

in recognition of Distinguished Services in the Radfan Area of Southern Arabia:

*To be an Additional Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) Robert Louis HARGROVES (69493), late Infantry.

*To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Lieutenant-Colonel David More PONTIFEX, M.B.E. (232590), 3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade; attached 1st Battalion, The Federal Regular Army.

## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

27th April 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned, in recognition of Gallant Services in the Radfan Area of Southern Arabia:

23242020 Staff Sergeant Robert Bruce CHRISTISON, Corps of Royal Engineers.

On the evening of 13th August 1964, Sergeant Christison was ordered to remove a mine found buried in a defile on the road from Aden to Thumair, the main convoy route to the forward area. It was vital to clear the route and desirable to recover the mine intact. Vehicles had passed over it before its discovery but for reasons not then known it had not exploded, and it was liable to go off at any time. Coolly in the fading light Sergeant Christison chipped away at the earth packed on the top of the mine, until he could tie a cable round the "Spider". He retired to safety to pull the mine out of the ground but it would not move. Sergeant Christison returned to the mine and working by the lights of a vehicle after nearly an hour's more work finally freed it, defuzed it and recovered it intact. Throughout this delicate operation in poor light the least error, or even movement of the mine might have meant instant death.

14747109 Sergeant Joseph William JONES, 1st Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Sergeant Jones is a rifle platoon sergeant in B Company of this Battalion. In the operations in the Wadi Rabwa his platoon commander was wounded while leading part of his platoon to the objective. Sergeant Jones quickly organised the remainder and led them through heavy sniping fire to join the forward troops. He took command of the platoon and during the re-organisation phase moved openly round the area encouraging his men, who were under fire for the first time. The success achieved by his platoon in their first engagement was due largely to his excellent leadership.

Sergeant Jones continued to command 6 Platoon in subsequent operations in the Wadi Taym and Wadi Misrah for the next two months. The platoon has done everything that was asked of it, and it has a high morale, largely owing to Sergeant Jones's conduct and example.

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22980862 Sergeant (acting Staff-Sergeant) Peter Andrew GERAGHTY, 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, The Parachute Corps.

## MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct:

23765828 Corporal Ronald Charles DAY, 1st Battalion (Norfolk & Suffolk) The Royal Anglian Regiment.

On the night of 17th/18th February 1965, in the Crater Area of Aden, Corporal Day was in charge of a vehicle patrol which was blown up by a grenade wounding all five members of the patrol. He completely disregarded his wounds, and by his personal example of fortitude and leadership of the highest order in deploying two of his lightly wounded comrades, restored a situation, which, but for his energetic action might have had serious consequences.

27th April 1965.

### REGULAR ARMY

Brig. R. E. LODER, C.B.E. (52660), late Inf., retires on retired pay, 24th Apr. 1965.

Col. M. H. COBB, M.A., A.R.I.C.S. (71892), late R.E., retires on retired pay, 24th Apr. 1965.

Lt.-Col. A. J. WILSON, M.B.E., M.C., B.A., (180730), from L.F., to be Col., 29th Oct. 1964, with seniority 4th May 1963.

### ROYAL ARMoured CORPS

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### REGULAR ARMY

Maj. B. H. C. GATENSURRY (337391) retires on retired pay, 28th Apr. 1965.

R.T.R.

### REGULAR ARMY

Lt. A. A. GAITSKELL (454674) to be Capt., 25th Apr. 1965.

R.A.C.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) C. M. HOULTON (88048) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 25th Apr. 1965, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

Cheshire Yeo.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lt. J. R. A. FOX (438717) to be Capt., 24th Feb. 1965.

L.D.Y.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Actg. Maj.) J. M. BRIDGEMAN (409671) to be Maj., 26th Apr. 1965, with seniority 6th May 1963.

L.Y.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

Maj. A. D. MONTEATH, T.D. (364207), to be Lt.-Col., 25th Mar. 1965.

### ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

### REGULAR ARMY

Capt. J. NORTH (424423) to be Maj., 27th Apr. 1965.

Lt. N. H. McGRATH (461472) resigns his commn., 26th Mar. 1965.

### Short Serv. Commns.

19155208 W.O. Cl. I (M.G.) Albert Edward James FELTON (477911) to be 2nd Lt., 2nd Mar. 1965. To be Lt., 2nd Mar. 1965.

14460383 W.O. Cl. II (A.I.G.) David John Cubitt FERRY (477907) to be 2nd Lt., 2nd Mar. 1965. To be Lt., 2nd Mar. 1965.

### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. A. G. L. CLOSE (47532) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 25th Apr. 1965.

Capt. (Q.M.) J. MURRAY (422973) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 22nd Apr. 1965.

### Short Serv. Commn.

2nd Lt. M. W. W. HUTTON-BLACK (470881) from Active List, to be 2nd Lt., 14th Apr. 1965.

### TERRITORIAL ARMY

Maj. M. R. CORFIELD-FLINT (131827) (Maj., Res. of Offrs.), to be Capt., 19th Dec. 1964, with seniority 24th Aug. 1951.