

CITATIONS FOR AWARDS

The following Citations are for awards announced
in tonight's London Gazette:-

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Major (temp.Lt.Col.) WILLIAM MORRISON (34591)
(Royal Regiment of Artillery. (Bedlington))

A Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment under command of Lt.Col.Morrison took over the Hy.A.A. defences of Tobruk on 5th Dec.1942, at a time when the safeguarding from enemy air attack of the harbour and railhead installations and shipping was vital to the success of Eighth Army Operations. Between 5th Dec.42 and 27th Feb.43 the enemy attempted 8 separate air attacks by night on Tobruk. Not only was no damage whatsoever caused either to shipping or installations but, in nearly every case, the enemy dropped his bombs very wide of the vital area. Three enemy aircraft were shot down by Hy.A.A. guns during these night raids. This satisfactory result was achieved entirely by the good shooting of the Hy.A.A.Regt. which, through the leadership, ability and energy of Lt.Col.Morrison, had attained a high standard of efficiency and fighting spirit.

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Lt.Col.John Thomas WHETTON, O.B.E., M.C. (45811)
Royal Regiment of Artillery (Res.of Officers)
(Scarborough).

For devotion to duty, great enterprise, and the capable handling of his regt. over the period 23rd Oct.42 to 17th Feb.43.

Lt.Col.Whetton has shown great drive in the handling of his regt. Under his command his Survey Regiment has never failed to produce all the data, etc., necessary to enable the Artillery to bring down accurate and co-ordinated fire when required. He has personally ensured that the Sound Rangers and Flash Spotters have been sited to the best advantage, and that survey has been carried forward right up to the F.D.Ls. It was not generally believed that survey could be used during fast moving operations, but Lieut.Col.Whetton and his regt. have shown that survey, properly handled, can be made available over a wide front in an incredibly short space of time.

All the officers and men of his regt. have proved themselves possessed of a "cold blooded" courage that deserves the highest praise, and they have carried out their tasks under the noses of the enemy and frequently under fire without any failures, though they never had the opportunity to strike back themselves. It is considered that the Royal Artillery owe Lt.Col.Whetton and his regt. a great deal, and that he has personally contributed largely to their success.

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No.T/123912 Sergt.William JORGAN, R.A.S.C. (London S.E.22)

Sgt.William Jorgan, of an Army Film and Photographic Section, has been operating as a cameraman with Eighth Army for the past twelve months. He saw considerable service with the columns operating behind the enemy lines throughout the summer 1942 and was filming battles throughout the autumn and winter campaigns.

During the advance on Tripoli he accompanied an Armoured Brigade and showed himself to be completely regardless of personal danger. By his meritorious conduct and by his initiative in operating under heavy fire he gave an example which excited admiration from all who saw him. Much of his work has been used in the film "Desert Victory".

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