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

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Ian Oswald LIDDELL (156048), Coldstream Guards (Chepstow).

In Germany on 3rd April, 1945, Captain Liddell was commanding a Company of the Coldstream Guards, which was ordered to capture intact a bridge over the River Ems near Lingen. The bridge was covered on the far bank by an enemy strong point, which was subsequently discovered to consist of 150 entrenched infantry supported by three 88 mm. and two 20 mm. guns. The bridge was also prepared for demolition with 500 lb. bombs which could plainly be seen.

Having directed his two leading platoons on to the near bank, Captain Liddell ran forward alone to the bridge and scaled the 10 feet high road block guarding it, with the intention of neutralising the charges and taking the bridge intact. In order to achieve his object he had to cross the whole length of the bridge by himself under intense enemy fire, which increased as his object became apparent to the Germans. Having disconnected the charges on the far side, he re-crossed the bridge and cut the wires on the near side. It was necessary for him to kneel forming an easy target whilst he successively cut the wires.

He then discovered that there were also charges underneath the bridge and completely undeterred he also disconnected these. His task completed he then climbed up on to the road block in full view of the enemy and signalled his leading platoon to advance.

Thus alone and unprotected, without cover and under heavy enemy fire, he achieved his object. The bridge was captured intact and the way cleared to the advance across the river Ems. His outstanding gallantry and superb example of courage will never be forgotten by those who saw it.

This very brave officer has since died of wounds subsequently received in action.

*War Office, 7th June, 1945.*

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

*Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.*

- Major-General (acting) Eric Louis BOLS, D.S.O. (28047), The King's Regiment (Liverpool) (Camberley).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) William Quincey ROBERTS, D.S.O. (56230), The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) (Bradford-on-Avon).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) Henry Conyers BAKER-BAKER, D.S.O., M.B.E. (58154), The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) (Sherburn Hill).
- Lieutenant-Colonel Ronald Albert BRAMWELL DAVIS, D.S.O. (33622), The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) (Newbury).

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- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) John Edmund SWETENHAM (44191), 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, Royal Armoured Corps (Stamford, Lincs).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) Stewart Inglis HOWARD-JONES, M.C. (74715), Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps (Faversham).
- Major (temporary) Mervyn Rice SAUNDERS (113966), Royal Regiment of Artillery (Birmingham).
- Major (temporary) Ronald John HENDERSON, M.B.E. (97046), Royal Corps of Signals (Balerno).
- Major (temporary) The Earl CATHCART, M.C. (106720), Scots Guards.
- Brigadier (temporary) Walter Douglas Campbell GREENACRE, M.V.O. (21343), Welsh Guards (Durban, Sth. Africa).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) Kenneth Thomas DARLING (44052), The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) Paul GLEADELL (47571), The Devonshire Regiment (Northam).
- Major (temporary) Alfred Leslie ROWELL (153921), The Royal Scots Fusiliers (Dalkeith).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) Napier CROOKENDEN (66121), The Cheshire Regiment (London, W.14).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) Charles Walter Philipps RICHARDSON (30917), The King's Own Scottish Borderers (Crawley, Hants).
- Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) Norman James Patrick HEWLINGS (114840), Royal Army Medical Corps (Banbury).

*Bar to the Military Cross.*

- Major (temporary) Derrick Bruce WORMALD, D.S.O., M.C. (67087), 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), Royal Armoured Corps (Annan).