. A. Eastwood, D.S.O., O.B.E. (15013).

Substituted for notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 22nd Dec. 1944.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Maj.-Gen. R. F. B. Naylor, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (19402), is appointed Col. Commandant, 31st Dec. 1944, vice Col. (Hon. Brig.) R. H. Willan, D.S.O., M.C., ret. pay, resigned.

FOOT GUARDS.

S. G'ds.

Lt.-Col. G. L. Tyringham (40166) retires on ret. pay, 2nd Jan. 1945.

INFANTRY.

R. Scots.

Retd. Offr. re-employed.

Maj. F. C. Tanner, C.M.G., D.S.O. (882), is restored to the rank of Lt.-Col., 10th Nov. 1944, on ceasing to be employed.

R. Sussex R.

Lt.-Col. R. H. Rohde (5550) is placed on the h.p. list on account of disability, 1st Jan. 1945.

S. Stafford R.

The notifi. regarding Capt. A. J. R. Holt (36682) in Gazette (Supplements) dated 4th Apr. 1944 and 11th Aug. 1944 is cancelled.

Midd'x R.

Maj. F. G. Parker (13214) to be Lt.-Col., 22nd Oct. 1942. (Substituted for the notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 4th Jan. 1944.)

ROYAL ARMY CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT.

Rev. B. Navin (101012), Chapln. to the Forces 4th Cl. (R.C.) (temp. commn.), to be Chapln. to the Forces 4th Cl., 26th Sept. 1944.

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Maj.-Gen. (Temp. Lt.-Gen.) Sir Humfrey M. Gale, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., M.C. (21273), is appointed Col. Commandant, 19th Oct. 1944, vice Maj.-Gen. C. W. Macleod, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., ret. pay, deceased.

Lt.-Col. C. H. Moore, M.C. (5786), on completion of tenure of service as Regtl. Lt.-Col. remains on full pay (supern.), 6th Dec. 1944.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The initials of Lt.-Col. C. H. K. Smith, O.B.E., M.C., M.B. (15663), are as now described and not as notified in Gazette (Supplement) dated 12th Dec. 1944.

ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

Lt. L. F. H. Woolston (77383) to be Capt., 14th Sept. 1944, with precedence next below Capt. J. Nicholson (63477).

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS.

Capt. N. T. McNie (64094) to be Maj., 1st Jan. 1945.

MEMORANDA.

Maj. D. MacDonald (37049) from Camerons to be Lt.-Col., on the Employed List, 8th Nov. 1944.

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) R. C. Cooney, D.S.O., O.B.E. (10690) from R.T.R. to be Lt.-Col., on the Employed List, 1st Jan. 1945.

Maj. C. R. A. Wallis (10508) from R.A., to be Lt.-Col., on the Employed List, 1st Jan. 1945.

War Subs. Lt. R. C. J. Spencer (112688) ret. offr. re-employed, late R. Berks. R., is re-granted the hon. rank of Capt., 8th Oct. 1943, on ceasing to be employed. (Substituted for the notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 31st Dec. 1943.)

Lt.-Col. B. G. Lynn-Allen (15766) empld. list (late Welch R.) on completion of period of service in commd. remains on full pay (supern.), 8th Nov. 1944.

Lt.-Col. R. H. Rohde (5550), h.p. list, late R. Sussex R., retires on ret. pay on account of disability, 1st Jan. 1945.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

REGIMENTAL LIST.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Lt. J. A. Mellett, M.M. (6398), having attained the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 28th Nov. 1944.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Capt. H. Ewart-Biggs (9069) to be Bt. Maj., 12th July 1943.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

The notifi. regarding Lt. N. A. Waters (52531) in Gazette (Supplement) dated 1st Jan. 1943, is cancelled.

INFANTRY.

R.S. Fus.

Capt. (Bt. Maj.) P. R. Margetson, M.C. (10626), having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 2nd Jan. 1945.

Gloster R.

Lt.-Col. J. R. Guild, D.S.O. (4339), having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 1st Jan. 1945.

North'n. R.

Capt. W. G. A. Coldwell, D.S.O., O.B.E. (4746), is restored to the rank of Lt.-Col., 1st Dec. 1944, on ceasing to be employed. (Substituted for the notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 1st Dec. 1944 under heading "Regular Army.")

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Capt. R. Waudby (45587) having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall, relinquishes his commn., 18th Aug. 1944.

ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.

The notifi. regarding Lt. W. F. Turney (59574) in Gazette (Supplement) dated 2nd Feb. 1943 is cancelled.

PIONEER CORPS.

War Subs. Capt. R. F. Pitz (60955) from N. Stafford R., to be War Subs. Capt., 3rd Jan. 1945, retaining his present seniority.