

while disarming devices during riots. On 29th January, he found that a delayed action incendiary bomb had been placed in the back of an Army vehicle. Recognising the peril to the driver, he ordered the area to be cleared and lifted the bomb from the vehicle. The device immediately burst into flames but he was able to throw it into the now empty roadway where it burnt out. His brave and timely action prevented severe injuries, possibly loss of life, and damage to property.

Warrant Officer Park throughout his tour displayed courage and devotion to duty far beyond the normal call in handling large quantities of explosives of doubtful stability and with dangerous devices.

23505980 Sergeant Peter WALLACE, The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

Sergeant Wallace commanded a three-man mobile patrol which investigated a suspicious car in Academy Street, Belfast, on 15th May this year. Bursts of machine-gun fire from the car wounded his radio-operator and driver and then the gunmen fled.

Sergeant Wallace returned the fire and hit two of the gunmen; one fell and the other two escaped in a maze of alleyways. While he was investigating the condition of the wounded gunman he had to deal with a hostile crowd until assistance arrived. His prompt action and bravery undoubtedly prevented these gunmen from making further attacks that night.

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

30th November 1971.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to the undermentioned:

Captain (now Major) Edward Michael EDWARDS (467340), The Parachute Regiment.

From mid-February to early June this year, Major Edwards reimposed the authority of the Security Forces in an area of Belfast where riots, bombings, sniping and ambushes had become frequent. He led a large number of patrols into the terrorists' area with considerable success. On 5th March his company position was attacked for an hour by small arms fire and with disregard for his own safety, Major Edwards moved about to observe and identify the gunmen's position and ordered a sniper to return the fire. His resolute action enabled him to keep a firm grip on a dangerous situation which endangered the lives of innocent persons. Later, when two of his patrols were ambushed, he was relentless in his follow-up action which he directed personally.

Throughout his tour, he conducted his operations with courage, resolute leadership and skilful diplomacy.

24141971 Guardsman William Anthony MORRIS, Welsh Guards.

On 3rd July in Belfast terrorists attacked Guardsman Morris's sentry post in Malone Road with two sub-machine guns and nail bombs. He returned fire and was then hurled to the ground by the explosion of three bombs which, miraculously, did not injure him. The young guardsman picked himself up and, still under heavy fire, continued to engage the terrorists until they fled, abandoning five nail bombs.

By his coolness and courage under intense fire, Guardsman Morris singlehandedly thwarted a determined and well planned terrorist attack.

23971837 Corporal David John SMITH, Corps of Royal Military Police.

Corporal Smith was involved in peace-keeping in Northern Ireland for almost two years until July 1971. During the spring and summer of 1970, as driver and radio operator for the officer in charge of military police in Belfast, he drove his unprotected vehicles through the most violent crowds and his coolness and daring became by-words. On some occasions he alone talked potentially hostile groups into dispersing.

He faced violent mobs day after day and endured long periods without rest that would have broken a lesser man. He returned to a platoon in August 1970 and his steadfastness, courage and determination were an inspiration to all. As an assistant in the operations room from March 1971, his intelligent and quick reactions enabled many potentially dangerous situations to be dealt with successfully. His contribution to peace-keeping over the whole period was remarkable.

23167652 Staff Sergeant Thomas McIVOR WATT, Corps of Royal Military Police.

Between March 1970 and July this year, Staff Sergeant Watt commanded a platoon in a peace-keeping role in Northern Ireland. Although unarmed and without protective clothing he was always to the forefront in riot situations, supervising patrols and dealing with hooligans. His sense of anticipation, coolness and determination averted many sectarian clashes which could have become serious riots.

He came under attack from stones, clubs, firearms and explosives a number of times and on one occasion suffered a severe head injury while rescuing a soldier from a mob.

Throughout his tour, Staff Sergeant Watt never once hesitated in the face of danger and he set examples of steadiness, professional skill and leadership above the ordinary.

30th November 1971.

Brig. John Howell MALLARD, T.D., late R.A.C. is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 23rd Oct. 1971, in an existing vacancy.

Col. Anthony FENDER, T.D., D.L., late R.A.C., T. & A.V.R. is appointed Aide-de-Camp, T. & A.V.R. to The QUEEN, 19th Oct. 1971, in an existing vacancy.

Col. John Munro WOTHERSPOON, T.D., late R. Signals, T. & A.V.R. is appointed Aide-de-Camp, T. & A.V.R., to The QUEEN, 29th Oct. 1971, in an existing vacancy.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. D. G. LEVIS, O.B.E., Q.H.P., M.B., D.P.H. (70125) late R.A.M.C. relinquishes his appointment as Deputy Director of Medical Services, Southern Command, 26th Nov. 1971.

The undermentioned Cols. retire on retired pay on the dates shown:

N. T. St. I. WILLIAMS (193417) late R.A.E.C. 25th Nov. 1971.

W. M. McCUTCHEON, M.B., D.P.H. (380864) late R.A.M.C., 27th Nov. 1971.

R. A. STRONACH (182094) late R.A.O.C., 30th Nov. 1971.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Class IV

Col. J. H. NEALE, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., A.D.C. (179486), late R.A. from T. & A.V.R., Category III to be Col., 2nd Apr. 1968.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

R.H.G./D.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. Christopher Henry BOONE (484981) from Short Serv. Commn. to be 2nd Lt., 22nd Sep. 1971, with seniority 20th Dec. 1968. To be Lt., 22nd Sep. 1971, with seniority 9th Dec. 1970.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. H. D. F. REYNOLDS (385705) R.T.R. retires on retired pay, 16th Nov. 1971.

Lt. H. J. MCPHIE (475637) Q.O.H. to be Capt., 30th Nov. 1971.

Maj. (Q.M.) O. B. KELLY (471683) Scots D.G. retires on retired pay, 30th Nov. 1971.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Lt. K. F. TULLOCH (478787) Q.O.Y. is granted the acting rank of Capt., 1st Apr. 1971.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Class II

Capt. J. L. WELCH (468495) from T. & A.V.R. to be Capt., 9th Oct. 1971.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

2nd Lt. M. C. PARKER (489702) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 17th May 1970.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. M. J. W. WRIGHT (364717) retires on retired pay, 26th Nov. 1971.

Maj. W. BYRDE (85567) retires on retired pay, 30th Nov. 1971.