

Gurkhas, three Policemen and twenty-one Border Scouts at Long Jawi, a long house village some forty miles from the Indonesian Border. Just before first light he heard that Indonesians were about to attack. He immediately ran to the Scouts hut to give the alarm. Whilst doing so he was subjected to machine gun fire but succeeded in reaching the summit of the hill on which the hut was situated. Here, under heavy fire he organised the defence.

The enemy brought heavy fire to bear on the position with small arms, a medium machine gun and a sixty-millimetre mortar, killing one Gurkha and one Border Scout. At the same time they attacked and killed both the Gurkha and the Police radio operators in a little hut, thus preventing news of the attack being given. The Border Scouts withdrew into the jungle; there were left behind four Gurkhas, one policeman and one Border Scout to hold the position. Of these two were wounded. Corporal Tejbahadur rallied this small force and held the crest of the hill for three hours against a well armed force of over one hundred. It was subsequently found that five enemy had been killed and an unknown number wounded.

When their ammunition was almost exhausted Corporal Tejbahadur withdrew his force, tactically, to a position on a hill about a thousand yards away, from which he observed the enemy and gathered much useful information. Under cover of darkness he then led his men through uncharted jungle for three days and reported to the nearest military post. Throughout the action, Corporal Tejbahadur kept command of the situation conducting the defence with great skill and courage, and finally withdrawing in good order with all survivors and weapons.

21138535 Lance Corporal (Acting Corporal) BALMAN GURUNG, 2nd Battalion, 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

On the 22nd August 1963, No. 1 Platoon on patrol in Sarawak after a difficult approach march, arrived in the vicinity of an enemy camp.

During the tactical clearance of the area the terrorists, who earlier had withdrawn to a hidden position, opened fire, mortally wounding a Border Scout at Corporal Balman's side. Undeterred he immediately charged the enemy but was badly wounded in the thighs and arms by a grenade thrown in his path. His rifle also was hit causing it to jam. Despite his wounds and unserviceable weapon Corporal Balman continued to lead his men towards the enemy. Finally he was ordered by his Platoon Commander to withdraw to the rear to have his wounds dressed. Only then did this brave Corporal relinquish the command of his section.

Corporal Balman's disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to his men. It contributed greatly to maintaining the momentum of the attack, the success of which was mainly due to his great courage, determination and devotion to duty.

Distinguished Flying Medal

23220272 Corporal (Acting Sergeant) Martin Roger NICHOLS, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, attached to Army Air Corps.

During the period October 1962 to October 1963 Sergeant Nichols was engaged almost continually on operational flying in North Borneo, Brunei and Sarawak. Prior to the outbreak of the Brunei rebellion he was engaged on anti-piracy operations flying for many long hours in a single-engined aircraft unescorted and over the sea.

Since the outbreak of the rebellion, apart from short periods of rest, he has been continuously flying in support of operations in the Borneo Territories and has amassed the impressive total of 395 operational flying hours.

This flying involved operations over formidable mountainous jungle covered country, frequently in tropical weather inimical to flying. Inadequate radio communications in the area made it impossible to provide even the basic requirements of a flight safety system. The airstrips to which he operated were remote and marginal.

Despite these conditions and the resultant strain Sergeant Nichols cheerfully volunteered for more than his share of flying duty and on occasions when shortage of pilots was acute he exceeded the limit of flying hours allowed over a set period and had to be ordered to rest. His sorties included close visual reconnaissance over the jungle, supply dropping and troop lifts, casualty evacuations, flare dropping and night reconnaissance and leaflet drops.

Sergeant Nichols showed the highest qualities of pilot skill and airmanship, resourcefulness, initiative and zeal. He displayed a high degree of courage and determination in completing his tasks in the face of rapidly changing and adverse flying conditions.

Mentioned in Despatches

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Eric Beaumont BADGER (95260), The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Bates CLEMENTS, M.B.E., M.C. (200880), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Alan Ingram FILLINGHAM (333876), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward John Sidney BURNETT, M.B.E., M.C. (325908), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Major William SCOTT-MONCRIEFF (228892), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major Terence HOLLOWAY (403494), The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Captain (temporary Major) Digby Jeremie WILLOUGHBY (437203), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Captain (Q.G.O.) BIRBAHADUR GURUNG (411459), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant Robin David LETTS (465796), 1st Green Jackets, 43rd and 52nd.

Lieutenant Peter William BARKER (454918), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Lieutenant Forbes Hugh WALLACE (459337) (posthumous), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

22845429 Staff Sergeant Frank Anthony SMITH, Royal Corps of Signals.

21139657 Acting Staff Sergeant TILOKSING RAI, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

23121573 Sergeant Richard John Leslie BEALE, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

23531983 Corporal Patrick Henry Michael TOOVEY, Royal Corps of Signals.

23202459 Lance Corporal (Acting Corporal) George Thierry STAINFORTH, Special Air Service Regiment.

23742566 Lance Corporal Thomas James REECE, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

22959170 Private (acting Lance Corporal) William DANCE, The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

21st August 1964.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. J. H. PALLOT (53634) late R.A., retires on retired pay, 20th Aug. 1964.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS

4/7 D.G.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. P. J. M. MANNING (470111) resigns his commn., 1st Aug. 1964.

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ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. A. J. RUGGE-PRICE (467124) from Res. of Offrs., R.A.C., to be Lt., 14th July 1964, with seniority 24th May 1962.

R.T.R.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) S. F. T. B. LEVER, O.B.E. (129708) having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 21st Aug. 1964, retaining the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

R.A.C.

REGULAR ARMY

Short Serv. Commn.

2nd Lt. J. C. GARDNER (470390) to be Lt., 9th Aug. 1964.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. P. A. H. POULSOM (460496) relinquishes his commn., 30th June 1964, on appt. to the Australian Military Forces.