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*The War Office, 19th August, 1955.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya:—

*The Military Medal.*

No. 23211237 Private Patrick Paul O'CALLAGHAN,  
The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

On 18th June at 0145 hrs. 12 Platoon were in Camp in the South Swamp. It was raining hard and the night was very dark. The Camp was laid out as a rough circle. The Platoon Commander—a Sergeant—was himself a sentry in the middle of the camp following normal practice. Private O'CALLAGHAN was asleep in his hammock on the edge of the camp.

Private O'CALLAGHAN was awakened by someone moving his hands over his body. He moved and was struck a heavy blow on the head with a heavy Malay knife. The blow was sufficiently violent to fracture his skull. He shouted—"Sergeant" jumped from his hammock knocked over one bandit and caught hold of another. He felt the muzzle of a weapon pressed against his stomach, wrested it away from the bandit and turned it against its owner. He fired twice but both rounds were misfires. He seized the bandit by the throat with one hand and began hitting him with the other. He was then slashed across the feet with the knife sufficiently violently to cut him to the bone. He fell down and the bandit ran away.

Next morning a search was made of the area and it was apparent that four or five bandits were concerned. In their haste to escape they had left behind one carbine, two knives and a sack containing clothing.

Private O'CALLAGHAN was evacuated by helicopter that afternoon some fourteen hours after the incident. He was clearly suffering from severe loss of blood and was in considerable pain. At no time did he utter a word of complaint. His conduct throughout was outstanding and had he not shown so much courage and presence of mind under the most adverse conditions it is more than likely that his platoon would have suffered further casualties and would have lost weapons. As it was what might have been a bandit success was turned into a bandit failure.

*The War Office, 19th August, 1955.*

REGULAR ARMY.

Col. R. H. C. PRYN, F.R.C.S. (Edin.) (15538) late R.A.M.C. retires on ret. pay, 17th Aug. 1955.  
Lt.-Col. (Temp. Brig.) R. A. FYFFE, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (53778), from R.B., to be Col., 19th June 1955, with seniority 10th June 1954.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Maj.-Gen. R. LI. BROWN, C.B., C.B.E. (12055), late R.E., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 23rd July 1955.

Brig. A. GILROY, O.B.E. (13279), late Inf., having attained the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 9th July 1955.

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS.

3 D.G.

REGULAR ARMY.

Maj. W. C. W. SLOAN (63554) to be Lt.-Col., 30th June 1955.

5 D.G.

REGULAR ARMY.

2nd Lt. J. K. CROOKSHANK (433089) to be Lt., 15th Aug. 1955.

3 H.

REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. T. UNETT (397390) to be Capt., 14th July 1955.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Maj. L. BREWER, T.D. (27527), having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 20th Aug. 1955, retaining the rank of Maj.

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) R. J. CLAYTON, T.D. (51451), resigns his commn., 1st July 1955, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

Lt. J. W. GRAHAM (44598) having exceeded the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 20th Aug. 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.

Ayr Yeo.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Lt. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, M.C. (406701) is granted the actg. rank of Capt., 1st June 1955.

Cheshire Yeo.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. R. A. E. TREMLETT (433342) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 18th Aug. 1955.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) N. H. DUNN (417989) to be Lt., 20th Aug. 1955, with seniority 13th Mar. 1953.