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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
 18th March 1966.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned in recognition of gallant conduct in Malacca:

Captain Michael Drummond HALL (458126), Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

During the night of 28th October 1965, Captain Hall and the duty Ammunition Technician went to Malacca in response to a call for assistance by the Malacca Police to deal with an Indonesian sabotage device. This was in fact the 23rd occasion that Captain Hall had been called out to deal with such devices in the past six months.

On arrival, Captain Hall was shown the device which was lying on the concrete floor of a garage near the centre of the town. It was at once apparent to him that this was an entirely new and highly dangerous type of bomb. It was found to be built up in a metal box, which made it impossible to ascertain the components. Captain Hall decided that for the safety of all Bomb Disposal personnel in the Far East, it was necessary to make every endeavour to discover the workings of the bomb. This could only be done by the extremely hazardous operation of cutting sections away from the box with infinite care and rendering safe each component part as it was discovered. In spite of the care that had to be taken, no time could be wasted owing to the likelihood of a timing device.

Captain Hall ordered the whole area to be cleared for a distance of two hundred yards and then arranged with the Police Inspector that he should come forward for a briefing and photographs be taken of each stage of the procedure, so that no knowledge of this type of bomb would be lost if it were to explode whilst being dismantled.

For the next two and a half hours under extremely difficult lighting conditions, Captain Hall and his assistant lay on their stomachs and cut away sections of the metal box dismantling the bomb piece by piece. Two mechanical anti-handling devices were gradually exposed and were made safe. It was at this stage that the removal of another TNT block exposed part of an electrical circuit, indicating the presence of a timing mechanism or an electrical anti-lift device. With the introduction of this new complication, Captain Hall decided to attempt to reduce the explosive content of the charge to minimise the destructive and lethal effects should the device function on a timed basis. After a further hour of intense and concentrated effort, an extremely delicate electrical

anti-handling device was made safe, the timing device neutralised and the bomb completely dismantled. The bomb contained 7 pounds of TNT, two hand grenades and incendiary material.

Throughout the whole operation Captain Hall acted calmly and deliberately, fully realising all the time that one slip of the hand or false move would mean instant death not only to himself but also to his assistant.

Captain Hall's gallantry has ensured that the effect of this new and highly ingenious type of terrorist sabotage activity can now be minimised and that Bomb Disposal personnel throughout the Far East now know all the dangers of this particularly fiendish device.

19042950 Warrant Officer Class II Brian James Crawford REID, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

During the night of 28th October 1965, Warrant Officer Reid, the duty Ammunition Technician, went to Malacca to assist his officer in dealing with an Indonesian sabotage device which they had been requested to disarm by the Malacca Police.

On seeing the device, it was quite apparent to him that this was an entirely new and highly dangerous type of bomb. It was found to be built up in a metal box which made it impossible to ascertain the components, but it was necessary, for the safety of all Bomb Disposal personnel in the Far East, to make every attempt to discover the workings of the bomb. This could only be done by the extremely hazardous operation of cutting away sections from the box with infinite care and rendering safe each component part as it was discovered. In spite of the care that had to be taken, no time could be wasted owing to the likelihood of a timing device. As the chances of dismantling the bomb successfully were considered slight, Warrant Officer Reid was given the opportunity to retire to a safe place. This he firmly refused to do, despite the fact that he had dismantled several other time bombs and was fully aware of the dangers of this particularly ingenious device.

For a period of two and a half hours under extremely difficult lighting conditions, sections of the metal cover were cut away and the bomb dismantled piece by piece. Two mechanical anti-handling devices were gradually exposed and were made safe. It was at this stage that it was thought that the most dangerous part of the operation was over, but the removal of a TNT block exposed part of an electrical circuit, indicating the presence of a timing mechanism or an electrical anti-lift device. Despite the increased danger, Warrant Officer Reid continued to give invaluable assistance until after another hour of intense and concentrated effort, an extremely delicate electrical

anti-handling device was made safe, the timing device neutralised and the bomb completely dismantled. The bomb contained 7 pounds of TNT, two hand grenades and incendiary material.

Throughout this protracted ordeal, Warrant Officer Reid acted with great calm and determination. Despite the fact that on several occasions he was asked to perform tasks where one slip of his hand would have meant instant death to the officer and himself, he never faltered.

Warrant Officer Reid's gallantry has ensured that the effect of this new and highly ingenious type of terrorist sabotage activity can now be minimised and that Bomb Disposal personnel throughout the Far East now know all the dangers of this particularly fiendish device.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

24006858 Officer Cadet Alan Sinclair ROBERTSON, Officers Training Corps.

On the evening of 25th September 1965, in complete darkness and heavy rain, an Army Vehicle driven by Officer Cadet Robertson of Edinburgh University O.T.C., became stranded at mid-stream whilst attempting to ford the River Tweed during a Territorial Army exercise.

The ford was in fact impassable in the existing conditions, but since neither he nor his team mates had any knowledge of the locality, they were unable to make a sound judgement of the situation and were indeed misled by seeing the rear lights of a vehicle moving up the opposite bank. The lights were those of a Recovery Vehicle attempting to tow out a previously stranded vehicle.

The river, which at this point was about 50 yards wide, and normally about 2 feet deep, had risen in violent flood to a depth of 4 to 6 feet and was a raging torrent. Officer Cadet Robertson and his crew managed to attract the attention of the recovery personnel on the far bank, who threw a rope, which after several attempts, was secured to the Vehicle. It was with the assistance of this rope that they were to attempt to reach the bank.

Officer Cadet Kariango, W.R.A.C. (T.A.), a non-swimmer, went first, but was swept down stream. Officer Cadet Robertson, realising her peril, struggled to the bank, and after running for some 100 yards, located her by her screams, dived into the torrent fully clad and finally got her to the bank.

His indomitable courage, perseverance and desperate effort in terrifying conditions undoubtedly saved Officer Cadet Kariango's life.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant conduct in Vietnam:

Distinguished Conduct Medal

12128 Warrant Officer Class I. Stanley Thomas KENT, Royal Australian Infantry.

Warrant Officer Kent saw active service during the Second World War with the Australian Imperial Forces from 1939 to 1945 and re-enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on the 29th of June 1951. Before being posted to South Vietnam, Warrant Officer Kent served as an instructor to National Service trainees and with the Citizen Military Forces as a member of a regular army cadre.

Upon arrival in Vietnam on the 16th of March 1965, Warrant Officer Kent was assigned to the province of Quang Tri as an advisor to the Vietnamese Regional and Popular Forces.

On the 28th of May 1965, the 912th Regional Force Company and the Sector Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon were occupying a blocking position outside the hamlet of Van Van in Quang

Tri Province. These units had been in contact with the enemy all day as the Viet Cong were attempting to break out of a cordon established by regular Vietnamese troops and Regional Forces troops.

Viet Cong pressure on the blocking force increased and at this time the Vietnamese Commander was mortally wounded. Warrant Officer Kent initially assisted this officer to a more secure area. When the troops saw that their Commander had been wounded and was being evacuated, they began dropping back from their blocking position in a state of confusion. Warrant Officer Kent quickly assessed the situation and immediately and voluntarily returned to the most forward positions, where he exposed himself to hostile fire and to direct observation by the Viet Cong. He moved about freely reassuring the Vietnamese troops by his presence and urging them to return to their firing positions. This they did. His actions transcended the normal requirements of an advisor as he personally imposed leadership directly upon the Vietnamese troops at a time, when had he not done so, the situation would have completely deteriorated. As a direct result of his actions, the blocking force held its position thus containing the Viet Cong. At the same time reasonable security was provided for the medical evacuation helicopter landing area, enabling casualties to be evacuated quickly.

Warrant Officer Kent's conduct reflected great credit upon himself as a professional soldier and was in the highest traditions of the Australian Army.

Military Medal

29693 Sergeant (temporary Warrant Officer Class II) Robert John PENMAN, Royal Australian Infantry.

Temporary Warrant Officer Penman enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on the 23rd of June 1958. Prior to his posting to the Australian Army Training Team in Vietnam he served with the First Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment, the Third Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment and the Infantry Centre.

Upon his arrival in South Vietnam on the 18th of August 1964, Warrant Officer Penman was assigned as a Battalion Advisor to the First Battalion of the First Regiment of the Army of The Republic of Vietnam.

During his assignment with this Battalion Warrant Officer Penman took part in many operations against the Viet Cong and earned himself the respect and admiration of both Vietnamese and American allies for his bravery and unselfish actions in the face of heavy hostile fire. He was twice cited by the Vietnamese Government for bravery and service as an advisor to the Army of The Republic of Vietnam.

On the 15th February 1965 Warrant Officer Penman was accompanying the Command Group of a rifle company of the Second Battalion First Regiment at Nhat Ap, Quang Tri province South Vietnam. The company was in close pursuit of a Viet Cong platoon that was attempting to withdraw across an open rice field. The company was not completely re-organised after a previous contact and the Command Group was well behind the three rifle platoons. Suddenly the Command Group came under flanking fire from a group of three Viet Cong at a range of one hundred metres. The Command Group took cover behind a small embankment in the rice field but the Vietnamese personnel were unable to return fire because the Company Commander's carbine jammed and the remaining personnel were armed with pistols. Warrant Officer Penman and an American Advisor rose to a crouch from behind the embankment and placed continuous and accurate carbine fire on the enemy position, killing two of the Viet Cong and forcing the third to retreat.

As a result of Warrant Officer Penman's and the American Advisor's calm and courageous actions the Command Group was able to proceed and regain control of the pursuit which resulted in the virtual destruction of the Viet Cong platoon with thirty Viet Cong killed and four captured. Had the flank threat not been eliminated the Command group would have become ineffective and the pursuit delayed or disrupted, which would have allowed the Viet Cong to escape.

Warrant Officer Penman's heroic action in leaving his covered position to place effective fire on the three Viet Cong prevented neutralisation of the Command Group and also avoided probable casualties to the Command Group personnel. His conduct reflected great credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

18th March 1966.

H.L.I.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. (Hon. Brig.) J. T. ROBINSON, O.B.E., M.D., D.P.M. (47427), late R.A.M.C., having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 2nd Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Brig.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

14/20 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Limited Serv. Reg. Commn.

19033775 W.O. Cl. I (R.S.M.) Terence Roy CRIPPS (480820) to be 2nd Lt., 15th Feb. 1966, with seniority 15th Feb. 1962. To be Lt., 15th Feb. 1966, with seniority 15th Feb. 1964.

11 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. T. A. HALL (383858) retires on retired pay, 19th Feb. 1966, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. P. J. WATSON (416012) to be Maj., 17th Mar. 1966.

Lt. (Q.M.) N. B. J. BENNETT (475589) to be Capt. (Q.M.), 18th Mar. 1966.

Short Serv. Commn.

2nd Lt. H. S. TRESEDER (471073) from Res. of Offrs., R.A., is restored to the Active List in the rank of 2nd Lt., 21st Feb. 1966, with seniority 20th July 1963.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. F. J. N. DAVIS, T.D. (143162), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 17th Mar. 1966, retaining the rank of Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col.

Maj. T. SPENCE, T.D. (233751), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 17th Mar. 1966, retaining the rank of Maj.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) D. F. PLATTS, T.D. (87425), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 18th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. M. A. NOLAN (465600) to be Capt., 17th Mar. 1966.

Lt. Hazard ERRINGTON (477592) from Short Serv. Commn., to be Lt. (Q.M.), 2nd Nov. 1965.

Lt. (Dir. of Music) E. G. HORABIN (472209) to be Capt. (Dir. of Music), 17th Mar. 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. A. C. HOLLWAY, T.D. (64218), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 17th Mar. 1966, retaining the rank of Capt.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. G. N. BELL (426826) to be Maj., 19th Mar. 1966.

Limited Serv. Reg. Commn.

Lt. (Q.M.) John Ivor JENKINS (477556) from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 4th Jan. 1966, with seniority 17th Dec. 1960. To be Lt., 4th Jan. 1966, with seniority 17th Dec. 1962.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) W. J. T. STEWART (89497) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 16th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

Lt. D. MAGUIRE (447460) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 18th Mar. 1966.

INFANTRY

LOWLAND BRIGADE

R.S.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

2nd Lt. A. C. J. WATSON (480102) (on probation) resigns his commn., 8th Feb. 1966.

R.H.F.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. A. GORDON, M.C. (52631), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) J. C. W. BRINGAN, T.D. (69491), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

HOME COUNTIES BRIGADE

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TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. R. F. L. OCHS (470751) from Active List, to be Lt., 3rd Feb. 1966.

R. Sussex

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. R. B. de F. SLEEMAN, O.B.E., M.C. (50239) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966.

FUSILIER BRIGADE

R.N.F.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. J. McNALLY (300201) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.

R. War. F.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) P. J. FEENY (90639) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. I. G. BARCLAY-LOGGIE (454848) with effect from 6th Feb. 1966, seniority as Lt. is 5th Dec. 1960.

WESSEX BRIGADE

Dorset

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) J. T. MELVIN, T.D. (78289) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) R. W. HEWSON (86253) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 18th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

D.E.R.R.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) A. H. BUCKHAM, O.B.E. (65698) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966.

YORKSHIRE BRIGADE

P.W.O.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. P. A. GEBHARD (461153) to be Capt., 17th Mar. 1966.

Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. (Q.M.) J. W. PETERSON (476308) to be Capt. (Q.M.), 16th Mar. 1966.

Green Howards

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. B. G. JOHNSON (475899) with effect from 1st Jan. 1966, seniority as Lt. is 19th Dec. 1960.

MERCIAN BRIGADE

Cheshire

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. J. H. SCURFIELD (416133) to be Maj., 1st Mar. 1966.

S. Staffords

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

2nd Lt. R. SIDAWAY (95371) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966.

WELSH BRIGADE

R.W.F.

REGULAR ARMY

Short Serv. Commn.

14441366 W.O. Cl. I Donald MATTHEWS (480180) to be Lt. (Q.M.), 2nd Jan. 1966.

ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) B. H. PINSENT, T.D. (96336) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 18th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. H. C. M. WALTON, M.B. (51340) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 22nd Jan. 1966, retaining the rank of Lt.-Col.

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. P. G. WHITEHEAD (432346) to be Maj. 17th Mar. 1966.

Lt. Leonard Walter SILVER (476250) from Short Serv. Commn. to be Lt. (O.E.O.), 13th Feb. 1966. To be Capt. (O.E.O.), 17th Feb. 1966.

Maj. (O.E.O.) A. E. W. ABLETT (425837) retires on retired pay, 13th Feb. 1966.

Lt. (Q.M.) I. E. W. ARATHOON, M.B.E. (475978) to be Capt. (Q.M.), 16th Mar. 1966.

7598836 W.O. Cl. I James Alfred CARGILL (479768) to be Lt. (O.E.O.), 6th Nov. 1965.

CORPS OF ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. (E.M.A.E.) F. S. P. BAIRD (438151) retires on retired pay, 17th Mar. 1966.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. (Hon. Brig.) J. ORR, C.B.E., B.Sc.(Eng.) (64807) having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 17th Mar. 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. G. G. CROSSLEY (460573) from Active List to be Lt., 21st Jan. 1966.

CORPS OF ROYAL MILITARY POLICE

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) I. G. DONALDSON (71573) having attained the age limit ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 19th Mar. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Short Serv. Commns.

Maj. B. D. CAREY, M.C. (129895) relinquishes his commn. on completion of service, 17th Mar. 1966, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

Maj. F. W. SWAIN, T.D. (95769) relinquishes his commn. on completion of service, 18th Mar. 1966, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

Capt. D. F. DESEVIN (305304) relinquishes his commn. on completion of service, 18th Mar. 1966, and is granted the hon. rank of Capt.

ROYAL ARMY EDUCATIONAL CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. E. P. GLEADOW, M.B.E., M.A. (149365) retires on retired pay, 18th Mar. 1966.

Short Serv. Commns.

Lt. K. A. MULLINS (473780) to be Capt., 8th Sept. 1965.

Lt. C. J. M. WOODHOUSE (465446) to be Capt., 17th Mar. 1966.

ROYAL ARMY DENTAL CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. D. BOULTON, B.D.S. (471987) to be Maj., 17th Mar. 1966.

INTELLIGENCE CORPS

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. B. P. PEARSON (417103) having attained the age limit ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 17th Mar. 1966.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY NURSING CORPS

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. R. K. PIETRICHE née HICKMAN (454278) ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 5th Feb. 1966.

The undermentioned Lts. having attained the age limit cease to belong to the Res. of Offrs. on the dates shown:

B. STAPLETON (263195), 1st Feb. 1966.

E. E. HARRIES (238157), 3rd Feb. 1966.

M. HILL (208475), 4th Feb. 1966.

GENERAL LIST

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. G. WILLIAMS (324134) retires, 23rd Jan. 1966, retaining the rank of Capt.

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