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

No. 2722614 Guardsman Edward Colquhoun CHARLTON, Irish Guards.

In Germany on the morning of 21st April, 1945, Guardsman Charlton was co-driver in one tank of a troop which, with a platoon of infantry, seized the village of Wistedt. Shortly afterwards, the enemy attacked this position under cover of an artillery concentration and in great strength, comprising, as it later transpired, a battalion of the 15 Panzer Grenadiers supported by six self-propelled guns. All the tanks, including Guardsman Charlton's, were hit; the infantry were hard pressed and in danger of being over-run.

Whereupon, entirely on his own initiative, Guardsman Charlton decided to counter-attack the enemy. Quickly recovering the Browning from his damaged tank, he advanced up the road in full view of the enemy, firing the Browning from his hip. Such was the boldness of his attack and the intensity of his fire that he halted the leading enemy company, inflicting heavy casualties on them. This effort at the same time brought much needed relief to our own infantry.

For ten minutes Guardsman Charlton fired in this manner, until wounded in the left arm. Immediately, despite intense enemy fire, he mounted his machine gun on a nearby fence, which he used to support his wounded left arm. He stood firing thus for a further ten minutes until he was again hit in the left arm which fell away shattered and useless.

Although twice wounded and suffering from loss of blood, Guardsman Charlton again lifted his machine gun on to the fence, now having only one arm with which to fire and reload. Nevertheless, he still continued to inflict casualties on the enemy, until finally, he was hit for the third time and

collapsed. He died later of his wounds in enemy hands. The heroism and determination of this Guardsman in his self-imposed task were beyond all praise. Even his German captors were amazed at his valour.

Guardsman Charlton's courageous and self-sacrificing action not only inflicted extremely heavy casualties on the enemy and retrieved his comrades from a desperate situation, but also enabled the position to be speedily recaptured.

War Office, 2nd May, 1946.

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

Civilians.

Lady D. MOORE.

*Department of National Defence, Ottawa.
20th April, 1946.*

THE CANADIAN ARMY.

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

Canadian Infantry Corps.

Major William Boffey MOTTROM (CDN/275).
Major Arthur Joseph PRIMEAU (CDN/427).
Captain Adam Donald LANG (CDN/598).
Captain Alexander Ross MCINTOSH (CDN/94).
Captain Roderick Charles KEARY (CDN/26).
Lieutenant William Lawrence EAMON (CDN/550).
Lieutenant Kenneth James WILSON (CDN/51).
Lieutenant Edward Frank LARRET (CDN/170).

General List.

Captain Malcolm Morris STANLOW.

*Department of National Defence, Ottawa.
20th April, 1946.*

THE CANADIAN ARMY.

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

Canadian Infantry Corps.

A.3029 Pte. John William STEWART.

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OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
2nd May, 1946.*

*The Most Excellent Order of the
British Empire.*

ERRATA.

The appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary) John O'DWYER (31586) Corps of Royal Engineers, to be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, announced in the Supplement to the London

Gazette, No. 37407, dated the 1st January, 1946, page 27, is cancelled as the announcement of this appointment was published in the Supplement to the London Gazette, No. 37386, dated the 13th December, 1945, page 6059.

The appointment of Captain Ronald Francis Edward Wayte PEEL (110929) Corps of Royal Engineers, to be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, announced in the Supplement to the London Gazette, No. 37407, dated the 1st January, 1946, page 29, is cancelled as the announcement of this appointment was published in the Supplement to the London Gazette, No. 37386, dated the 13th December, 1945, page 6066.

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