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**FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER, 1955**

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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*23rd December, 1955.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Cyprus to:—

Major Brian Jackson COOMBE (222695), The Corps of Royal Engineers.

On 15th December, 1955, Major COOMBE was ambushed while driving on duty in Cyprus. His only escort was mortally wounded. Armed with a Sten machine carbine he took immediate offensive action on foot across country under grenade and intensive automatic fire. With utter disregard for his own safety he carefully selected a position from which he could accurately locate and bring fire to bear upon the terrorists, three of whom he now saw firmly established 30 yards away. A fourth terrorist opened automatic fire on COOMBE from a separate position on the flank. Although outnumbered four to one he continued to fire his Sten until his ammunition was exhausted. Having returned to the vehicle to get the escort's Sten he resumed his position. After a further exchange of fire, during which COOMBE came under heavy fire from the Fourth terrorist, he put two of the party of three assailants out of action. He then directed a further burst of fire on the fourth terrorist. His ammunition being by now again exhausted he drew his pistol and covered his opponents for thirty minutes. The fourth terrorist endeavoured to escape but COOMBE wounded him at a range of seventy yards with his last three rounds of pistol ammunition though he was unable to capture him. When assistance arrived some seventy-five minutes after the action began Major COOMBE had, single handed, killed one terrorist, wounded two and captured one. He displayed courage and initiative of the very highest order pressing home his attack against prepared positions at only forty yards range.

*The War Office, 23rd December, 1955.*

**ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS.**

**R.A.C.**

**REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.**

**Class III.**

Lt. M. S. TURNBULL (415267) from A.E. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955 retaining his present seniority.

Lt. H. G. RODDICK (417926) from T.A. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, R. Wilts. Yeo., to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

*Yorks. Dgns.*

**TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

**NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. D. G. SCHOLEY (434369) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*N.S.Y.*

**TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

**NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. M. O. SACKETT (434368) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

**ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.**

**REGULAR ARMY.**

Lt. J. G. WILLIAMS (397139) to be Capt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

Lt. R. N. CLARK (397843) to be Capt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. D. W. L. ROBINSON (433228) to be Lt., 24th Dec. 1955.

**Short Serv. Commn.**

Capt. F. C. CONYERS (256876) to be Maj., 24th Dec. 1955.

**ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.**

**NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. are granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955:—

A. D. JONES (434096).

A. G. THORNE (434429).

R. W. R. THOMAS (434431).

**CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.**

**REGULAR ARMY.**

Maj. S. N. WHITE, M.A. (73070), retires on ret. pay, 23rd Dec. 1955.

**Short Serv. Commn.**

**Movement Control Section.**

Maj. C. F. C. LYNN (384245) relinquishes his commn. on account of disability, 23rd Dec. 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

**REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.**

**Class III.**

Lt. J. K. LIDDELL (414714) from A.E. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

**TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

Maj. (Actg. Lt.-Col.) K. du B. FERGUSON, D.S.O., T.D. (137162), to be Lt.-Col., 22nd Dec. 1955, with seniority 31st Oct 1953.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. A. H. BROWN (434311) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

## REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. I. GRAM-HANSEN (383180) to be Maj., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) W. S. AFFLECK (422875) to be Lt., 24th Dec. 1955, with seniority 28th Jan. 1954.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. B. D. NORTH (434476) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. P. SIMPSON (434495) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. M. F. ELSTONE (434491) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. G. J. OLDHAM (434493) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. are granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955:—

J. N. SHEARD (434479).

D. J. H. BAYLISS (434484).

D. G. SMITH (434496).

D. J. C. THOMAS (434497).

D. A. R. WILLIAMS (434499).

## FOOT GUARDS.

*Gren. Gds.*

## REGULAR ARMY.

*Short Serv. Commn.*

2nd Lt. J. I. JEFFERSON (436286) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. are granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955:—

N. J. INGLIS-JONES (434551).

M. J. MACKINLAY MACLEOD (434561).

C. W. L. WILLSON (434565).

*Coldm. Gds.*

## ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

The undermentioned 2nd Lts. are granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955:—

A. A. SINCLAIR (434552).

C. N. G. HICKS (434553).

A. D. MACINTYRE (434554).

P. J. MAITLAND (434555).

V. J. A. FANE (434558).

N. D. WESTON (434563).

P. S. WILMOT-SITWELL (434564).

*S.G.*

## ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. R. E. K. HUTTON (434566) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## INFANTRY.

*R.S.*

## REGULAR ARMY.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. F. F. D. STOTT (434239) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*King's Own.*

## REGULAR ARMY.

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Capt. G. E. BASS (279607) (Emp. List 4) to be Maj., 23rd Dec. 1955.

*R.F.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

2nd Lt. P. S. B. BUCK (436245) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*Kings.*

## REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Lt. J. DU RANDT (426123) from Active List, to be Lt., 21st Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

*R. Lincolns.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. J. F. SWALLOW (434562) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*Devon.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

2nd Lt. J. R. ANDREWS (434570) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*Bedfs. Herts.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) J. H. V. BRADLEY (426223) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, with seniority 7th Oct. 1954.

*Green Howards.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) A. G. WRIGHT (423811) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, with seniority 19th Nov. 1953.

*R.W.F.*

## REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

*Class III.*

Lt. D. W. PARRY (414698) from T.A. Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. J. L. ROBERTS (434593) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*K.O.S.B.*

## REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

*Class III.*

Lt. R. A. BROOKS, M.C. (414691), from T.A. Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

*E. Lan. R.*

## REGULAR ARMY.

Lt. Peter TAYLOR (429120) from Green Howards Short Serv. Commn. to be Lt., 24th Dec. 1955, with seniority 19th May 1952.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. J. M. LEACH (434560) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*D.C.L.I.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. D. L. NATION (434584) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*Oxf. Bucks.*

## REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

*Class III.*

Lt. D. F. McK. PRINGLE (414699) from Res. of Offrs. Nat. Serv. List to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

*Loyals.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

2nd Lt. M. N. McHAFFIE (434581) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) C. F. A. SALAMAN (421981) to be Lt., 23rd Dec. 1955, with seniority 20th Dec. 1953.

*R. Berks.*

## REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

*Class III.*

Lt. G. A. RUTHERFORD (414702) from T.A. Res. of Offrs. Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

*K.O.Y.L.I.*

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) C. G. DELANY (383420) to be Capt., 22nd Dec. 1955, with seniority 3rd July 1953.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. P. J. M. KENNEDY (434559) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*Wilts.*

## REGULAR ARMY.

Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) A. F. BACON, M.B.E. (134780), having attained the age limit for retirement, is placed on ret pay 23rd Dec 1955

**TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

2nd Lt. A. A. R. COBBOLD (434575) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. G. M. G. PARSONS (434585) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*N. Staffs.***TERRITORIAL ARMY.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. C. D. St. JOHNSTON (434589) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. M. J. S. PREECE (434556) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 23rd Dec. 1955.

*Y. & L.***TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) C. S. C. THOMSON (420631) to be Lt., 23rd Dec. 1955, with seniority 5th Oct. 1953.

*Gordons.***TERRITORIAL ARMY.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. I. R. MCNEIL (434582) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. J. R. W. STANSFELD (434588) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*Camerons.***REGULAR ARMY.**

Capt. A. F. RONEY-DOUGAL (375781) to be Maj., 24th Dec. 1955.

**TERRITORIAL ARMY.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) A. T. BAILLIE (424963) to be Lt., 24th Dec. 1955, with seniority 14th Mar. 1954.

*Glider Pilot and Parachute Corps.**Para.***TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

2nd Lt. A. C. CUMMING (434576) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

*G.R.**10 G.R.***REGULAR ARMY.**

Maj. (G.C.O.) BAGDHAN Rai, M.B.E., M.C. (388436), retires on ret. pay on account of disability, 23rd Dec. 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj. (G.C.O.).

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Lt. J. S. M. EDWARDES, G.M. (421239), to be Capt., 24th Dec. 1955.

*Hereford L.I.***TERRITORIAL ARMY.**

2nd Lt. A. L. WHITNEY (441525) to be Lt., 24th Dec. 1955.

**NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) H. R. D. BILLSON (420253) to be Lt., 23rd Dec. 1955, with seniority 4th Sept. 1953.

**ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.****REGULAR ARMY.**

Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) A. H. DEWSALL (399893) to be Maj. (Qr.-Mr.), 24th Dec. 1955.

**REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.**

Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) (Hon. Lt.-Col.) F. SPINKS, O.B.E. (90432), having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 23rd Dec. 1955.

*Class III.*

Lt. A. R. BRIDGES (414727) from A.E. Res. of Offrs. Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

**ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. B. E. HORTON (434532) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. K. H. HAGUE (434529) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. T. J. W. HILL (434533) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

**ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.****REGULAR ARMY.**

Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) T. P. LLOYD (341047) to be Maj. (Qr.-Mr.), 24th Dec. 1955.

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

A. H. MOUNTFORD (308441), 22nd Dec. 1955.

D. GALBRAITH, M.C. (240327), 23rd Dec. 1955.

I. A. CROMPTON (303896), 24th Dec. 1955.

Lt. R. J. HOY (409729) to be Capt., 23rd Dec. 1955.

Lt. P. J. JOBSON (383814) to be Capt., 24th Dec. 1955.

*Short Serv. Commns.*

Capt. L. LEWIS (256899) to be Maj., 24th Dec. 1955.

Capt. H. C. I. RICH (356842) to be Maj., 24th Dec. 1955.

**ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) G. R. BYFIELD (431595) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, with seniority 1st May 1955.

2nd Lt. R. F. BUDD (434602) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. A. C. NICHOLLS (434607) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. P. D. WHEELER (434610) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

**TERRITORIAL ARMY.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. W. J. N. SLINGSBY (434608) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

**CORPS OF ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS.****REGULAR ARMY.**

Lt.-Col. G. T. McALLISTER, B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E. (37539), having attained the age limit for retirement, is placed on ret. pay, 23rd Dec. 1955, and is granted the hon. rank of Col.

*Short Serv. Commns.*

Capt. G. T. HEXT (260984) to be Maj., 20th Dec. 1955.

Capt. J. M. SYKES (256884) to be Maj., 24th Dec. 1955.

**REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.***Class III.*

Lt. W. J. CRASKE (414684) from A.E. Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955, retaining his present seniority.

**ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. S. C. BENNIE (434621) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

The undermentioned 2nd Lts., are granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955:—

J. THRELFALL (434615).

C. F. J. FENNELL (434622).

G. L. HORNE (434624).

**TERRITORIAL ARMY.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

The undermentioned 2nd Lts., to be Lts., 22nd Dec. 1955:—

A. T. HARVEY (434617).

E. HARTLEY (434618).

G. S. HOGG (434619).

B. GRIMSHAW (434623).

2nd Lt. J. P. GRIFFITHS (434616) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

2nd Lt. A. N. KNIGHT (434620) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

**CORPS OF ROYAL MILITARY POLICE.****REGULAR ARMY.***Short Serv. Commn.*

2nd Lt. P. J. HANGLIN (434437) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

**ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.****NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.**

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) P. JARMAN (424075) to be Lt., 23rd Dec. 1955, with seniority 26th Nov. 1953.

**ROYAL PIONEER CORPS.****REGULAR ARMY.***Short Serv. Commn.*

Capt. R. St. J. KENNEDY (285142) relinquishes his commn. on completion of service, 24th Dec. 1955.

## INTELLIGENCE CORPS.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

## NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. J. M. GIBB (434032) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## ARMY CATERING CORPS.

## REGULAR ARMY.

*Short Serv. Commn.*

2nd Lt. D. H. J. HALLETT (434524) to be Lt., 22nd Dec. 1955.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL ARMY  
NURSING CORPS.

## REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Maj. Anne MacDonald MacCORMICK (279067)  
from Active List to be Maj., 22nd Dec. 1955.

## GENERAL LIST.

## TERRITORIAL ARMY.

## SECTION B.

## ARMY CADET FORCE.

*Lancashire (East).*

Lt. J. W. WOODS (414557) relinquishes his  
commn., 23rd Dec. 1955.