

successfully accomplished says much for his outstanding skill as a pilot. He undoubtedly made a major contribution in saving the lives of two men, who though still in hospital, are now making a recovery.

*Distinguished Flying Medal*

23654083 Sergeant William POLLARD Royal Regiment of Artillery.

During the past twenty-one months Sergeant Pollard has flown as a Sioux helicopter pilot of the Air Observation Troop, 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery. The greater part of his tour has been in support of counter-dissident operations in the mountain and desert areas of the Radfan and surrounding districts of South Arabia, where combinations of altitude, temperature and ever varying wind conditions, confront any pilot, and particularly a light helicopter pilot, with some of the most hazardous flying to be encountered anywhere in the world.

Apart from his normal tasks of reconnaissance and control of artillery fire, he has carried out many casualty evacuation sorties, some of them under direct enemy small arms fire. On 28th June 1966, when supporting an operation near the Yemen border, Sergeant Pollard observed a camel train which appeared to him to be acting in a suspicious manner. Manoeuvring into dead ground, he worked forward into a position from where he saw the camels being hurriedly unloaded by armed men, who started to run towards the border. He promptly called up troop-carrying helicopters to cut off the dissidents, and in the resulting action three dissident tribesmen were killed.

On 16th November 1966, he was required to move a picquet of D Company 2nd Parachute Battalion into a position overlooking a Wadi. As he landed for the picquet to deplane, he came under fire and his helicopter was hit by a rifle bullet which passed between his head and the port fuel tank, missing both by about one inch.

Undisturbed by his narrow escape, and ignoring the likelihood of further damage to himself or his aircraft, Sergeant Pollard located the dissidents who were now engaging the British company area. He radioed for artillery support and directed the gun fire with successful, and effective results.

In recent operations Sergeant Pollard's aircraft has been hit three times by enemy small arms fire. Among both British and Federal forces he has earned a reputation for skill, initiative and determination in carrying out his operational sorties, which goes far beyond that expected of a young and relatively inexperienced non-commissioned officer pilot.

1st August 1967.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Field Marshal Sir Richard HULL, G.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (36442) late R.A.C. relinquishes his appointment as Chief of the Defence Staff, 5th Aug. 1967.

Maj.-Gen. P. E. M. BRADLEY, C.B.E., D.S.O. (63546) late R. Signals relinquishes his appointment as Signal Officer-in-Chief (Army) Ministry of Defence, remaining on full pay, 1st Aug. 1967.

Brig. J. E. ANDERSON, C.B.E. (67073) late R. Signals is appointed Signal Officer-in-Chief (Army), Ministry of Defence, and promoted paid acting Maj.-Gen., 1st Aug. 1967.

Brig. C. C. MALLOCK, O.B.E., T.D. (53630) late R.A. retires on retired pay, 29th Jul. 1967.

Brig. J. D. STURROCK, O.B.E. (65433) late R.E. retires on retired pay, 1st Aug. 1967.

Col. J. W. YOUNGER, M.B.E. (114122) late Foot Guards to be Brig., 30th Jun. 1967.

Col. H. M. G. BOND (195385) late Inf., to be Brig., 30th Jun. 1967.

Col. I. G. WELLSTED, O.B.E. (88015) late R.E. retires on retired pay, 29th Jul. 1967.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

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

Brig. T. E. SOUTHWELL (40199) late R.A.S.C., 28th Jul. 1967.

Brig. E. F. PARKER, C.B.E. (44150) late R.E., 28th Jul. 1967.

Brig. A. P. TREVOR, D.S.O. (44178) late R.A., 31st Jul. 1967.

Col. M. R. HADDOCK, C.B.E., E.R.D. (75413) late R.E. (A.E. Res. of Offrs.), 26th Jul. 1967.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

L.G.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Lt. C. A. SEEL (474352) from active service to be Lt., 27th Jul. 1967.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS

4/7 D.G.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. A. R. LAYARD (469041) to be Capt. 29th Jul. 1967.

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REGULAR ARMY

Lt. J. J. IRWIN (469029) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

*Royals*

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. B. H. COODE (468968) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

*Q.O.H.*

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. D. I. MCCONNELL (469049) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

Lt. M. J. PARKER (469075) to be Capt. 29th Jul. 1967.

*Q.R.I.H.*

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. A. J. CRAMSIE (468975) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

11 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. R. S. R. de W. WARREN (469111) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

Lt. R. E. R. MORGAN (469063) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

13/18 H.

REGULAR ARMY

The undermentioned Lts. to be Capts., 29th Jul. 1967:

C. A. G. ROBINSON (469088)

N. G. A. PAYNE (469077)

R. C. R. COTTERELL (468973).

14/20 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. D. B. M. GORDON (469006) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

15/19 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. J. D. BASTIN (468942) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

Lt. Hon. Gerald Edward Ian CONOLLY-CAREW (467986) from Short Serv. Comm. to be 2nd Lt., 30th May 1967, with seniority 28th Dec. 1962. To be Lt., 30th May 1967, with seniority 29th Aug. 1962.

16/5 L.

REGULAR ARMY

The undermentioned Lts. to be Capts., 29th Jul. 1967:

Sir William N. YOUNG, B.T. (469122)

E. P. CURTIS (468978)

C. J. RADFORD (469082).

17/21 L.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. J. F. DOBLE (468985) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

R.T.R.

REGULAR ARMY

The undermentioned Lts. to be Capts., 29th Jul. 1967:

G. R. MALLOCK (469055).

C. R. M. MESSENGER (469058).

M. O. A. H. CARVER (468960).

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Lt. N. L. CHESHER (478786) to be Capt., 12th Jul. 1967.