

Officer. Once he was satisfied that all was under control he moved under heavy fire, beyond the position where the General Purpose Machine Gun had been, as the weapon itself had rolled down a bank. Under heavy and accurate fire, some of which was coming from within less than 100 yards, he got to the General Purpose Machine Gun and brought it back. He then carried on the battle with the enemy, and with the gun in action again the immediate crisis was over. Soon afterwards he was ordered to withdraw, and his handling of this move, together with the recovery of the casualty was carried out quite faultlessly. The enemy suffered 4 killed and 2 wounded. By his resource and courage, he turned an ugly situation into a successful engagement.

*Military Medal*

23969503 Guardsman William NICHOLSON, Coldstream Guards.

On 1st December 1964, Guardsman Nicholson of Number 3 Company, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards was a member of a platoon ambush in the Wadi Quatana, a mile or so from Blairs Field in the Wadi Taym, Radfan. He was actually in the Wadi. In the early afternoon, whilst the ambush positions were still being dug, a party of some 20 insurgents attacked the position. The General Purpose Machine Gun gunner in Nicholson's section was immediately wounded in the arm. He was some twelve yards away. Nicholson, without receiving any orders to do so immediately ran across to the gun under a considerable rain of shots. When he got there he found that he had hardly any cover from the position the enemy were in. However, undaunted, and with bullets striking all around him he got the General Purpose Machine Gun into action on his own, located the enemy and fired back. For over 10 minutes he was the target of aimed enemy fire from close range. But in the end it was he who won the fire fight and the enemy stopped.

It became known later that in this action the insurgents lost 4 killed and 2 badly wounded. Two members of the platoon were wounded and but for Nicholson's very courageous action the weight of casualties would certainly have gone against the platoon.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct:

2/Lieutenant Robin John Stuart WARDLE (476077), Coldstream Guards.

For his determination, fearless conduct and courage whilst successfully engaging some 20 dissidents which attacked a section of his Platoon in the Wadi Quatana in the Western Aden Protectorate. During some 40 or more patrols, some of which came under aimed and observed fire, his quick reactions and fortitude have saved casualties and frustrated the enemy.

22305199 Sergeant Denis John FOGARTY, Coldstream Guards.

The camp and picquets occupied by Number 1 Company, 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards at Mukeiras in the Western Aden Protectorate were attacked from four different positions by dissidents armed with mortars, light machine guns, rifles and blindicides. The picquet was hit severely wounding the N.C.O. in Command and a Guardsman, another Guardsman was killed. Sergeant Fogarty had the body and the two injured men returned to the main camp, and took immediate control of the picquet, reorganised the defences and directed mortar fire on further dissident groups.

His prompt action undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded N.C.O., and his determination and courage restored the confidence and moral of the survivors of the picquet.

23493702 Corporal (Acting Sergeant) Eric Charles HILLING, Coldstream Guards.

As the Assault Pioneer Sergeant of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, Sergeant Hilling has carried out over one hundred mine clearing patrols in the Western Aden Protectorate and has dealt with a variety of explosives. By his zeal, infinite courage and disregard for his own safety he has undoubtedly saved many lives.

25th January 1966.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. G. W. H. MEW, C.B.E., M.A., LL.B. (49917), late R.A.E.C., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 24th Jan. 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. G. E. MOULDER, O.B.E., T.D. (70316), late R.A.S.C., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, retires from the T.A., 25th Jan. 1966.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj.-Gen. P. M. HUNT, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E. (67201), late Inf., is appointed Commandant, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, 19th Jan. 1966.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

*Q.R.I.H.*

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. J. V. COLBECK (101039) retires on retired pay, 26th Jan. 1966.

*R.T.R.*

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. D. S. BOWLING-SMITH, M.C. (137520), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 26th Jan. 1966.

*R.A.C.*

REGULAR ARMY

*Short Serv. Comms.*

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. to be Lts., 26th Jan. 1966:

R. C. S. MAHONY (472250).

P. T. CROSTHWAITE (472972).

L. H. PARSONS (472975).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) J. F. McWILLIAM (194211) having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 25th Jan. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

*L.Y.*

TERRITORIAL ARMY

24041789 Tpr. Brian Sinclair DAVIDSON (480900) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 10th Dec. 1965.

*I.C. & C.Y.*

TERRITORIAL ARMY

The Hon. John DONOVAN (452269) (formerly R.Ir.F.) to be Lt., 2nd Dec. 1965, with seniority 18th Sept. 1962.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. P. J. SUDBURY (472981) to be Lt., 26th Jan. 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Actg. Maj.) I. C. McALLESTER (443286) to be Maj., 26th Jan. 1966, with seniority 1st Apr. 1965.

The undermentioned Capt. to be Maj. on the dates shown:

D. J. COLWILL (439207), 1st Dec. 1965.

A. H. KENNEDY (431917), 4th Dec. 1965.

L. B. MORGAN, T.D. (419004), 20th Dec. 1965.

Capt. A. J. BARRON (445407) is granted the actg. rank of Maj., 28th Dec. 1965.

Lt. J. A. MOODIE (470279) is granted the actg. rank of Capt., 30th Nov. 1965.

Lt. G. W. ROWE (446540) from R.E., to be Lt., 30th Nov. 1965, with seniority 23rd June 1959.

23985494 Gnr. John Antony Scott WALTON (480883) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 21st Nov. 1965.

23994750 Gnr. Peter Harry Ferguson WARD (480585) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 26th Oct. 1965. (Substituted for the notifn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 7th Dec. 1965.)

Gerard Balfour CHICHESTER (448664) (formerly Lt., Res. of Offrs., Cl. III, R.F.), to be Lt., 1st Nov. 1965, with seniority 7th Nov. 1962. (Substituted for the notifn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 31st Dec. 1965.)

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. & Bt. Col. A. W. E. TATE, T.D. (182895), having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 26th Jan. 1966, retaining the rank of Lt.-Col. & Bt. Col.

Maj. A. I. STEWART-LIBERTY, M.C., T.D. (68065), having exceeded the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 26th Jan. 1966, retaining the rank of Maj.