

of the highest order. He has remained calm, reassured and totally in control of the situation, thus providing great leadership to his soldiers who admire his courage. Two examples of his actions are indicative of his general performance.

Firstly, on 13th January 1993 Lieutenant Watts was in Gornji Vakuf. He was tasked to escort an ambulance containing three women to hospital. Lieutenant Watts was leading the ambulance through the town in his Warrior when sudden and intense fire broke out. The driver of the second Warrior was hit and the vehicle slewed off the road through a bridge. Instantly the whole area became alive with direct and indirect fire. Quickly grasping the situation Lieutenant Watts turned his vehicle around to protect his second Warrior. He organised the attempt to save the life of the driver of the second Warrior despite intense fire in the area. Regrettably, life saving measures failed and Lieutenant Watts had to arrange the withdrawal back to the Gornji Vakuf base.

Secondly, throughout February, March and April 1993 Lieutenant Watts was the officer primarily concerned with security of crossings over the Bosnian Muslim/Bosnian Serb lines west of Turbe. He commanded such operations on six occasions and was under fire during three of them. On 5th April whilst the crossing party were in the process of moving their lines a sniper shot a soldier in the head behind Lieutenant Watts's Warrior. Immediately, and with considerable courage, Lieutenant Watts reacted—providing instant shelter with his Warrior, personally dismounting and thereafter efficiently providing very quick casualty evacuation. On this occasion the soldier's life was saved. Additionally Lieutenant Watts maintained sufficient control of the situation so that the operation continued; over two hundred and fifty refugees in total were safely escorted over the lines.

Lieutenant Watts has been intimately involved in the fiercest fighting during Operation GRAPPLE. His bravery has been outstanding throughout and is widely recognised.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL, LONDON S.W.1

12th June 1993

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (ARMY DEPARTMENT)

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to the undermentioned in recognition of service during operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

24694234 Corporal Stephen William BURR,
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.
24585160 Corporal James Thomas Mckean
MILLAR,
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.
24444404 Staff Sergeant Russell Alfred James
POULTER,
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.
For courage and determination in risking their lives by driving away three fuel tankers from a built up area during an artillery bombardment.

24256715 Warrant Officer Class II Andrew Frank
STERENBERG,

9th/12th Royal Lancers.

For courage and determination in rescuing injured civilians during artillery attacks.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL, LONDON S.W.1

12th June 1993

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned to be Mentioned-in-Despatches in recognition of service during operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia:

Mention in Despatches

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (ARMY DEPARTMENT)

24780245 Lance Corporal Thomas BYRNE, Royal Logistic Corps.
Captain (Acting Major) John Patrick Simon DONNELLY (514054), The Cheshire Regiment.
Captain Matthew John DUNDAS-WHATLEY (519879), The Cheshire Regiment.
Second Lieutenant Tudor ELLIS (536628), The Cheshire Regiment.
Major James William MITCHELL (505311), Corps of Royal Engineers.
Major Mark Nicholas POUNTAIN (500845), Royal Regiment of Artillery.
Lieutenant (Acting Captain) Robert Peter RYAN (527163), The Cheshire Regiment.
24303301 Warrant Officer Class I Charles Simon David STEVENS, The Cheshire Regiment.
Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm David WOOD, M.B.E. (495263), Royal Logistic Corps.
Lieutenant Matthew Robert WOOLLEY (530156), 9th/12th Royal Lancers.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD
ST. JAMES'S PALACE, LONDON S.W.1

12th June 1993

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of service during operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia:

**Order of the Bath
(Military Division)**

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (ARMY DEPARTMENT)

C.B.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companion, of the said Most Honourable Order:

Brigadier Roderick Alexander CORDY-SIMPSON,
O.B.E. (474830), late 13th/18th Royal Hussars.