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The War Office, 20th May, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to assume the appointment of Colonel-in-Chief, The University Training Corps (Territorial Army), 12th May 1949.

The War Office, 20th May, 1949.

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

Lieutenant George Albert CAIRNS (198186),
 The Somerset Light Infantry, attd. South
 Staffordshire Regiment.

On the 5th March, 1944, 77 Independent
 Infantry Brigade, of which the 1st South
 Staffordshire Regiment formed a part, landed
 by glider at Broadway (Burma).

On the 12th March, 1944, columns from the
 South Staffordshire Regiment and 3/6 Gurkha
 Rifles established a road and rail block across
 the Japanese lines of communication at Henu
 Block.

The Japanese counter-attacked this position
 heavily in the early morning of the 13th March,
 1944, and the South Staffordshire Regiment
 was ordered to attack a hill-top which formed
 the basis of the Japanese attack.

During this action, in which Lieutenant
 CAIRNS took a foremost part, he was attacked
 by a Japanese officer, who, with his sword
 hacked off Lieutenant CAIRNS left arm.
 Lieutenant CAIRNS killed this Officer; picked
 up the sword and continued to lead his men
 in the attack and slashing left and right with
 the captured sword killed and wounded several
 Japanese before he himself fell to the ground.

Lieutenant CAIRNS subsequently died from
 his wounds.

His action so inspired all his comrades that,
 later the Japanese were completely routed, a
 very rare occurrence at that time.

The War Office, 20th May, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve
 the publication of the undermentioned as having
 been granted King's Commendation for Brave
 Conduct.

3954494 Corpl. (Actg. Serjt.) William Rhys DAVIES,
 Corps of Royal Engineers.

The War Office, 20th May, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer
 "The Efficiency Decoration" upon the following
 Officers of the Territorial Army:—

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS.

3rd Co. London Yeo.

Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) E. J. CLAPP, M.B.E. (96793).

Yorks. Dns.

Maj. F. R. INGHAM (64345).

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Lt.-Col. H. H. H. BOEHM, O.B.E. (67549).

Lt.-Col. T. HAIGHTON (47812).

Lt.-Col. J. H. F. JOHNSON (26705).

Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) W. G. MITCHELL (98597).

Maj. A. H. OGDEN (89481).

Maj. J. P. TURRILL (63080).

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) M. E. BARCLAY (53003).

Capt. N. A. CAMPBELL (64069).

Capt. J. P. H. HOLLICK (63942).

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Lt.-Col. and Brevet Col. A. O. LAIRD, M.C.
 (25223).

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Lt.-Col. E. R. MOORE, J.P. (41831).

Lt.-Col. R. WASEY, M.B.E. (90929).

Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) S. C. CADOGAN (39988).

Capt. (T/Maj.) L. H. CALDICOTT, M.B.E. (73953).

INFANTRY.

R. Scots.

Maj. H. C. McCROSTIE, D.S.O. (2073).

The Buffs.

Capt. K. T. SNELLING (62820).

K.O.S.B.

Capt. (A/Maj.) J. R. SCOTT-NOBLE, M.C. (64241).

E. Surrey R.

Lt.-Col. D. G. DICKSON, M.C. (67722).

S. Stafford R.

Col. C. H. MORTIMORE (31331).