

Military Medal

43755 Private Colin John COGSWELL Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

On the 8th of October 1966, during Operation Canberra in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam, B Company, Fifth Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, was directed to clear the Nui Thi Vai Hill, which was a large rocky, steep, densely covered feature. The area was known to be heavily booby trapped by the Viet Cong. Private Cogswell and another soldier as forward scouts located a booby trap, deloused it and a few minutes later heard voices of enemy close by. Private Cogswell advised his platoon commander by hand signal and covered by the other scout, moved forward to investigate. Initially he sighted fifteen Viet Cong and later thirty Viet Cong. Private Cogswell and the other scout remained in a position of observation for approximately fifty minutes; at times the enemy came within five yards of their position but the scouts were not seen. Based on the information passed back by Private Cogswell and the other scout and other information it was concluded that the Viet Cong could be up to battalion strength and B Company was ordered to withdraw four hundred metres to allow artillery and air strikes to be made on enemy positions. Both scouts then skilfully extracted themselves without disclosing their presence to the Viet Cong and so alerting them. Artillery and air strikes were then made on the enemy base which was later successfully destroyed.

The skill, courage and determination displayed by Private Cogswell was of a very high order and enabled the area to be cleared without casualties to his platoon or company.

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1731080 Private William Joseph WINTERFORD Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

Private Winterford has served as a National Serviceman since 30th June 1965, and with 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment in Vietnam since June 1966. He was a section machine gunner until he was wounded during operations in Phuoc Tuy Province in July 1966.

On 25th July 1966, during an action between C Company and a Company of Viet Cong, Private Winterford engaged two enemy machine guns which were accurately engaging the company, with his own machine gun. Exercising excellent fire control, he quickly succeeded in neutralising the enemy guns.

When an attack was mounted on the right flank of his platoon position, Private Winterford used his machine gun to such devastating effect that the enemy were forced to withdraw.

Shortly after, whilst still engaging enemy groups, Private Winterford was seriously wounded in the left arm and his machine gun destroyed.

Whilst obviously in great pain and suffering loss of blood, and though still under enemy fire, he conducted himself in such a courageous manner as to set an example and inspire those fighting with him.

This display of professional skill and of his personal courage throughout the action was in the highest tradition of service, and reflect great credit upon himself, his Regiment and the Australian Army.

Mention-in-Dispatches

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) James Walter RYAN (213813) Royal Australian Artillery.

Lieutenant John Curtis HARTLEY (17105) Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

2nd Lieutenant James Anthony FITZSIMON (216966) Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

13520 Sergeant (temporary Warrant Officer Class II) Allan Kenneth BULOW, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

242773 Corporal Graeme Ernest LEACH, Royal Australian Engineers.

4410969 Private Kenneth Brian LANG, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

28th November 1967.

Gen. Sir John HACKETT, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., late R.A.C., is appointed Aide-de-Camp (General) to The QUEEN, 27th Nov. 1967, in succession to Gen. Sir Reginald HEWETSON, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Colonel Commandant, Royal Regiment of Artillery and Army Physical Training Corps.

Brig. John Alexander MACKENZIE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., late The Gloucestershire Regiment, is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 30th Sep. 1967, in an existing vacancy.

The Rev. Howard Stacey COLE, B.Sc. (188355) Chapln. to the Forces 1st Cl. R.A.Ch.D., is appointed Hon. Chapln. to The QUEEN, 27th Sep. 1967.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Gen. Sir Reginald HEWETSON, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (40386) late R.A., retires on retired pay, 27th Nov. 1967.

Maj.-Gen. R. A. FYFFE, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (53778) late Inf., is appointed Director of Service Intelligence, Ministry of Defence, 15th Nov. 1967.

Col. D. G. PARKER, O.B.E. (68257) late Inf., retires on retired pay, 17th Nov. 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:

Lt.-Gen. Sir Edward HOWARD-VYSE, K.B.E., C.B., M.C. (33342) late R.A., 27th Nov. 1967.

Brig. R. W. HOBSON, C.B.E. (44876) late R.A.C., 16th Nov. 1967.

Col. (Hon. Brig.) J. R. FISHBOURNE, C.B.E. (44094) late R.A.C., 18th Nov. 1967.

Col. (Hon. Brig.) R. H. REYNOLDS, O.B.E. (44946) late R.E., 24th Nov. 1967.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Category IV

Lt.-Col. J. M. GEORGE, T.D. (92511) from R. Signals to be Col., 1st Apr. 1967.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

R.H.G.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) A. F. A. HUGHES (207745) having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 27th Nov. 1967, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. G. R. A. BROOKING (66725) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 29th Nov. 1967.

Q.O.H.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) G. W. MURRAY-SMITH, M.C. (74584) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 26th Nov. 1967.

Q.R.I.H.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. Sir W. G. LOWTHER, Bt., O.B.E. (53672): the Regiment is as now shown and not as in Gazette (Supplement) dated 24th Oct. 1967.

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Short Serv. Commn.

2nd Lt. I. C. BROOKING-THOMAS (478566) from Active List to be 2nd Lt., 7th Nov. 1967.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Category II

2nd Lt. The Viscount GLENAPP (472978) (Res. of Offrs.), to be Lt., 16th Aug. 1967.

R.T.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Limited Serv. Reg. Commns.

Capt. Derek Joseph CLARVEY (480156) from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 25th Sep. 1967, with seniority 1st Nov. 1961. To be Lt., 25th Sep. 1967, with seniority 1st Nov. 1963. To be Capt., 1st Nov. 1967.

Capt. Norman Leonard CHESHER (478786) from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 16th Oct. 1967, with seniority 12th Jul. 1961. To be Lt., 16th Oct. 1967, with seniority 12th Jul. 1963. To be Capt., 16th Oct. 1967, with seniority 12th Jul. 1967.