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THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOODSt. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
11th January 1972.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Cross to the under-mentioned:

Major Stephen George STYLES (383996) Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

As Senior Ammunition Technical Officer, Northern Ireland, Major Styles was responsible for the supervision of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps deployed to deal with the ever-increasing number of explosive devices used in the terrorist campaign.

On 20th October 1971, Major Styles was called to assist with a device of an apparently new design placed in a public telephone kiosk in Belfast's comparatively new, and largest, hotel, the Europa. Major Styles immediately went to the scene and, having ensured that the military and police had secured the area and evacuation of personnel had also been effected, took charge of the operation of neutralising, removing and dismantling the bomb.

Investigation revealed that the bomb was of a new and complicated construction with anti-handling devices to defeat attempts to disarm it. Until the electrical circuit had been neutralised, the slightest movement could have set it off. The device contained between 10 and 15 lbs. of explosive and could have caused instant death as well as extensive damage. No-one was more aware of the destructive capability of the bomb than Major Styles, yet he placed himself at great personal risk to minimise the danger to his team, to confirm the success of each stage of the operation, and to ensure the practicability of the next stage. The whole operation took seven hours to plan and execute and was completely successful.

Two days later he was again called to the same hotel where a second bomb had been laid by armed terrorists. This bomb was found to be an even larger device with a charge of over 30 lbs. of explosive, anti-handling devices, and a confusion of electrical circuits; it was clearly intended to defeat disarming techniques and to kill the operator trying to neutralise it. Major Styles again immediately took charge of the situation and successfully disarmed, removed and dismantled the bomb, this time after 9 hours' intense and dangerous work.

As a result of his courageous and dedicated resolution, two determined and ingenious attempts by terrorists against life and property were defeated, and technical information was obtained which will help to save the lives of operators faced with such devices in future.

Throughout each operation Major Styles displayed a calm resolution in control, a degree of technical skill and personal bravery in circumstances of extreme danger far beyond that of the call of duty. His work was an outstanding inspiration and example, particularly to others engaged in this dangerous type of work.

11th January 1972.

Brig. Richard Mansfield BREMNER, O.B.E., late R.A. is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 13th Oct. 1971, in an existing vacancy.

Brig. John Francis Desmond MURPHY, M.D., F.R.C.Psych., D.P.M., late R.A.M.C., is appointed Honorary Physician to The QUEEN, 24th Dec. 1971, in succession to Maj.-Gen. Derek George LEVIS, O.B.E., M.B., D.P.H., retired.

Col. Kenneth Gardiner GALLOWAY, O.B.E., B.D.S., late R.A.D.C. is appointed Honorary Dental Surgeon to The QUEEN, 15th Oct. 1971, in an existing vacancy.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. J. W. HARMAN, O.B.E., M.C. (123536) late R.A.C., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding, 1st Division, 6th Jan. 1972.

Brig. E. N. W. BRAMALL, O.B.E., M.C. (277408) late Inf. is appointed General Officer Commanding 1st Division and is granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 6th Jan. 1972.

Brig. J. R. CAVE-BROWNE, M.C. (71068) late R.E. retires on retired pay, 10th Jan. 1972.

Col. I. G. NEILD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (163695) late R.A.M.C. retires on retired pay, 9th Jan. 1972.

Lt.-Col. J. P. CROWDY, M.B., D.P.H. (399616) from R.A.M.C. to be Col., 2nd Jan. 1972.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

R.H.G./D.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. J. F. MACKIE (475196) retires receiving a gratuity, 10th Jan. 1972.