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EXTRACTS FROM "THE LONDON GAZETTE."

March 8, 1945.—The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous award of the VICTORIA CROSS to:—

No. 11006144 Lance-Corporal Henry Eric Harden, Royal Army Medical Corps (Northfleet, Kent).

"In North-West Europe on the 23rd January, 1945, the leading section of a Royal Marine Commando Troop was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire from well concealed positions. As it was impossible to engage the enemy from the open owing to lack of cover, the section was ordered to make for some near-by houses. This move was accomplished, but one officer and three other rank casualties were left lying in the open.

"The whole Troop position was under continuous heavy and accurate shell and mortar fire. Lance-Corporal Harden, the R.A.M.C. orderly attached to the Troop, at once went forward, a distance of 120 yards, into the open under a hail of enemy machine gun and rifle fire directed from four positions, all within 300 yards, and with the greatest coolness and bravery remained in the open while he attended to the four casualties. After dressing the wounds of three of them, he carried one of them back to cover. Lance-Corporal Harden was then ordered not to go forward again and an attempt was made to bring in the other casualties with the aid of tanks, but this proved unsuccessful owing to the heavy and accurate fire of enemy anti-tank guns. A further attempt was then made to recover the casualties under a smoke screen, but this only increased the enemy fire in the vicinity of the casualties.

"Lance-Corporal Harden then insisted on going forward again, with a volunteer stretcher party, and succeeded in bringing back another badly wounded man.

"Lance-Corporal Harden went out a third time, again with a stretcher party, and after starting on the return journey with the wounded officer, under very heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, he was killed. Throughout this long period Lance-Corporal Harden displayed superb devotion to duty and personal courage of the very highest order, and there is no doubt that it had a most steadying effect upon the other troops in the area at a most critical time. His action was directly respon-

sible for saving the lives of the wounded brought in. His complete contempt of all personal danger, and the magnificent example he set of cool courage and determination to continue with his work, whatever the odds, was an inspiration to his comrades, and will never be forgotten by those who saw it."

February 8.—The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER of the BRITISH EMPIRE, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma and on the Eastern Frontier of India:—

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

Colonel (temporary) Robert Alexander Anderson, M.B. (26294) Royal Army Medical Corps.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Alexander Baty, M.B. (227045) Royal Army Medical Corps (Rotherham, Yorks).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Joseph Gilles Maurice Alphonse Brunet (64091) Royal Army Medical Corps (Montreal).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Alexander Dyce Davidson, M.B. (44512) Royal Army Medical Corps (Aberdeen).

Captain (temporary Major) Albert Edwin Jowett (79899) Royal Army Medical Corps (Blagdon).

Colonel (temporary) William James Officer, M.B. (21400) Royal Army Medical Corps.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Matthew Herbert Patrick Sayers, M.B. (66473) Royal Army Medical Corps.

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

Lieutenant (Quarter-Master) Frederick James Hopewell (259294) Royal Army Medical Corps (Nottingham).

Captain Howard Mitchell Jamison, M.B. (205567) Royal Army Medical Corps (Steeple Claydon, Bucks).

Captain Kevin McCaul (188398) Royal Army Medical Corps (Surbiton).

February 8.—The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:—

The Military Cross.

Lieutenant Kenneth Courtenay Stephenson (314505) Royal Army Medical Corps (Newcastle-under-Lyme).

The Military Medal.

No. 7346747 Sergeant George William Wright, Royal Army Medical Corps (Sutton).

No. 7369681 Corporal Albert Cockerill, Royal Army Medical Corps (Hull).

No. 7348776 Corporal Edward Smith, Royal Army Medical Corps (Edale, Derbyshire).

No. 7396565 Private William Farrell Blandy, Royal Army Medical Corps (Sheffield).

No. 7403087 Private James Craig, Royal Army Medical Corps (Blackpool).

February 8.—The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma and on the Eastern Frontier of India :—

The Military Cross.

Captain (temporary Major) (acting Lieutenant-Colonel) Alexander Burns, M.B. (107223) Royal Army Medical Corps (Glasgow, E.2).

Captain John William Ralph Battram (216667) Royal Army Medical Corps (Mountain Ash, Glam.).

Captain Duncan Mitchell, M.B. (185100) Royal Army Medical Corps (Marino, Co. Down).

The Royal Red Cross.

To be an Additional Member of the Royal Red Cross, First Class.

Miss Anna McCrombie Summerfield (206437) Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Edinburgh).

To be an Additional Associate of the Royal Red Cross, Second Class.

Miss Dorothy Jessie Baler (206663) Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve (W. Australia).

Miss Harriet Constance Pauline Bamford (225903) Sister, Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Miss Lovey Hopwood (301203) Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve (Burnley).

Miss Monica Mary Norah Kennelly (244247) Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve (Falmouth).

Miss Mary Elizabeth Lewis (206281) Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Sutton).

Mrs. Grace Lenore Moore (209982) Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Miss Dorothy Sylvia Norman (244260) Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve (Taunton).

Miss Mary Ellen O'Connor (206358) Sister (acting Matron), Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Swinford, Co. Mayo).

Miss Gwyneth Mary Parker (206384) Sister (acting Matron), Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (London, W.13).

Miss Esther Maitland Somerville (206440) Sister (acting Matron), Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Beverley).

Miss Mary Louisa Wilson (215852) Sister, Territorial Army Nursing Service (Llandudno).

February 22.—The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field :—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companion, of the said Most Honourable Order :—

Major-General William Clavering Hartgill, O.B.E., M.C. (8648) late Royal Army Medical Corps.

February 22.—The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field :—

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

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Benjamin William Rycroft (133612) Royal Army Medical Corps.

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

Captain Thomas Barry McMurray, M.B. (238170) Royal Army Medical Corps.

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

Brig. (temp.) R. A. Hepple, O.B.E., M.C., M.B. (22839) late R.A.M.C.

Col. (temp.) T. Menzies, O.B.E., M.B. (8428).

Col. (temp.) T. Young, M.B. (10380).

Lt.-Col. (temp.) J. P. Parkinson, M.B. (74165).

Lt.-Col. (actg.) D. L. Owen, M.B. (135407).

Maj. (temp.) L. S. Rogers, M.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S. (131335).

Maj. (temp.) O. S. Williams (188407).

Capt. D. Collins (216683).

Capt. J. R. Rickett (241092).

7382958 S.-Sergt. J. M. Maguire.

7360813 Corpl. J. Hindle (killed in action).

7368410 Lce.-Corpl. G. Utley.

March 1.—The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished conduct in North-West Europe :—

Second Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Brigadier (temporary) High Llewelyn Glyn Hughes, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (111060) Royal Army Medical Corps (London, W.8.).

The Military Cross.

Captain (temporary Major) William James Hay (93074) Royal Army Medical Corps (Windermere).

Captain Guy Martin Killpack, M.B. (100994) Royal Army Medical Corps (Haywards Heath).

Captain George Patrick Mitchell, M.B. (169472) Royal Army Medical Corps (London, S.W.14).

Captain Hugh Norman Smith (263714) Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain John Michael Willcox (171200) Royal Army Medical Corps (Birmingham).

Lieutenant Ferguson Hartley (274235) Royal Army Medical Corps (Burnley).

Lieutenant William Mutch Walker (282020) Royal Army Medical Corps (Aberdeen).

The Military Medal.

No. 7386392 Corporal (acting Serjeant) George Scanlon, Royal Army Medical Corps (Winchester).

No. 7375615 Corporal Francis Vincent Gleeson, Royal Army Medical Corps (Manchester).

No. 7394487 Private Ivor John Barnett, Royal Army Medical Corps (Bridgend).

No. 14394967 Private Bernard Ambrose Scott, Royal Army Medical Corps (Manchester).

No. 7372385 Private John Arthur Thomas, Royal Army Medical Corps (Liverpool, 14).

March 1.—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 gallant and distinguished services in the field :—

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

Captain John Harold Derek Millar, M.D. (98370) Royal Army Medical Corps.

March 1.—The KING has been graciously pleased to approve that the following be MENTIONED in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field :—

Maj. (temp.) R. Stuppel, F.R.C.S. (131683) (Killed in action).

Capt. D. B. Watson, M.B. (136270).

March 8.—The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy :—

The Military Cross.

Captain James Kendrick Pugh (248065) Royal Army Medical Corps (Builth Wells, Breconshire).

March 15.—The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field :—

The Military Cross.

Captain Peter Delap, M.B. (133538) Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain Lionel Francis McWilliams, M.B. (100995) Royal Army Medical Corps.

The Military Medal.

No. 6085973 Sergeant Cyril Walter Reeves, Royal Army Medical Corps.

No. 7403479 Lance-Corporal Clifford William Smith, Royal Army Medical Corps.

February 9.—Col. J. G. Gill, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., M.B. (8368) late R.A.M.C. to be a D.D.M.S. and is re-granted the temp. rank of Maj.-Gen., 15th Jan. 1945.

War Subs. Maj. E. E. Prebble, M.D. (105599) R.A.M.C. to be a Consultant, and is granted the local rank of Brig. 31st Oct. 1944.

February 16.—Lt.-Col. T. P. Buist, M.B. (15700) having attained the age for retirement is retained on the Active List, supern. to establ. 15th Feb. 1945.

Maj. R. A. Bennett, M.D., M.R.C.P., Edin. (31401) to be Lt.-Col. 15th Feb. 1945.

February 20.—Maj. W. A. D. Drummond (31405) to be Lt.-Col., 19th Feb. 1945.

Capt. O. R. L. L. Plunkett (63273) retires on account of disability 21st Feb. 1945, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

War Subs. Lt.-Col. R. Marnham, F.R.C.S. (133609) (R.A.M.C.) to be a Consultant and is granted the local rank of Brig., 27th Dec. 1944.

February 27.—Lt.-Col. A. J. Bado (5169) having attained the age for retirement is retained on the Active List (supern.) 19th Feb. 1945.

Capt. H. N. Perkins, M.B. (66484) to be Maj., 24th Feb. 1945.

War Subs. Capt. (now War Subs. Maj.) W. I. Daggett, M.B., F.R.C.S. (136194) R.A.M.C. to be a Consultant, and is granted the local rank of Brig., 23rd April 1944.

War Subs. Maj. R. Platt, M.D., F.R.C.P. (205680) R.A.M.C. to be a Consultant, and is granted the local rank of Brig., 5th Sept. 1944.

March 2.—Col. W. K. Morrison, D.S.O., M.B. (8126), late R.A.M.C. on completion of four years in the rank, is retained on the Active List supern., 1st Mar. 1945.

Col. E. Percival, D.S.O., M.C., M.B. (8128) late R.A.M.C., on completion of four years in the rank, is retained on the Active List supern., 1st Mar. 1945.

Lt.-Col. J. B. Fotheringham, M.B. (5165) from R.A.M.C., to be Col., 1st Mar. 1945, with seniority 15th June 1942.

Lt.-Col. K. A. M. Tomory, O.B.E., M.B. (8118) from R.A.M.C. to be Col. 1st Mar. 1945, with seniority 20th June 1942.

Maj. J. G. E. Vachell (31444) to be Lt.-Col. 1st Mar. 1945.

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) J. N. Atkinson, M.B. (31399) to be Lt.-Col. 1st Mar. 1945.

War Subs. Maj. J. L. Gordon, O.B.E. (65315) to be Maj., 1st Mar. 1945.

March 6.—Maj. J. T. Smyth, M.B. (34539) to be Lt.-Col. 4th Mar. 1945.

Lt.-Col. D. Crellin, M.C. (1645) having attained the age for retirement, is retained on the Active List (supern.) 4th Mar. 1945.

March 9.—Col. (temp. Maj.-Gen.) H. C. D. Rankin, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.B., V.H.S. (8129) late R.A.M.C., having completed four years in the rank of Col. is retained on the Active List (supern.), 8th Mar. 1945.

Lt.-Col. A. R. Ross, M.B. (9366) from R.A.M.C. to be Col. 8th Mar. 1945, with seniority, 3rd July 1942.

Maj. (War Subs. Lt.-Col.) G. Anderton, M.B. (3681) to be Lt.-Col. 8th Mar. 1945.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) (War Subs. Capt. (Qr.-Mr.)), E. E. Spring, M.B.E. (86284) to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) 8th Mar. 1945.

Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) (War Subs. Capt. (Qr.-Mr.)) (War Subs. Maj.) H. Tottle (86362) to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) 8th Mar. 1943.

War Subs. Maj. (now War Subs. Lt.-Col.) R. M. B. MacKenna, M.D., F.R.C.P. (106642) R.A.M.C. to be a Consultant, and is granted the local rank of Brig., 13th June 1943.

March 13.—Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) E. A. Sutton, C.B.E., M.C. (8525) late R.A.M.C. relinquishes the appt. of D.M.S. and the Actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. 4th Jan. 1945.

Col. E. A. Sutton, C.B.E., M.C. (8525) late R.A.M.C., to be a D.D.M.S. and is granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen. 26th Feb. 1945.

Col. R. A. Hepple, O.B.E., M.C., M.B. (22839) late R.A.M.C. having attained the age for retirement, is retained on the Active List (supern.) 13th Mar. 1945.

Lt.-Col. H. C. Godding, M.C. (5606) from R.A.M.C. to be Col., 13th Mar. 1945, with seniority 11th Mar. 1943.

Regular Army Reserve of Officers.

February 9.—Capt. (War Subs. Maj.) W. E. Underwood, O.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S. (26442) from Supp. Res. of Offrs., to be Capt., 9th Feb. 1942.

February 27.—Capt. C. D. Evans, M.B. (31739) from Supp. Res. of Offrs., to be Capt., 29th Jan. 1942.

War. Subs. Maj. P. H. Wells (91287) ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs. on account of disability, 27th Feb. 1945, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

March 9.—Capt. (Bt.-Maj.) A. K. Forbes, *M.C.* (1672) relinquishes his commn. on account of disability, 10th Mar. 1945, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

March 13.—Col. F. R. Coppinger, *O.B.E.*, *M.B.* (1930) late *R.A.M.C.* having attained the age limit of liability of recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs. 10th May 1943.

Col. J. A. Renshaw (8783) late *R.A.M.C.* having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs. 3rd Mar. 1944.

Col. G. F. Dawson, *M.C.*, *M.B.* (10953) late *R.A.M.C.* having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs. 29th June 1944.

Maj.-Gen. H. C. R. Hime, *C.B.*, *D.S.O.*, *M.B.* (12843) late *R.A.M.C.* having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs. 8th Nov. 1944.

Col. W. L. E. Fretz, *M.B.* (15682) late *R.A.M.C.*, having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 17th Nov. 1944.

Lt.-Col. E. F. W. MacKenzie, *O.B.E.*, *M.C.*, *M.B.* (23026) having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 19th Feb. 1944.

Capt. W. P. Mulligan, *O.B.E.*, *M.B.* (51062) having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs. 8th Mar. 1944.

Maj. A. P. Draper, *M.C.*, *M.B.* (15658) having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 23rd May 1944.

Maj. J. H. Pendered, *M.C.*, *M.B.*, *F.R.C.S.* (8780) having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 6th July 1944, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Maj. N. T. Whitehead, *M.C.*, *M.B.* (1688) having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 26th Oct. 1944.

Maj. A. G. G. Thompson, *M.D.* (50576) having attained the age of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 23rd Jan. 1945.

Maj. C. K. G. Dick, *M.C.* (5882) relinquishes his commn. on account of disability, 13th Mar. 1945.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

March 13.—War Subs. Maj. R. K. Debenham, *O.B.E.*, *M.D.*, *F.R.C.S.* (89675) to be a Consultant

and is granted the local rank of Brig., 27th Jan. 1945.

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS.

February 9.—Maj. A. Williams (15720) to be Lt.-Col., 26th Nov. 1944.

February 13.—Maj. A. Rhodes (35687) retires on

ret. pay. 10th Feb. 1945, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS COMFORTS GUILD.

The work of the Guild proceeds satisfactorily and we get many letters of appreciation from units serving abroad which have received gifts. Parcels are sent every week to the *R.A.M.C.* personnel in the Forward Areas in *B.L.A.*, *Burma* and *Italy*—they include, for all theatres of war, books, games, toilet requisites, football gear in the Corps colours, torches, playing cards, etc.

We are very grateful to all our knitters who are giving up so much of their time to knit for us; they will be glad to know what comfort these beautifully knitted garments have given to the

men in the Forward Areas. Every Prisoner of War, officers and men of the Corps, in Germany, is sent books and cigarettes and we still have quite a large number of "adoptees" to whom we send the quarterly "next-of-kin" parcels.

Lady Hood and the Committee acknowledge with many thanks the very generous donations sent to the Fund.

P. M. SANDIFORD,
R.A.M.C. Headquarters Mess, *Hon. Secretary.*
Millbank,
London, S.W.1.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Temp. Major S. M. Fraser, *N.W. Europe*
Temp. Major C. J. Longland, *N.W. Europe.*

Capt. V. D. R. Martin, *N.W. Europe.*
Capt. G. Rigby-Jones, *N.W. Europe.*

DEATHS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Lt.-Col. M. B. King. Died.
Major W. Napier. Killed in action.
Capt. R. A. B. Kinlock. Killed in action.
Capt. A. M. Ogilvie. Killed in action.
Capt. J. R. Sweeting. Killed in action.

Capt. A. Robson. Killed in Action.
Capt. D. J. Burgess. Died.
Capt. B. R. Cargill. Died.
Capt. G. A. Richard. Died, accident.

DEATHS.

WILLIAMS.—On Jan. 6, 1945, Major Ernest Montgomery Williams, R.A.M.C., Retired. Born in Murree, India, Oct. 3, 1867, he took the L.R.C.P. London, and the M.R.C.S. England, in 1892, and was commissioned Surgeon Lieutenant July 29, 1893. Promoted Surgeon Captain July 29, 1896, and Major April 29, 1905, he retired July 29, 1913. He held the Retired Pay appointment at Leicester Oct. 7, 1913, to Oct. 17, 1922, and at Topsham from Oct. 18, 1922, till May 25, 1925.

KING.—In Italy, the result of an accident, on Feb. 9, 1945, Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Baylis King, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C. Born March 15, 1890, he took the M.B. Dublin, in 1915. He was commissioned Lieutenant R.A.M.C.S.R. Aug. 9, 1914. Mobilized Oct. 1, 1915, he was promoted Captain April 1, 1916, and appointed to a Regular Commission June 1, 1918, becoming Captain R.A.M.C. April 1, 1919. He was promoted Major Oct. 1, 1927, and Lieutenant-Colonel April 25, 1942 (April 13, 1942). He was Surgeon to H.E. the Commander-in-Chief in India Oct. 20, 1933, to May 29, 1934. He served in Egypt from Jan. 1, 1916, till March 6, 1916, and in France and Belgium from March 7, 1916, till the end of the war. He was awarded the M.C. and Bar. The Bar for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty in rescuing wounded under very heavy shell fire. His fearlessness set a splendid example to the stretcher bearers, who were then much shaken by the heavy shelling—*London Gazette* July 18, 1917. He also received the British War and Victory Medals. He again saw service in Waziristan 1921-1924 receiving the Medal with Clasp. In the present war he was in France April 17 to June 2, 1940; in North Africa Nov. 9, 1942, till March 15, 1943, and in the Middle East and Central Mediterranean Force April 13, 1943, till the date of his death. A great grandson of Robert John Baylis Burkitt, sometime Assist. Surg., 63 Foot, 36 Foot and 94 Foot.

GRAHAM.—In Darlington on 15 Feb., 1945, Major James Herries Graham, M.B., R.A.M.C., Retired. Born May 9, 1879, he took the M.B. Durham, in 1902, and was commissioned Lieutenant R.A.M.C. July 31, 1905. Promoted Captain Jan. 31, 1909, and Major Oct. 15, 1915, he was placed on half-pay Dec. 9, 1917, on account of ill-health contracted on active service and retired for the same, Dec. 9, 1922. He served in France from Aug. 14, 1914, till taken prisoner on Aug. 24, 1915. He was awarded the 1914 Star, British War and Victory Medals.