

a track, sometimes used by dissidents. During this night a major attack was made by the enemy on various targets in Dhala. The most closely pressed of these was upon the Emir's palace which was bombarded with Blinicied rockets at about 2200 hours.

Lance Sergeant Connell was in charge of half of the patrol whose original task was to cover the remainder who were ambushing the track. At about 2215 hours he saw first three, and then a lot more men walking across his front on another track some 150 yards away. He opened fire, but very soon found that his own force of eight men were under attack, and quickly outflanked by about twenty-five of the enemy. These men were armed with rifles at least one light machine gun and grenades. Lance Sergeant Connell was on the highest point of his position, and in the light of a full moon he was soon seen and became a target for the enemy. In spite of this he not only kept his section firing in a most spirited manner, but calmly called for mortar fire, which at one moment he brought down to no more than 50 yards from his own position. He continued to hold the position until his ammunition ran out, and even then stayed there, directing mortars, until he was ordered to withdraw. By this time four of his eight men had been wounded, the enemy had been close enough to throw grenades at them and he had had two bullets through his radio, on which he had been talking at the time. When the engagement appeared to be over he organised the care of the wounded, and was the last to leave after he had been ordered to do so. As a result of this action the names of five of the enemy were later given as killed and at least one more wounded.

Throughout the engagement Lance Sergeant Connell behaved with coolness and courage which was a fine example to his section.

23908582 Guardsman Colin Edward SNAPE, Coldstream Guards.

On the night of 10th/11th June 1965, Guardsman Snape was a member of a patrol in the Dhala area. The patrol was split into two, half to ambush a track, and the other half to give them cover. It was in this latter section that Guardsman Snape was. At about 2315 hours this section was attacked by what later turned out to be some 25 well equipped and organised enemy. Early in the engagement the General Purpose Machine Gun gunner was wounded. Guardsman Snape then took over the gun and quickly brought it back into action. In spite of his being under heavy fire, and the fact that two grenades exploded very near him, and in spite of bright moonlight he crawled forward with the gun to get a better shoot. By this time two more members of the patrol had been wounded and the enemy were within 30 yards. He went on firing until there was no more ammunition. He was then ordered back, but he made it his business to help in the evacuation of the wounded. Only when he returned to camp did he admit to having been hurt himself, and it was then soon found that he had been struck very hard on the head by some object.

His aggressive and fearless action was in the best traditions of the Regiment and an inspiration to his comrades.

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St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
25th January 1966.

ERRATUM

London Gazette No. 43855 (Australia). Page 38 dated 1st January 1966:

For: Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Alexander McDONALD (3392), Royal Australian Infantry.

Read: Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Alexander McDONALD, M.C. (3392), Royal Australian Infantry.

London Gazette No. 43857 (Sierra Leone). Page 45 dated 1st January 1966:

For: Major Frank WEST, Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces.

Read: Major Frank WEST (356001), Royal Army Pay Corps (Force Paymaster Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces).

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned award for gallantry in Aden:

Military Cross

Lieutenant Joseph James SMITH (468118) The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Territorial Army (serving with The Royal Sussex Regiment).

On 6th July 1965, Lieutenant Smith, who was commanding the Piccadilly picquet, manned by 3 Platoon, A Company, 1 Royal Sussex led an ambush patrol towards the top of the steep rise known as Ludgate Hill.

The ambush was in fact sited to intercept dissidents moving along the track leading up from the Wadi Taim; however at 2120 hours a small party of dissidents were observed coming along the top of the escarpment past the ambush positions. Lieutenant Smith quietly redeployed his ambush and opened fire on the party of dissidents at a range of about 75 yards. Two of the dissidents were seen to fall whilst the remainder scattered and returned the fire of the patrol wounding one of its members.

Lieutenant Smith then called for Artillery fire on the path of retreat of the dissidents. He himself rendered first aid to the wounded soldier and withdrew his patrol to Piccadilly. He then ordered periodic harassing fire to be brought down on the area of the attack to prevent the dissidents recovering the bodies.

At 0630 hours the next morning he took his patrol back to the scene of the ambush where he recovered two dead Arabs. It subsequently transpired that four dissidents were killed and two wounded.

It is considered that Lieutenant Smith, a Territorial Army Emergency Reserve Officer, who had only recently joined his battalion displayed outstanding courage and skill in circumstances that would have tested a more experienced Officer.

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

23546581 Private Terrence Frederick BAKER, Royal Army Medical Corps (attached to 24 Field Squadron Royal Engineers).

During an attack on the camp at Al Milah, Western Aden Protectorate by dissident tribesmen in which there were two fatal casualties, Private Baker assisting the Regimental Medical Officer displayed great devotion to duty, courage and complete disregard for his own safety, moving around the camp whilst under fire and giving medical assistance to the wounded.

Over a period of four months Private Baker has shown exceptional loyalty and example whilst performing the duties of Medical Orderly to the Unit single handed, which has earned the admiration and praise of his colleagues in the field.

Her Majesty The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Military Medal for gallantry in Aden to the undermentioned:

Military Medal

22817334 Sergeant Peter Stanley GODDARD, Coldstream Guards.

On 1st December 1964, Sergeant Goddard was a Platoon Sergeant in Number 3 Company, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards when his platoon took part in an ambush in the Wadi Quatana, a mile or so from Blairs Field in the Wadi Taym, Radfan. His task was to command the forward section which was in the Wadi, covered by other men in the Platoon.

At about 3 p.m. he was organising the preparation of the defence of the position. He had two sentries out, and the remainder were working. At this moment the leading men of a party of some 20 insurgents stumbled into the position. Both sides immediately opened fire, and the section commander who was manning the General Purpose Machine Gun was soon very seriously wounded in the head.

With most notable coolness Sergeant Goddard first got his men into fire positions under cover and organised their fire effectively. He then took steps to ensure the safety of the wounded Non Commissioned