

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 (NAVY DEPARTMENT)

Lieutenant Timothy Joseph KELLY, Royal Navy.

ARMY DEPARTMENT

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

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THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the undermentioned as a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order in recognition of gallant and distinguished service during operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia:

Distinguished Service Order

D.S.O.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Alexander STEWART
(487588),

The Cheshire Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Stewart has commanded the 1st Battalion The Cheshire Regiment Battalion Group for six months on an operational tour in Bosnia-Herzegovina under the auspices of the United Nations. He has been involved in Operation GRAPPLE since the very beginning, and to him fell the responsibility for all the planning for the creation of a battalion base and a number of company bases in a region already in the throes of fierce inter-communal fighting. During this time, and throughout the tour, he has had to deal personally with a number of difficult local authorities. Throughout the tour, both he and his battalion, although neutral in their support of the delivery of aid by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, have frequently been the target of attacks by one or other of the indigenous warring factions.

Despite the limited mandate of the operation, Lieutenant Colonel Stewart chose, early on, to adopt a classic 'hearts and minds' campaign to win the trust of those with whom he had to deal in order to ensure the free flow of aid. In doing so, he recognised that he was assuming a considerable personal risk but his style of diplomacy and leadership and his determination to dominate paid handsome dividends and served as a marvellous example to the troops under his command. Throughout the tour, he has led right from the front, exercising all the energy, enthusiasm, charm and courage in his possession. On a number of occasions he has personally been the target of attack from either snipers, anti-tank fire or from mortar bombardment. On others, he was often caught in cross-fire whilst conducting difficult and delicate negotiations but, on

all occasions, he demonstrated cool and determined courage and inspirational leadership, never flinching from his duty.

In the continuous hostile operational environment prevailing, which was made worse by some appalling winter weather conditions, it would have been easy for morale in the Battalion Group to suffer. However, with good humour and encouragement at the appropriate moment, Lieutenant Colonel Stewart generated enormous cheerfulness and professional determination amongst his officers and soldiers. The living arrangements were crude but bearable. Nevertheless, he always ensured that the best was made of what was available.

The outstanding success of the Battalion Group tour of duty owes an enormous amount to Lieutenant Colonel Stewart's unflagging energy, courage and leadership. He has sustained a high level of effort by the soldiers under his inspired command throughout a very difficult tour and under the most trying circumstances.

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THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Military Cross to the undermentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished service during operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia:

Military Cross

M.C.

Major Pyers William TUCKER (503952),

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

For six months from October 1992 Major Tucker has been the Military Assistant to General Morillon, the French Commander of United Nations Forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Commander based himself in Sarajevo with a very small, mostly French, staff whilst the headquarters was some twenty miles away. The General worked almost exclusively on the political front leaving the running of the military operations entirely to his main headquarters. Every day, Major Tucker would ensure that the main headquarters was debriefed and the necessary staff taskings were then able to be given. With such poor communications the whole of the United Nations command and control could easily have broken down without his total dedication.

Major Tucker gave everything for six months to ensure that the staff were kept aware of the Commander's wishes. Apart from seven days' leave, he worked an average of seventeen hours a day, seven days a week. His dedication to his Commander and to his job was inspirational.

Of exceptional note was the two week period that he and General Morillon were cut off in Srebrenica. Held hostage by the one factional group and constantly under fire from others, it was Major Tucker's regular reports that kept the headquarters and the world informed of what was happening in the enclave. When Serb tanks and armoured personnel carriers advanced to cut off the aid convoy trying to reach the besieged