

24137535 Murray John ROBINSON (490304).

24137375 David Brian ELMER (490308).

24137179 Alfred John MITCHELL (490311).

24091658 O/Cdt. Peter Glenville DOWLING (490307) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 9th Sep. 1970.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SECTION B

*Bromsgrove School Contgt.*

Lt. A. B. WHITEHORN (302282) (Res. of Offrs., Class I, Coldm. Gds.), resigns his commn., 12th Sep. 1970, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

*Dean Close School Contgt.*

2nd Lt. T. N. SNOW (486845) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 25th Oct. 1968. To be Lt., 25th Oct. 1970.

*Highgate School Contgt.*

Lt. R. M. W. DAVIES, M.C., T.D. (210375), resigns his commn., 31st Oct. 1970, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

*Marlborough College Contgt.*

2nd Lt. J. M. GRAY (486838) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 29th Oct. 1968. To be Lt., 29th Oct. 1970.

*Portsmouth Grammar School Contgt.*

Lt. P. C. BARCLAY (256136) resigns his commn., 24th Jul. 1970, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

*Uppingham School Contgt.*

Raymond Ernest COURTNELL (490261) (Appointed Offr.) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 1st Jul. 1970, with seniority 5th Feb. 1968.

ARMY CADET FORCE

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SECTION B

*Angus and City of Dundee*

George GRANT (490323) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 16th Sep. 1970.

*Durham*

2nd Lt. J. C. OATES (485495) (on probation) resigns his commn., 12th Aug. 1970.

*Glamorgan*

Lt. G. E. ADAMS (470635) resigns his commn., 24th Aug. 1970.

*Lanark*

2nd Lt. R. LEGGATE (486840) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 9th Oct. 1968. To be Lt., 9th Oct. 1970.

2nd Lt. R. DEMPSEY (486837) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 10th Oct. 1968. To be Lt., 10th Oct. 1970.

*Londonderry, Tyrone & Fermanagh*

2nd Lt. I. M. LEE (486198) (on probation) to resign his commn., 10th Aug. 1970.

*Nottingham*

Lt. J. E. NICHOLSON (463583) resigns his commn., 10th Jul. 1970.

*Somerset*

Lt. M. S. HARRINGTON (483394) from T. & A.V.R., C.C.F., to be Lt., 1st Jul. 1970, with seniority 5th Jan. 1969.

*York (East Riding)*

Lt. M. FORSTER (478285) resigns his commn., 1st Aug. 1970.

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Air Force Cross for gallantry to the undermentioned:

AIR FORCE CROSS

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY DEPARTMENT)

Lieutenant John Boyes FROST, Royal Marines.

On 5th June, at 1745 hours, a soldier of 1st Battalion 2nd K.E.O. Gurkha Rifles was seriously injured while taking part in an exercise in Trengganu, Malaysia. The injury occurred in deep jungle some

two hours march from the jungle edge. There was only one hour of daylight left and the injured man was unconscious and bleeding profusely from a scalp wound and through the nose.

A helicopter was requested for casevac at 1755 hours, and a start was made on improving an existing winching point in the jungle. At 1830 hours, a Scout Helicopter, piloted by Lieutenant Frost, arrived overhead and attempted to land. At the pilot's suggestion two more trees were felled and the helicopter descended slowly into the winching-point. He managed to get within 15 feet of the ground but then had to ascend again to re-establish communications with the ground troops. Using his standby headset he was able to relay that he wanted some scrub to be cleared where his tail rotor had to be positioned if he was to land.

At approximately 1850 hours Lieutenant Frost made a second attempt to land and on this occasion he managed to hover with the skids of the helicopter one foot above a large fallen tree which it had not been possible to move. By this time it was getting dark.

The injured man was then loaded into the helicopter. This involved one man inside and three men supporting themselves on the right hand skid in order to get sufficient leverage to slide the injured man onto the back seat.

Having loaded the injured soldier, Lieutenant Frost ordered the medical assistant out as he required all available power to attempt a vertical ascent. By this time it was quite dark, with no moon and a light rain had started to fall.

By fixing his landing light in a forward position and aligning it onto a nearby tree, Lieutenant Frost took his helicopter up vertically and successfully evacuated the injured soldier.

The area cleared for the landing was only 40 feet by 30 feet at tree top level and not more than 20 yards across between the trees at ground level. The trees were in excess of 100 feet high. This is considerably below the normal requirements of a Landing Point.

Although relatively inexperienced in flying the Scout Helicopter having logged only 170 hours flying on his aircraft at the time, Lieutenant Frost displayed an extremely high degree of flying skill.

The soldier's life was undoubtedly saved by Lieutenant Frost's coolness, skill and courage.

3rd November 1970.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Marshal Sir Lewis HODGES, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., is appointed Air Member for Personnel in succession to Air Marshal Sir Andrew HUMPHREY, K.C.B., O.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. 2nd November 1970.

GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Appointment to Commission (Permanent)

As Flying Officers :

Master Air Quartermaster John Derek WALTHAM (592839). 10th Sep. 1970 (Seniority 25th Feb. 1963).

Flight Sergeant Edward Walter LE COUNT (589261). 10th Sep. 1970 (Seniority 16th Dec. 1963).

Sergeant David John COLE (686112). 10th Sep. 1970 (Seniority 29th Jun. 1966).

Marine Dugald Stephen MORRISON (5201467). 10th Sep. 1970 (Seniority 29th May 1970).

As Pilot Officers :

1st Sep. 1970 (Seniority 1st Dec. 1968)

Philip Ronald BOYLE, B.Sc. (2616598).

George Kemp CHARLTON, B.Sc. (2614798).

Nicholas Anthony CLUTTON, B.Sc. (2621219).

Roger Alexander MALCOLM, B.Sc. (5201525).

Timothy Nicholas METHAM, B.Sc. (5201524).

David Neville MORETON, B.Sc. (5201523).

Robert John PICKERING, B.Sc. (5201522).

David Walter REES, B.Sc. (2623262).

Philip TOYNE, B.Tech. (5201521).

1st Sep. 1970 (Seniority 1st Jun. 1969)

Alan COY, B.A. (Econ.) (5201528).

Michael Leonard FRENAN, M.A. (2616065).

Michael Alan HILL, B.Eng. (2615502).

Edward William HOUGHTON, B.A. (5201529).

Michael Ian KAY, LL.B. (5201526).