

Sergeant Lillico, realising that his beacon signal would bring the helicopter within reach of the enemy, switched it off in order not to endanger the aeroplane. He afterwards crawled away from this position some little way. Later that day the helicopter returned, and this time Lillico considered he was sufficiently far from the enemy not to endanger it and again switched his beacon on and succeeded in bringing it to his position. He was then located and winched out.

Sergeant Lillico throughout this action displayed the finest leadership, bravery and self-sacrifice. He showed superb presence of mind and courage, when badly wounded, in switching off his Sarbe beacon when within close enemy range, and thereby most probably avoided the loss of a helicopter and its crew. This is the more remarkable in that at this time he had been wounded for over 24 hours and had lost a considerable amount of blood.

*Military Medal*

23532335 Corporal William Redvers TINDALE, The Parachute Regiment

Throughout his tour in Borneo Corporal Tindale has trained and led his section with conspicuous success. Between 16th and 22nd May 1965, he was in contact with the enemy on three separate occasions and twice drove off overwhelming numbers of the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties.

On 16th May he was commanding the leading section of a platoon which was sent out to investigate a large enemy incursion. The enemy were seen and fire was opened, one of the enemy being hit for certain, for he was carried away into the bush and blood was found on the spot.

Corporal Tindale's section then became part of a stronger follow up which was conducted with great care, as it was known that a large enemy force was ambushing the withdrawal tracks. By skilful movement, the follow up arrived in the middle of the enemy ambush from an unexpected direction. The enemy force, which outnumbered its pursuers by at least two to one, then opened fire at point blank range. Completely ignoring the heavy volume of automatic fire which came from the enemy, Corporal Tindale immediately led his section in a gallant charge which forced them to break and flee into the jungle, suffering at least another 5 casualties in the process.

On 22nd May Corporal Tindale's platoon was roped down from helicopters behind a large enemy force on the border ridge. He was then sent with his section to search the ridge and, after going a short distance, movement was heard in the trees ahead. Corporal Tindale immediately put his section into ambush positions and about 40 of the enemy then broke cover and came towards them. Corporal Tindale ordered fire to be held until the enemy were 6 yards away and then opened a concentrated fire from his whole section against the enemy who were bunched on the ridge. At least 4 of the enemy were killed and 10 wounded. But there were more of them behind in the trees and an attack then developed around their flank and a light mortar began to hit the knoll on which they lay. Corporal Tindale then executed a skilful fighting withdrawal and joined the rest of his platoon without loss.

Throughout all these engagements, Corporal Tindale led his section with the utmost skill and with great gallantry. His coolness and firm leadership under fire were an inspiration to his section, who inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy without loss.

*Military Medal*

23256793 Corporal Malcolm Brian Jack BAUGHAN, The Parachute Regiment.

In the early hours of 27th April 1965, Corporal Baughan's platoon was defending the company base when they came under heavy attack by a force of Indonesian infantry more than 150 strong who were powerfully supported by rocket launchers, mortars, rifle grenades and machine guns from the surrounding hills. Corporal Baughan, who was acting platoon sergeant, had his shelter destroyed by a rocket bomb in the first burst of fire. Although stunned by blast from two bombs he immediately checked to see that the other men were uninjured and sent them to their stand-to positions. He then made his way under fire to a machine gun post where he took command, steadied the young soldiers defending the post and brought their de-

fensive fire under control, sweeping the ridge from which the enemy rocket launchers were firing. Later he exposed himself to check all nearby bunkers were clear.

During this engagement the enemy had captured a mortar pit. Whilst re-occupying it his platoon commander was wounded. Corporal Baughan immediately organised its defence, took over command of the platoon and moved to the next machine gun post under fire.

After the main enemy assault had been defeated, two more enemy parties again approached the perimeter and Corporal Baughan immediately volunteered for a patrol which went out to drive them off.

Throughout the whole battle Corporal Baughan was an inspiration to his platoon, which he commanded from the time his platoon commander was wounded. His leadership and bravery were instrumental to the successful defence of the base and his gallant attack on the mortar pit was decisive in ejecting the enemy from a dangerous foothold, from which they might otherwise have overrun the position.

*Military Medal*

21140405 Corporal BIRBAHADUR GURUNG, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

During an attack against an Indonesian defensive position on the border of the 5th Division of Sarawak on the 30th January 1965, Corporal Birbahadur Gurung was the 3 inch Mortar Mobile Fire Controller with the company. Owing to the proximity of the border, and the difficult nature of the ground which had precluded adequate reconnaissance, mortar base plate positions had to be selected at night, and no pre-registration was possible prior to the attack.

Whilst clearing what was thought to be the main enemy position, the company came under heavy fire from another area to which the bulk of the enemy had retired. The fire from two heavy medium machine guns had quickly inflicted casualties on the company, and made movement difficult. In order to see the enemy fire positions, Corporal Birbahadur had to expose himself as cover was very poor. He quickly engaged the targets and after a short period of bombardment had silenced one of the machine guns. Whilst engaged on this task an enemy mortar also opened accurate fire on the company position. Corporal Birbahadur, although again exposed to enemy fire, coolly re-directed the fire of one of his own mortars, the second bomb hitting the enemy pit and blowing out the mortar and its crew. He continued to direct fire for more than an hour and eventually silenced all enemy weapons.

Throughout the action Corporal Birbahadur showed great courage and bravery, and displayed a very high degree of skill, he has proved himself to be a brave and efficient leader, far beyond what is normally required of his rank.

*Military Medal*

21147244 Lance Corporal HASTABAHADUR PUN, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Lance Corporal Hastabahadur Pun took part in an action against regular Indonesian soldiers in the Pensiangan area of Sabah. He served as number one on a general purpose machine gun and was initially given the task of covering the first objective on the enemy position whilst flanking troops prepared to attack. When an enemy sentry approached, Lance Corporal Hastabahadur remained silent with his weapon aimed at the objective, deliberately sacrificing his own safety in order not to jeopardise the outcome of the battle. Shortly afterwards the enemy sentry had to be killed, silence was lost, and Lance Corporal Hastabahadur at once sprang into action giving his section covering fire as he moved forward. The area then came under heavy fire but although he was in an exposed position he continued effectively to engage the enemy until required to move again under fire to support others. The first two enemy positions having been captured, Lance Corporal Hastabahadur engaged a third group of enemy. To do this he had to balance his gun on a tree stump in the open and under fire. With bullets striking all round him, he calmly and fearlessly operated his gun with devastating effect. From the same exposed position he later