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The performance of this young soldier was exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions both of his Regiment and of the British Army. Throughout the whole of the action Private James showed outstanding courage and steadiness. His actions prevented the snipers from causing more casualties to his comrades, the police and the civil population. His conduct was far in excess of the normal call of duty and was an example to all who saw him.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
24th February 1970.

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

23734933 Sergeant William John POWER, The Light Infantry.

On the night 11th/12th October 1969, rioting broke out in the Shankill district of Belfast. Elements of the Third Battalion The Light Infantry were moved quickly to hold a mob of some 1,500–2,000 persons and to support the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Shortly after they arrived, the police asked for help. For the next few hours the hard core element of the mob became vicious and hostile. They used automatic weapons against the soldiers and police as well as throwing petrol bombs, paving stones, bottles, darts and ball bearings from catapults.

Sergeant Power was the non-commissioned officer in charge of a squad of men known as the baton squad. These men were unarmed except for short stout batons. Their primary task was to effect arrests of ringleaders of the rioting mob. The task was difficult and highly dangerous as the Shankill road was under continuous small arms fire from all sides. The squad was used to charge the leading elements of the mob after CS smoke had been used and to extricate the ringleaders.

Between about 2330 hours 11th October 1969 and 0430 hours 12th October 1969, Sergeant Power personally organised and led some fifteen charges at the rioting mob in the face of heavy fire. Frequently their charges took them within 15 yards of gunmen. Several members of the baton squad were wounded.

Sergeant Power, by his calm and resolute control of the baton squad, by his personal example of bravery and endurance inspired all the men under his command. His action led to the arrest of many ringleaders.

24th February 1970.

Brig. Anthony Douglas BRINDLEY, M.B.E., late R. Signals, is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 15th Oct. 1969, in an existing vacancy.

Brig. Lionel Harry EDWARDS, M.B.E., late R.A., is appointed, Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 18th Feb. 1970, in succession to Brig. Horace Arthur HARDY, M.B.E., M.C., retired.

Col. Sydney James GRITTINGS, M.B.E., L.D.S., late R.A.D.C., relinquishes the appointment as Honorary Dental Surgeon to The QUEEN, 30th Oct. 1969, retired.

#### COMMANDS AND STAFF

##### REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. D. A. H. TOLER, O.B.E., M.C. (165027) late Ft. Gds. relinquishes his appointment as Deputy Commander Army in Northern Ireland, 18th Feb. 1970.

Maj.-Gen. T. H. ACTON, C.B.E. (71213) late Inf., is appointed Deputy Commander Army in Northern Ireland, 18th Feb. 1970.

Maj.-Gen. R. E. COAKER, C.B.E., M.C. (378164) late R.A.C., relinquishes his appointment as Assistant Chief of Staff (Int.), Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, 19th Feb. 1970.

Brig. N. St. G. GRIBBON, O.B.E. (71097) late Inf., is appointed Assistant Chief of Staff (Int.), Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and is granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 19th Feb. 1970.

Brig. H. A. HARDY, M.B.E., M.C. (199702) late R.A., retires on retired pay, 18th Feb. 1970.

#### ROYAL ARMOURÉD CORPS

##### REGULAR ARMY

Maj. E. H. SCHOFIELD (285417) R.T.R., retires on retired pay, 19th Feb. 1970.

Lt. F. M. STRANG STEEL (471629) 17/21 L., to be Capt., 22nd Feb. 1970.

##### *Special Reg. Commn.*

Capt. Marcus Edward Colston COOMBS (471614) 3 D.G., from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 1st Nov. 1969, with seniority 15th Jul. 1963. To be Lt., 1st Nov. 1969, with seniority 28th Jul. 1965. To be Capt., 1st Nov. 1969, with seniority 15th Jul. 1969.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. (Q.M.) A. McLEOD, M.B.E., M.M. (418859) R.T.R., ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 31st Dec. 1969.

##### TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Lt. P. M. G. STOPFORD ADAMS (475243) 4/7 D.G., from Res. of Offrs., Class I, to be Lt., 17th Oct. 1969, with seniority 20th Jun. 1965.

#### ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

##### REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. L. L. S. WILLIAMS (125964) retires on retired pay, 20th Feb. 1970.

Capt. George Harold NAPIER (474564) from Short Serv. Commn., to be Capt. (Q.M.), 29th Dec. 1969.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

##### *Class II*

Maj. F. A. RIGBY, T.D. (425309) from T. & A.V.R., Category III, to be Maj., 1st Apr. 1969.

##### TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Maj. A. C. COLE (268987) from Res. of Offrs., Class II, to be Maj., 1st Jan. 1970, with seniority 29th Apr. 1964.

2nd Lt. J. D. TAFES (485092) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 11th Sep. 1967. To be Lt., 11th Sep. 1969.

##### *Category III*

2nd Lt. H. D. N. REID (485935) (on probation) resigns his commns., 1st Apr. 1969.

#### CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

##### REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. D. J. SUTER (165381) is appointed to the Special List, 18th Feb. 1970.

Capt. J. BERKLEY-MATTHEWS (467531) retires receiving a gratuity, 6th Feb. 1970.

##### *Special Reg. Commns.*

Lt. Terry Herbert HEWES (485445) from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 28th Oct. 1969, with seniority 12th Apr. 1964. To be Lt., 28th Oct. 1969, with seniority 12th Apr. 1967.

2nd Lt. Peter Brian PAGE (483540) from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 23rd Jun. 1969, with seniority 15th Apr. 1967.

23035534 W.O. I Thomas Docherty HAWKINS (488229) to be 2nd Lt., 23rd Jan. 1970, with seniority 23rd Jan. 1966. To be Lt., 23rd Jan. 1970, with seniority 23rd Jan. 1968.

##### *Short Serv. Commn.*

##### *Postal and Courier Section*

Capt. K. J. SMITH (478353) relinquishes his commn., 22nd Feb. 1970.