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CITATIONS  
THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL (MILITARY DIVISION).

No. 7933161 Trooper Kenneth Victor SHEPPARD,  
Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps.

Place of Birth:- Andover, Hants

Address of next of kin:- Whitchurch, Hants.

On 29th November, 1943, ammunition was taken over the River SANGRO and dumped within easy mortar range of the enemy in a locality which, through lack of any other, was an obvious supply area.

At the time the enemy increased his aerial attacks and it was during one of these which was carried out by at least a squadron of FW.190s that Trooper Sheppard was at the ammunition dump with his lorry. His vehicle, which was full of ammunition and very close to other lorries, was set on fire by enemy bombing, and two other vehicles were also hit. Trooper Sheppard, although warned away from the burning vehicle, immediately got a fire extinguisher and attacked the latter. Throughout the whole time and although enemy aircraft were still in the vicinity, he was completely cool and eventually managed to subdue the flames before any ammunition caught fire. It was undoubtedly his devotion to duty and courage which saved his vehicle and probably the whole dump from destruction.

No. 942477 Sergeant Leslie TIMMS,  
Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Place of birth:- Barnsley, Yorks.

Address of next of kin:- Doncaster, Yorks.

On 28th December, 1943, a 500 kilogram bomb was dropped from an enemy aircraft between No. 2 and No. 3 guns of a Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery. The No. 1 of No. 2. gun was wounded and several men received cuts. Sergeant Timms who was on No. 3 gun noticed that a charge on top of a pile of .44 charges near his gun had been set on fire and was burning fiercely. Showing great presence of mind and complete disregard for his own safety, and despite the fact that other enemy aircraft were overhead, he rushed from the shelter of his gunpit, seized the burning charge, carried it some thirty yards from the gun and placed it where it could burn out safely.

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