

On the second night, when his troop commander was captured after a baton charge, Bombardier Murray led two members of his section into the hostile crowd and rescued the officer and another soldier who had been knocked to the ground.

Bombardier Murray demonstrated leadership and personal courage of a very high order.

Second-Lieutenant James Norman Cobbe MYLES (488820), The Queen's Regiment.

On the night of 27th/28th June 1970, Second Lieutenant Myles commanded a platoon of his Battalion assisting the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the Ballymacarrett area of Belfast where rival factions numbering up to 1,000 persons were looting, burning and throwing petrol bombs. When trying to separate the factions, the platoon came under heavy fire and a petrol bomb set his own personnel carrier on fire. Calmly, Second Lieutenant Myles called for an extinguisher and under a hail of shots and missiles attempted to put out the flames. When this failed he ordered the vehicles to withdraw to cover where the fire was dealt with. On many occasions during a long night he exposed himself to fire, either to allow snipers to be located or to speak to local leaders. He led his men calmly and efficiently without regard for his own safety and the fact that the platoon suffered no casualties was due in large measure to his leadership.

The conduct of this young officer, commissioned only four months earlier, was a credit to his Regiment.

23842367 Sergeant Ernest Brian POTTER, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire).

On 3rd July 1970, Sergeant Potter was with a platoon of his Regiment confronting a crowd of about 400 youths in Belfast who pelted them with ball bearings and other missiles and gelignite grenades. Sergeant Potter was wounded in the hand—a fractured finger and a deep cut—early in the action. In spite of pain he continued to organise and control repeated baton charges and, by his calm bearing, was able to steady the front rank under the hail of missiles and bring the action to a successful end. When his wound had been tended, he remained with the platoon in the cordon of the Falls area for the remainder of the night and the following day. Sergeant Potter displayed courage and devotion to duty and contributed greatly to the success of the operation.

24016808 Sergeant (acting) Christopher Kevin REDMAN, The Queen's Regiment.

On the night of 18th May 1970, Sergeant Redman commanded a section of his battalion in the Ardoyne area of Belfast where gangs of youths roamed the streets hurling missiles and petrol bombs at the troops. Sergeant Redman was concussed by a blow but, undeterred, led his men into action and by his cool and courageous conduct inspired them to withstand a vicious barrage lasting several hours and to make a number of arrests.

On 2nd June, in the Crumlin Road area, Redman and his section faced a vicious hail of missiles which threatened the lives of the soldiers and wounded some of them. Once again this young N.C.O. displayed courage and leadership of the highest order and although injured on three occasions he refused to leave his men.

Throughout these incidents Sergeant Redman showed complete disregard for his own safety and his leadership and courage were a credit to his regiment.

24121261 Lance Corporal George David ROGERSON, The Gloucestershire Regiment.

On 3rd July 1970, Lance Corporal Rogerson was a member of a patrol which was ambushed in Belfast. The patrol commander and two other soldiers were hit by sniper fire. Although he was in pain from injuries caused by stones thrown earlier in the day, Lance Corporal Rogerson, on his own initiative, took up a fire position at a street corner to assist the patrol to withdraw. He found that he was exposed to fire from a sniper. Nevertheless he remained there and neutralised the gunman's fire while the rest of the patrol moved back. Only when his task was completed did he consent to have his injuries attended.

Throughout the whole of the action, Lance Corporal Rogerson showed outstanding courage and steadiness for such a young soldier. His conduct was an example to all who saw him.

9th March 1971.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Gen. Sir Charles RICHARDSON, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (40407) late R.E., relinquishes his appointment as Master-General of the Ordnance, Ministry of Defence, 9th Mar. 1971.

Gen. Sir Robert BRAY, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O. (39414) late Inf., retires on retired pay, 9th Mar. 1971.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Noel THOMAS, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (65504) late R.E., is appointed Master-General of the Ordnance, Ministry of Defence, and is granted the local rank of Gen., 9th Mar. 1971.

Maj.-Gen. J. R. REYNOLDS, O.B.E., E.R.D. (68995) late R.A.S.C., relinquishes his appointment as Director of Movements (Army), Ministry of Defence, 5th Mar. 1971.

Maj.-Gen. L. T. H. PHELPS, O.B.E. (328216) late R.A.O.C., relinquishes his appointment as Commander Base Organisation, R.A.O.C., 8th Mar. 1971.

Brig. W. BATE, O.B.E., A.D.C. (337000) late R.C.T., is appointed Director of Movements (Army), Ministry of Defence, and is granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 5th Mar. 1971.

Brig. R. B. DARKIN, C.B.E. (363739) late R.A.O.C., is appointed Commander Base Organisation, R.A.O.C., and is granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 8th Mar. 1971.

Col. (Acting Brig.) S. H. JANIKOUN, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (221581) late R.A.M.C., to be Brig., 25th Jan. 1971.

Col. T. W. CARRICK, O.B.E., M.B., D.P.H. (154131) late R.A.M.C., to be Brig., 15th Feb. 1971.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

R.H.G./D.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. (Q.M.) J. T. SALLIS (468448) retires on retired pay, 6th Mar. 1971.

Special Reg. Commn.

22205467 W.O.1 Raymond Roland GILES (490985) to be 2nd Lt., 1st Feb. 1971, with seniority 1st Feb. 1967. To be Lt., 1st Feb. 1971, with seniority 1st Feb. 1969.

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Special Reg. Commn.

2nd Lt. Robin Ralph Jean St. CLAIR SPROUL-BOLTON (485450) R.T.R., from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 10th Dec. 1969, with seniority 12th Apr. 1968.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Col. The Lord CLIFFORD OF CHUDLEIGH, O.B.E., D.L., is appointed Honorary Colonel The Royal Devon Yeomanry/1st Rifle Volunteers R.A.C., T. & A.V.R., 1st Apr. 1969, in an existing vacancy.

Lt.-Col. (Hon. Col.) Sir William WALKER, T.D., D.L., is appointed Honorary Colonel, The Highland Yeomanry, R.A.C., T. & A.V.R., 1st Apr. 1969, in an existing vacancy.

David Anthony COLLINGWOOD (477745) 15/19 H. (formerly Lt., 15/19 H.) to be Lt., 11th Dec. 1970, with seniority 27th May 1967.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. B. D. CARR (419360) retires on retired pay, 17th Feb. 1971.

Lt. E. R. WAYNE (480423) resigns his commn., 12th Feb. 1971.

Maj. (Q.M.) A. J. CARTER (451722) retires on retired pay, 6th Mar. 1971.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Lt. J. R. TIMMS (486089) from T. & A.V.R., R.E., to be Lt., 29th Dec. 1970, with seniority 23rd Jun. 1970.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Capt. R. L. JACK (479040) from Res. of Offrs., Class III, to be Capt., 1st Jan. 1971, with seniority 20th Sep. 1970.

Lt. C. P. CROSLAND (480817) is granted the acting rank of Capt., 1st Jan. 1971.