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War Office, 17th October, 1941.

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

No. 7930 Serjeant John Daniel Hinton, New Zealand Military Forces.

On the night of 28th-29th April, 1941, during the fighting in Greece, a column of German armoured forces entered Kalamai; which column, contained armoured cars, 2" guns and 3" mortars, and two 6" guns, rapidly converged on a large force of British and New Zealand troops awaiting embarkation on the beach. When the order to retreat to cover was given, Serjeant Hinton, shouting "to Hell with this, who'll come with me," ran to within several yards of the nearest gun; the gun fired, missing him, and he hurled two grenades, which completely wiped out the crew. He then came on with the bayonet followed by a crowd of New Zealanders. German troops abandoned the first 6" gun and retreated into two houses. Serjeant Hinton smashed the window and then the door of the first house and dealt with the garrison with the bayonet. He repeated the performance in the second house and as a result, until overwhelming German forces arrived, the New Zealanders held the guns. Serjeant Hinton then fell with a bullet wound through the lower abdomen and was taken prisoner.

War Office, 17th October, 1941.

REGULAR ARMY.

Col. (actg. Maj.-Gen.) J. N. Kennedy, M.C. (13614), to be temp. Maj.-Gen. 14th Oct. 1941.

Col. Hon. T. P. P. Butler, D.S.O. (22555), retires on ret. pay 18th Sept. 1941, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.-Gen.

Col. C. C. Hewitt, D.S.O., M.C. (324), ret. pay (Res. of Off.) reverts to ret. pay 1st Sept. 1941, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS.

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Lt.-Col. C. H. M. Peto (13521), on completion of period of serv. in comd., remains on full pay (supernumerary). 17th Oct. 1941.

Maj. O. L. Prior-Palmer (13090), to be Lt.-Col. 17th Oct. 1941.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.) K. F. W. Dunn (4760), on completion of tenure of serv. as Regtl. Lt.-Col., retires on ret. pay 16th Oct. 1941, and remains empld.

Maj. M. E. S. Laws, M.C. (25105), to be Lt.-Col. 16th Oct. 1941.

Lt. (D.O.) P. C. Winstone (66307), to be Capt. (D.O.). 16th Oct. 1941.