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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
 9th September, 1955.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to:—

1103321 Sergeant (Acting Battery Sergeant Major) (W.O. II) George William Frederick LADD, 5th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery.

On the 6th April, 1955, at Hohne in Germany there was a premature explosion in the 25 pdr. gun of one of the Armoured Fighting Vehicles of "K" Battery of the 5th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery. The detonation tore the gun from its carriage, killed one member of the gun detachment, and seriously injured the other, Bombardier Porter. The camouflage net burst into flames filling the shattered fighting compartment with burning fragments.

Battery Sergeant Major LADD shouted "Fire", called for extinguishers and ran immediately to the rescue, although he well knew that there were live shell and unfired cartridge bags at the gun. With complete disregard for his own safety he climbed into the vehicle. He found Bombardier Porter lying on the bottom of the compartment, very seriously burnt and bleeding. He lifted out the injured man and passed him to safety in the hands of others. He then threw clear the live shell and cartridge from the burning vehicle. Although now choking with the smoke and fumes and suffering from burns on his hands he gallantly fought the fire from within the compartment, tearing down the remains of the net and throwing out smouldering pieces of equipment. Using extinguishers, single handed, he put out the fire and did not leave the vehicle until all danger was passed although now suffering from shock and exhaustion.

By his prompt and fearless actions B.S.M. LADD saved the life of Bombardier Porter and prevented danger to the lives of others and further damage to valuable equipment.

The War Office, 9th September, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY.

Brig. T. H. SPEAR, O.B.E. (6710), late Inf., retires on ret. pay, 10th Sept. 1955.

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS.

3 H.

REGULAR ARMY.

2nd Lt. B. W. H. DUNLOP (430295) to be Lt., 31st July 1955, with precedence next below M. T. SCHWABE (430436).

7 H.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. F. H. P. G. BARKER (256498) to be Maj., 10th Sept. 1955.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lt.-Col. D. de G. LAMBERT (402699) (ret., late Ind. Army), having attained the age limit of liability to recall, relinquishes his commn., 8th Sept. 1955.

9 L.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. Nigel Crichton PEASE (430854) from R.A.C., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 8th Sept. 1955.

11 H.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Class III.

Lt. A. I. LEETHAM (413335) from Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 9th Sept. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

R.A.C.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. A. P. HORSMAN (430611) from Active List to be Lt., 15th Aug. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

Class III.

Lt. M. E. TUCK (415264) from T.A. Nat. Serv. List, Derby Yeo., to be Lt., 9th Sept. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

Lt. E. W. T. MOSSELMANS (417481) from T.A. Nat. Serv. List, Shrops Yeo., to be Lt., 9th Sept. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

Cheshire Yeo.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. C. J. N. ROBINSON (433341) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 8th Sept. 1955.

Derby Yeo.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. T. H. DRABLE (432678) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 8th Sept. 1955.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. H. R. BALLANTYNE (432405) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 8th Sept. 1955