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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of Gallant and Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories.

Military Cross

2nd Lieutenant (now Lieutenant) Alan Elliott THOMPSON (471365), 1st Battalion, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

This young officer has been deployed with his platoon in an outpost near the Indonesian border, for the period between the 5th September 1963 and the 8th January 1964. During this time the enemy made several attempts to attack his position with small parties. By his relentless determination to remain master of his area of responsibility and his example of personal leadership he frustrated all these attacks before they could develop fully. Displaying outstanding zeal and intelligence he has produced an exceptional flow of intelligence from the area and his platoon remains as alert and confident as when it was first deployed.

On 1st January 1964, as a result of a period of continuous patrolling he located an enemy medium machine gun which had been reported to be in his area and was suspected of having fired at our aircraft on several occasions. He took a small patrol as near as he could to the position and then went forward with one man until he completely surprised the enemy gun crew of four. He endeavoured to capture them but as they attempted to use their arms he was compelled to shoot and kill two of them and severely wounded the other two. He was in the process of destroying the enemy gun when he came under light machine gun fire and was forced to withdraw. Throughout the incident he displayed leadership and courage of a high order and a calmness and maturity beyond his years and experience.

21st April 1964.

REGULAR ARMY

Brig. M. W. H. HEAD, C.B.E. (58030), late R.A., retires on retired pay, 18th Apr. 1964.

Col. G. C. L. ALEXANDER, O.B.E., T.D. (66413), late R.E., retires on retired pay, 14th Apr. 1964.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. L. a B. ROBINSON, O.B.E. (33749), late Inf., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 20th Apr. 1964.

Col. P. D. MILLER, C.B.E., B.A. (38735), late Ft. Gds., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 21st Apr. 1964.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj.-Gen. W. ODLING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C. (44143), late R.A., relinquishes his appointment as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Far East, 26th Mar. 1964.

Brig. G. R. TURNER-CAIN, C.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C. (50884) late Inf., is appointed Major-General in Charge Administration, Headquarters, Far East Land Forces, and is granted the temporary rank of Maj.-Gen., 26th Mar. 1964.

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

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Class III

Capt. C. M. C. ROYDS (411811) from A.E. Res. of Offrs., to be Capt., 27th Feb. 1964.

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. Sir Michael WILLIAMS, Bt. (56274), having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 22nd Apr. 1964, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

Q.O.H.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. M. Q. FRASER (407835) to be Maj., 2nd Dec. 1963, with precedence next below C. A. PRIESTLEY (387098), R.A.S.C.

13/18 H.

REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. Nicholas Philip Harry Russell CHAMBERLIN (472247) from Short Serv. Commn. R.A.C., to be 2nd Lt., 20th Feb. 1964 with seniority 7th Oct. 1963.

15/19 H.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. (Q.M.) J. R. LAING, M.B.E., D.C.M. (416153), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 21st Apr. 1964.

Class III

Lt. M. K. BOURNE (449288) from A.E. Res. of Offrs., to be Lt., 28th Feb. 1964.

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REGULAR ARMY

Capt. A. E. G. GAUNTLETT (414857) to be Maj., 9th Feb. 1964, with precedence next above A. C. ROBINSON (414961).

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REGULAR ARMY

Capt. J. L. FIRTH (414846) to be Maj., 9th Feb. 1964, with precedence next above J. D. F. ALEXANDER (414789).