

ROYAL ARMY EDUCATIONAL CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. A. R. P. BURGESS (418625) retires on retired pay, 1st Jan. 1970, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Capt. M. F. LACEY (482334) resigns his commn., 31st Jan. 1970.

ROYAL ARMY DENTAL CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. A. M. MILNE, M.B., F.D.S. (462930), retires with a gratuity, 1st Jan. 1970.

Non Dental Section

Lt. (ND) John Clinton WEAVER (484661) from Short Serv. Commn. to be Capt. (ND), 7th Nov. 1969, with seniority 1st Nov. 1967.

Lt. (ND) Vincent Henry WARD (482029) from Short Serv. Commn. to be Capt. (ND), 7th Nov. 1969, with seniority 2nd Nov. 1967.

Short Serv. Commns.

Roger Edmund POTTS, B.D.S. (488254), to be Capt., 1st Jan. 1970, with seniority 13th Sep. 1960. To be Maj., 1st Jan. 1970, with seniority 13th Sep. 1965.

Michael ROYLE, L.D.S. (444721), to be Capt., 1st Jan. 1970, with seniority 8th Dec. 1960. To be Maj., 1st Jan. 1970, with seniority 8th Dec. 1965.

John Anthony GAMON, B.D.S. (488868), to be Capt., 1st Jan. 1970.

ROYAL PIONEER CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Special Reg. Commns.

Lt. M. B. RICHARDS (485305) to be Capt., 29th Jan. 1970.

Lt. R. C. H. PIERCE (485306) to be Capt., 29th Jan. 1970.

INTELLIGENCE CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. J. M. H. LIDSTONE (485772) to be Lt., 2nd Feb. 1970.

2nd Lt. A. S. HOMER (485749) to be Lt., 2nd Feb. 1970.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

2nd Lt. T. D. R. ARCHIBALD (486474) from T. & A.V.R., Gen. List to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 1st Nov. 1969, with seniority 1st Oct. 1968.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY
NURSING CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. A. LOORAM, A.R.R.C. (209594), retires on retired pay, 20th Jan. 1970.

Short Serv. Commns.

Lt. K. W. BLACK (485274) to be Capt., 29th Jan. 1970.

Lt. C. E. LOWES (483698) to be Capt., 31st Jan. 1970.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. W. B. JACKSON (470286) ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 29th Jan. 1970.

Lt. E. OWEN (470272) ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 29th Jan. 1970.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Moirs Fiona DOUGALL (488869) to be Lt., 11th Dec. 1969.

WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. E. IRONMONGER (470249): the notifi. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 13th Jan. 1970 is cancelled.

Lt. K. C. S. SWALLOW (480596) resigns her commn., 31st Jan. 1970.

Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. S. L. WILLIAMS, B.E.M. (484767), to be Capt., 1st Feb. 1970.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Short Serv. Commns.

Capt. D. M. P. GARNETT (470661) relinquishes her commn., 1st Feb. 1970.

Capt. E. D. R. WILLSON (470666) relinquishes her commn., 1st Feb. 1970.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

2nd Lt. E. K. J. SHARP (486569) (on probation) is placed on the Unatt'd. List, 1st Dec. 1969.

2nd Lt. E. A. CLEMENTS (487803) (on probation) is placed on the Unatt'd. List, 1st Dec. 1969.

GENERAL LIST

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. (on probation) are placed on the Unatt'd. List on the dates shown:

R. LOUCAIDES (477340), 31st Jul. 1969.

M. A. ELLIOTT (487150), 1st Nov. 1969.

G. J. KNIGHT (486293), 20th Nov. 1969.

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

3rd February 1970.

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

N4262076 Senior Aircraftman John Richard YATES, Royal Air Force Regiment.

On the 29th July 1969, Senior Aircraftman Yates was in charge of the Domestic Fire Crew at Royal Air Force, Wildenrath, which was called to a fire in the Blacksmith's shop, M.P.B.W., at 0902 hours. The fire had started when rubber hose lines connected to an oxyacetylene apparatus in use had ruptured. Gas escaping from the acetylene cylinder was ignited and the broken hose lines quickly burnt away. When the Domestic Fire Crew arrived at the site of the fire some three minutes after the sounding of the alarm the fire had been burning for seven minutes. Senior Aircraftman Yates quickly assessed the problem and promptly ordered the eight personnel in the immediate vicinity to evacuate the area. Then, assisted by one fireman, who at all times was protected by the wall of the building, he sprayed the apparatus with water to lower its temperature, thus lessening the chance of hot spots forming and reducing the possibility of the acetylene cylinder exploding. It is, however, inadvisable to extinguish this type of fire with water or foam compound without also closing the outlet valves on the gas cylinders. The valve on the oxygen cylinder had already been closed. Senior Aircraftman Yates decided that, as the leader of the Fire Crew, it was his responsibility to attempt to close the outlet valve on the acetylene cylinder, even though he was aware that the cylinder might explode. He entered the building, and with his hands protected by asbestos gloves, he attempted to close the valve. Initially he was unsuccessful but, after struggling with the valve for about two minutes, he eventually managed to close it and the fire was extinguished. Senior Aircraftman Yates displayed commendable courage in extinguishing the fire. He was well aware of the dangers which confronted him, yet, with total disregard for his own safety, he approached the burning cylinder and successfully arrested the fire. By his prompt, cool and courageous action and correct decisions, he prevented a dangerous situation from developing into a serious accident, which could have resulted in death or injury to a number of airmen. If the acetylene cylinder had exploded, the linked oxygen cylinder could have exploded also, the building would have been extensively damaged and there would have been a grave risk of immediately adjacent buildings catching fire. Senior Aircraftman Yates' devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service.

3rd February 1970.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Vice-Marshal I. G. BROOM, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C., is appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 11 Fighter Group in succession to Air Vice-Marshal R. I. JONES, C.B., A.F.C. 2nd Feb. 1970.