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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry.

Lieutenant Derek Joseph GLARVEY (480156), Royal Armoured Corps.

On 31st March 1966, Lieutenant Glarvey was commanding the A1 Echelon of the Regiment during a period of training on the Soltau Training Area. His Echelon had just moved into location south-east of Bispingen and close to the railway line Bispingen-Soltau. He was in his command vehicle. At 0850 hours an accident occurred between a Ferret Scout Car of the Regimental Reconnaissance Troop and a civilian train on an unguarded railway crossing a short distance from the Echelon area. Hearing the sound of the accident and subsequently seeing what appeared to be an explosion and fire, Lieutenant Glarvey ran to the scene of the accident. He found that a Ferret Scout Car Mark II had been hit by a train and was lying overturned and in flames beside the railway line. The turret had been removed by the impact and one member of the crew was trapped within it with his clothing alight from the hips downward.

Lieutenant Glarvey quickly took command of the situation, rapidly obtaining fire-fighting equipment and with assistance pulled the turret clear of the trapped commander who was unconscious and died some ten minutes later. A second gravely injured man was discovered lying some fifteen yards from the scene. He left the two known casualties in the care of the Regimental Medical Officer now present. His knowledge of the dying commander and the seriously injured casualty led him to believe that the driver of the scout car had not yet been located. He moved to the scout car which was still in flames although the fire was being tackled. He cleared wreckage from the escape hatch and attempted to look inside but flames and smoke made vision impossible.

The scout car was completely full with fuel, just having replenished within the Echelon, and the danger of an explosion was ever present. Regardless of the danger he continued clearing kit and equipment from inside the car. He discovered the legs of the driver, and in view of the accident, the flames and the smoke, he thought the driver must be dead, but nevertheless with the subsequent assistance of the Regimental Medical Officer he managed to remove

the unconscious man. At this later stage the flames had been extinguished. As a result of the accident the commander and passenger died of their injuries but the driver survived and is again fit for normal duties.

Lieutenant Glarvey displayed outstanding qualities in taking quick command and control of an emergency. With speed, efficiency and coolness he ordered rescue and fire-fighting operations.

There is no doubt the driver owes his life to Lieutenant Glarvey, who displayed outstanding qualities and cool courage and a complete disregard for his own safety.

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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:

22961638 Corporal Donald GRIEVE
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical
Engineers

On 19th June 1966, a serious accident involving two civilian vehicles, a taxi and an estate car, occurred on the Brunei-Seria road. At a bend in the road the two cars had collided causing the estate car, with nine passengers on board, to burst into flames, and the driver of the taxi to be completely trapped in his driving seat. There was an imminent danger that the fire might at any moment spread to the taxi, for the estate car was fiercely burning.

Shortly after the crash, a military landrover driven by Corporal Grieve and carrying other members of his unit reached the accident. Corporal Grieve immediately despatched his vehicle to summon help, posted a traffic sentry to prevent further disasters, and with one soldier, Private Munro, ran to the crash.

On reaching the burning car he found a man screaming in pain near the car with all his clothes alight; he immediately seized a tarpaulin and rolled the man in it to smother the flames. Another injured man holding a two year old boy lay near the burning car; together with Private Munro he moved them both to safety.

The intensity of the fire which by now had engulfed the entire car made any further rescue of its occupants impossible. Meanwhile, in the other vehicle, the taxi driver remained trapped by his legs and terrified that his taxi would also catch fire.