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

No. NX.102964 Corporal Reginald Roy RATTEY, Australian Infantry Battalion, Australian Military Forces.

In the South West Pacific, on 22nd March, 1945, a Company of an Australian Infantry Battalion was ordered to capture a strongly held enemy position astride Buin Road, South Bougainville. The attack was met by extremely heavy fire from advanced enemy bunkers, slit trenches and fox holes sited on strong ground, and all forward movement was stopped with casualties mounting rapidly among our troops. Corporal Rattey quickly appreciated that the serious situation delaying the advance could only be averted by silencing enemy fire from automatic weapons in bunkers, which dominated all lines of approach by our troops. He calculated that a forward move by his section would be halted by fire with heavy casualties and he determined that a bold rush by himself alone would surprise the enemy and offered the best chance for success. With amazing courage he rushed forward firing his Bren gun from the hip into the openings under the head cover of three forward bunkers. This completely neutralized enemy fire from these positions. On gaining the nearest bunker he hurled a grenade among the garrison, which completely silenced further enemy aggressive action. Corporal Rattey was now without grenades but without hesitation he raced back to his section under extremely heavy fire and obtained two grenades with which he again rushed the remaining bunkers and effectively silenced all opposition by killing seven of the enemy garrison. This led to the flight of the remaining enemy troops, which enabled his Company to continue its advance.

A little later the advance of his Company was again held up by a heavy machine gun, firing across the front. Without hesitation

Corporal Rattey rushed the gun and silenced it with fire from his Bren gun used from his hip. When one had been killed and another wounded, the remainder of the enemy gun crew broke and fled. The machine gun and 2,000 rounds of ammunition were captured and the Company again continued its advance and gained its objective, which was consolidated.

The serious situation was turned into a brilliant success, entirely by the courage, cool planning and stern determination of Corporal Rattey. His bravery was an incentive to the entire Company, who fought with inspiration derived from the gallantry of Corporal Rattey, despite the stubborn opposition to which they were subjected.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

26th July, 1945.

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 the field:—

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

- Captain Dmitri DEROZHINSKY (EC.422), 5th Maharatta Light Infantry, Indian Army.
- Captain Charles GATENBY (297), New Zealand Military Forces.
- Captain Walter John HESLOP (31056), New Zealand Military Forces.
- Lieutenant John Philip Thomas LINKLATER (205930), Intelligence Corps.
- Lieutenant Francis William Henry LOCKETT (165411), Royal Regiment of Artillery.
- Captain (acting) Peter David MAYNARD (137199), Corps of Royal Engineers.
- Captain Ian McCARDLE (78385), South African Forces.
- Lieutenant Norman Lisle STARKEY (177784), The Essex Regiment.
- No. 7589439 Warrant Officer Class I Joseph Nicholson WHITE, Indian Army Ordnance Corps.
- Lieutenant Robert Henry WILDERS (244317), Corps of Royal Engineers.
- Captain (temporary) John William YOUNGER (114122), Coldstream Guards.

War Office, 26th July, 1945.

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.

- Major (temporary) John Windsor NICHOLSON (109345), Royal Regiment of Artillery (London).
 Captain (temporary) Arthur David COVER (140416), Royal Regiment of Artillery (Chichester).
 Captain (temporary) Peter Emil KROYER (143803), Royal Regiment of Artillery (Leighton Buzzard).
 Captain (temporary) David Rigby LINDSELL (214706), Royal Regiment of Artillery (London).
 Captain (temporary) Noel Edward MARTIN (229862), Royal Regiment of Artillery (Hoylake, Cheshire).

War Office, 26th July, 1945.

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

The Military Cross.

- Lieutenant Hubert Ellis PEARSON (245254), Royal Armoured Corps.
 Captain Ian Pool THOMSON (69097), The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).
 Lieutenant Richard Craysbay PARTRIDGE (153980), The Welch Regiment.
 Captain F. W. STONE (IA.1762), 2nd/7th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.
 Jemadar Padam Bahadur THAPA (61297), Burma Frontier Force.
 Lieutenant Frederik William WAGNER (115502), South African Forces.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal.

- No. 839960 Sapper Norman MIDDLETON, Corps of Royal Engineers.
 No. 4270748 Fusilier Joseph PURVIS, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.
 No. 7011496 Sergeant Samuel Herbert COOKE, The Royal Sussex Regiment.
 No. S.54670 Private Robert Henry EASTERBROOK, Royal Army Service Corps.
 No. 843717 Trooper Douglas DAVIDSON, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

The Military Medal.

- No. 7939635 Trooper Alexander Rodger HOGGAN, Royal Armoured Corps.
 No. 1488410 Lance-Sergeant John Gordon LANGDON, Royal Regiment of Artillery.
 No. 828360 Driver Harold Percival COWLES, Royal Regiment of Artillery.
 No. 847292 Gunner Jesse SIMMONS, Royal Regiment of Artillery.
 No. 822156 Gunner Thomas SPEED, Royal Regiment of Artillery.
 No. 2076040 Sapper Thomas BUCKHAM, Corps of Royal Engineers.
 No. 1791357 Sapper William MURPHY, Corps of Royal Engineers.
 No. 14621181 Sapper John WALLACE, Corps of Royal Engineers.
 No. 4395989 Signalman Leslie KNIGHT, Royal Corps of Signals.
 No. 4187654 Signalman William THOMAS, Royal Corps of Signals.
 No. 2660313 Guardsman Rowland HEWISON, Coldstream Guards.
 No. 6092772 Private Leonard Ernest MANN, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).
 No. 5959947 Corporal Ronald Vincent SOUTH, The Royal Norfolk Regiment.
 No. 4798849 Corporal Thomas BINDERMAN, The Lincolnshire Regiment.
 No. 4752153 Private Leslie ANKERS, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).
 No. 3131453 Corporal Thomas Turnbull PURDIE, The Royal Scots Fusiliers.
 No. 3908421 Private Leslie Cyril PRICE, The South Wales Borderers.
 No. 3249718 Rifleman Andrew McGLONF, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).
 No. 5251439 Corporal Malcolm Benjamin HUGHES, The Worcestershire Regiment.
 No. 6403917 Lance-Sergeant Alfred Clarence SEARSON, The Royal Sussex Regiment.

- No. 5494197 Corporal Albert Thomas HOLLOWAY, The Hampshire Regiment.
 No. 5344190 Lance-Sergeant Richard BRADLEY, The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's).
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 No. 327096 Sergeant (acting) Arthur MUNDEN, Army Air Corps.
 No. T.230944 Corporal Forrester HART, Royal Army Service Corps.
 No. T.118218 Corporal Norman Lawrence MANSELL, Royal Army Service Corps.
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 No. T.106887 Driver-Mechanic Roy Smeeton NEILL, Royal Army Service Corps.
 No. T.4614686 Private Harold Ruben DAFFERN, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
 No. Pal.11203 Corporal Awad El Mofadi MOUSSA, Pioneer Corps.
 No. 6014299 Lance-Sergeant Charles Langdon SAWYER, Corps of Military Police.
 No. 23758 Sepoy Sardara SINGH, 5th/8th Punjab Regiment, Indian Army.
 No. 310 Rifleman Harka Bahadur LIMBU, 3rd/7th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.
 No. 5840 Sepoy Ganga Bahadur CHETTRI, Burma Frontier Force.
 Private (now Captain) Walter Jeffery BOON (NX.3814), Australian Military Forces.
 VX.11468 Staff-Sergeant Harry LESAR, Australian Military Forces.
 VX.9921 Corporal Henry COOPER, Australian Military Forces.
 No. 108909 Sergeant Alwyn Owen Biccard ELIAS, South African Forces.
 No. 196859 Sergeant Johann Christian Emanuel Petrus FOLSCHER, South African Forces.
 No. 77229 Corporal Arthur Osborne MOSS, South African Forces.
 No. 75926 Corporal Frederick Wilfred TREFZ, South African Forces.
 No. 12036 Lance-Corporal Duncan Marguard BUYSKES, South African Forces.
 No. 155872 Lance-Bombardier Frederick Forrest FRAYNE, South African Forces.
 No. 27115 Sapper John Berrison HARROD, South African Forces.
 No. 141034 Sapper Koster KELLY, South African Forces.
 No. 304505 Gunner William LOUBSER, South African Forces.
 No. 109348 Gunner John Edward OLSEN, South African Forces.
 No. 196183 Private Walter Edward WESTBROOK, South African Forces.

War Office, 26th July, 1945.

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

Royal Armoured Corps.

3rd H.

319910 Opl. H. RAFTERY.

8th H.

408828 Lce.-Opl. S. R. TASKER.

16th/5th L.

Maj. F. S. HOOLE-LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS (P.35427).

R.T.R.

3960520 Sgt. W. A. INGRAM.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Lt. W. J. DOUGLAS (174811).
 Lt. A. D. SHOREY (113951).
 1549952 Sgt. N. J. BENN.
 908023 Sgt. N. W. BOWEN.
 1436133 Sgt. V. BURGASS.
 833713 Sgt. T. J. POWELL.
 1063216 Sgt. G. A. WRIGHT.
 821184 Bdr. F. E. BAKER.
 1456240 Bdr. D. J. WILSON.
 933578 Bdr. (actg.) R. J. MORRIS.
 5883503 Gnr. E. BENTHAM.
 1127225 Gnr. P. I. BUTLER.
 4455690 Gnr. T. FENWICK.
 1446722 Gnr. W. HEWSON.
 1442723 Gnr. G. HOLDEN.
 991180 Gnr. J. MALLOY.
 870162 Gnr. L. ROGERS.
 909292 Gnr. B. VALLELY.

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lt. D. E. M. ALABASTER (85554).
 2013613 Cpl. K. LOCKETT.
 1881786 Spr. A. W. BENSTEAD.
 4458795 Dvr. C. C. NORDEN.
 4391689 Spr. D. A. POUNDER.
 1895382 Spr. H. C. A. WALLIS.

Royal Corps of Signals.

2580647 Cpl. S. F. W. SKINNER.
 6341847 Lce.-Cpl. W. GARDENER.
 2576719 Lce.-Cpl. P. T. O'CONNOR.
 3653935 Sigmn. C. H. BROUGH.
 6343342 Sigmn. N. HUNT.

Foot Guards.

C. G'ds.
 6213299 Gdsmn. H. H. HORSCHRAFT.
 2657301 Gdsmn. D. HUTTON-FOX.

S. G'ds.

2695266 W.O. II J. HUGHES.
 2696233 Sgt. C. GLENDINNING.

*Infantry.**The Buffs.*

6287073 Lce.-Cpl. J. GENERY.

Green Howards.

4390566 Cpl. C. W. CORNER.
 4392356 Lce.-Cpl. W. MATTHEWS.
 4747714 Pte. A. S. BENNETT.

Cheshire R.

3973909 Pte. J. F. DAVIES.
 4131041 Pte. C. VICKERS.

R.W. Fus.

14200844 Fus. L. S. HOSKINS.
 4194656 Fus. E. T. JONES.

S. Wales Bord.

3908272 Pte. G. THOMAS.

Worc. R.

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E. Surrey R.

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D.C.L.I.

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Hampshire R.

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 5508717 Pte. B. G. DROUET.

Dorset R.

3712663 Cpl. J. MANNION.

Welch R.

3970626 Lce.-Cpl. D. J. CORCORAN.

Essex R.

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 6019825 Pte. J. A. HICKS.

Foresters.

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 4980432 Cpl. J. WOODWARD.

H.L.I.

3319904 Pte. W. DRUMMOND.

Cameron's.

2937925 Pte. J. R. FINDLAY.

Rifle Bde.

6917914 Rfmn. S. J. MILTON.

Hong Kong-Singapore Royal Artillery.

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 3181 Hav. MOHD AKBAR.
 5336 Lce.-Nk. RAJA KHAN.
 5060 Gnr. KHAN MOHAMMED.
 4929 Gnr. MOHAMMED AMIN.
 5384 Gnr. NAZIR AHMED.
 5351 Gnr. SULTAN ALI.

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Rev. J. B. ALLAN.

Royal Army Service Corps.

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 5046520 Dvr. A. T. BAKER.
 S/2823891 Pte. J. BROWN.
 T/95756 Dvr. J. BURNS.
 T/219558 Dvr. A. EVERITT.
 T/7381384 Dvr. J. W. HEBBURN.
 T/154094 Dvr. W. J. LAKE.
 T/6151111 Dvr. E. PRYOR.
 215374 Dvr. A. E. F. ROBERTS.
 T/2824802 Dvr. S. B. SHAW.
 T/1195980 Dvr. A. H. SMITH.
 182272 Dvr. L. B. SMITH.
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3659024 Pte. J. GASKELL.
 5193930 Pte. J. MAHONEY.

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Pioneer Corps.

13012481 Pte. E. LEE.
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Pioneer Corps (Mauritius).

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 16231 Sepoy MOHAMMED AMIR.

*Gurkha Regiments.**2 G.R.*

Jemadar GYANBIR THAPA (1068).

7 G.R.

10499 Rfmn. CHATRA BAHADUR LIMBU.
 75847 Rfmn. DAMBAR SING LIMBU.
 10222 Rfmn. GAJBAHADUR LIMBU.

Indian Army Medical Corps.

86132 Sepoy ABDUL QADAR.
 86346 Sepoy DHONDA SUKPAL.
 86310 Sepoy DINKA ITOBA MAHAMUNKAR RAO.

The Assam Rifles.

31334 Naik DAMARBAHADUR RANA.

Indian Malay Corps.

13547 Pte. ARAMUGAM SITHAMBARAM PILLAY (attd. South African Forces).
 M.11185 Pte. J. SWARTZ (attd. South African Forces).

The Burma Rifles.

Subadar SAW CAMERON, B.G.M.

Burma Frontier Force.

5153 Havildar MOHANDIR ALE.
6201 Sepoy DALBAHADUR SUNWAR.
4027 Sepoy HASTBAHADUR THAPA.
3499 Sepoy KEHAR SING THAPA.
5639 Sepoy NAR SINGH PUN.
5068 Sepoy RANJIT SING.

Hong Kong Mule Corps.

179769 Lce.-Naik BAHADUR ALI.
50176 Lce.-Naik KARAM DAD.
170848 Dvt. JAN MOHAMMED.
180694 Dvt. SAID AMRAN.

Australian Military Forces.

VX.26135 Sgt. R. J. CRAWLEY.
VX.35920 Sgt. W. F. R. SAYERS, M.M.
NX.3246 Bdr. F. J. PURCELL.
NX.3400 Gnr. L. F. O. CULL.
VX.33354 Gnr. G. A. PHIPPS.
VX.10556 Dvt. V. S. WILLIAMS.

New Zealand Military Forces.

28218 Cpl. I. A. ST. GEORGE.
243236 Lce.-Cpl. A. BALFOUR.
24922 Gnr. R. A. GOVER.
32905 Pte. T. ROBSON.
65813 Gnr. R. H. RYMAN.

South African Forces.

Maj. S. B. HOBSON (P.226461).
Capt. C. O. KOELGES (105976).
Capt. K. R. WARR (177570).
Lt. A. J. FLEDERMAN (36859).
Lt. W. D. HANLEY (11525).
Lt. W. E. O. JENKINSON (41635).
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Lt. A. W. RICHARDS (41646).
327149 W.O. II R. R. CRUMP.
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84975 Sgt. C. F. O'DONOGHUE.
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221758 Cpl. D. R. JONES.
186305 Cpl. B. MANN.
135480 Cpl. W. T. MARAIS.
112967 Cpl. C. J. MULLER.
196137 Cpl. T. MYBURGH.
12827 T/Bdr. G. A. SCHWARTZ.
24956 Cpl. D. A. SEARLE.
29212 Lce.-Cpl. F. H. DE VILLIERS.
12265 Lce.-Cpl. S. H. HACK.
22384 Lce.-Cpl. P. JOHNSON.
127794 Lce.-Cpl. W. F. MAWDSLEY.
289536 Lce.-Cpl. M. A. SMITH.
285526 Pte. D. ALEXANDER.
1500 Pte. J. B. BELL.
14758 Pte. C. O. BENITO.
21753 Pte. C. J. BOTHA.

37194 Gnr. J. J. BOTHA.
105606 Gnr. A. C. BUTLER.
92401 Sgmn. J. C. CARTER.
196641 Pte. D. N. COETZEE.
29036 Pte. R. C. CROUT.
186188 Dvt. E. L. DALLY.
166221 Pte. M. DAVIDS.
78776 Pte. J. B. DE WET.
88232 Pte. C. E. DIX-PEEK.
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5544 Pte. K. T. WILKINSON.
7346 Pte. W. J. WRIGHT.
109301 Gnr. P. A. T. YOUNG.

War Office, 26th July, 1945.

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

Royal Armoured Corps.

326038 Tpr. J. BROWN.

War Office, 26th July, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be Mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in France and Flanders in 1940:—

Corps of Royal Engineers.

Capt. (temp.) (now Maj. (temp)) J. S. HAMER
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