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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF
 KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
 17th May, 1955.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to:—

2547082 Staff Sergeant Kenneth Gerald ADEY, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

At 1430 hours on 5th October, 1954, a serious fire occurred in a storeroom containing petrol inside a garage, which housed a large number of vehicles in the lines of 5th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery, Mercer Barracks, Osnabruck.

The door of the storeroom was closed and the outbreak of the fire was discovered when a muffled explosion was heard from inside the room, immediately followed by a sheet of flame coming from underneath the door.

The alarm was given, the door kicked in and fire fighting arrangements put into effect. At this time, however, the soldiers in the garage were unaware that there were men inside the storeroom.

Hearing the alarm, Staff Sergeant Adey seized a fire extinguisher and ran towards the scene of the fire. On the way, he passed the barred windows of the storeroom and saw the faces of two or three men, who were, with the assistance of others outside, attempting to break the windows of the storeroom.

With no thought for his personal safety Staff Sergeant Adey ran to the door, played his extinguisher on the flames, cleared a small path for himself, and although other parts of the room were still burning fiercely and the room was still full of smoke and petrol fumes, went straight in and, unaided, carried three injured men to safety, and then, the flames having been brought more under control, assisted in bringing out a further two men.

All were very severely burned and one, Number 14951059 Signalman F. R. Gardner, subsequently died.

Only after he was satisfied that there were no other soldiers in the store, did Staff Sergeant Adey allow himself to be taken out into the open air, where he collapsed from the effects of his exertions and the petrol fumes.

Throughout there was a very real risk of further petrol explosions in addition to the fierce fire that was already burning. There is no doubt whatever that, but for Staff Sergeant Adey's immediate and most courageous action, the remaining men in the room would probably also have died from burns or suffocation.

The War Office, 17th May, 1955.

REGULAR ARMY.

Maj.-Gen. J. WREN (5532) late R.A.D.C. retires on ret. pay, 2nd Apr. 1955.

Col. (Temp. Brig.) R. N. ANDERSON, C.B.E., D.S.O. (38648), late Inf., is granted the local rank of Maj.-Gen., 1st Apr. 1955.

Col. T. I. DUN, D.S.O., M.C., M.B. (5530), late R.A.M.C., retires on ret. pay, 15th May 1955 and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

The undermentioned Cols. late R.A.M.C. retire on ret. pay, 15th May 1955:—

L. HANDY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (1981).

G. T. GIMLETTE, M.B. (13199).

T. B. H. TABUTEAU, O.B.E., M.B. (14361).

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Maj.-Gen. H. E. PYMAN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (42251), late R.A.C., is appointed Director of Weapons and Development, The War Office, 14th May 1955.

Maj.-Gen. W. P. OLIVER, C.B., O.B.E. (18260), late Inf., is appointed Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff and is granted the temporary rank of Lt.-Gen., 15th May 1955.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS.

4 H.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lt. R. D. SHAW (379160) relinquishes his commn., 16th Apr. 1955 and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.

15/19 H.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. D. H. HAWKINS, M.C., M.M. (252337), to be Maj., 9th May 1955.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Lt. J. A. CLEVERLEY (365619) to be Capt., 1st Apr. 1955.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. M. N. BOGGON (432406) from Reg. Army Nat. Serv. List, R.A.C., to be 2nd Lt., 10th May 1955, with seniority 19th Dec. 1953.

R.A.C.

REGULAR ARMY.

Short Serv. Commn.

2nd Lt. D. G. WEIR (397741) to be Lt., 18th May 1955.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. N. E. CLAXTON (430508) to be Lt., 1st May 1955.