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

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

17th February, 1956.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal in recognition of an act of bravery in Mauritius to:—
 Second Lieutenant Trevor James DAVIES (437275),
 King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

In Mauritius on the 13th October, 1955, Second Lieutenant DAVIES was called to the rescue of Major Taylor who had fallen over the edge of a precipice and was suspended in a small clump of bushes on a narrow ledge some twenty feet from the top. DAVIES immediately sent for tow ropes from vehicles but seeing that the fallen officer was in imminent danger, on account of his semi-conscious and desperate state, of plunging downwards to his death 800 feet below, he did not wait for a life line but climbed down the sheer face of the cliff at extreme personal risk. Having calmed Major Taylor he fastened his own waistbelt around the Major's waist. During this time there is no doubt that the slightest false move by DAVIES or struggles by the semi-conscious officer would have resulted in the instant death of both.

On the arrival of the ropes DAVIES fastened them to the belt around Taylor who was hauled up to the cliff edge over which he was unable to help himself. Seeing this DAVIES, with the utmost gallantry, did not wait for a life line for himself but climbed back up the cliff face, leaned over the edge and pulled Taylor to safety.

Throughout the whole of this rescue operation Second Lieutenant DAVIES, who was virtually unaided, showed greatest possible courage and calmness. Under conditions which could not have been more difficult or more hazardous he showed complete disregard for his own safety.

The War Office, 17th February, 1956.

REGULAR ARMY.

Maj.-Gen. (Temp. Lt.-Gen.) W. H. STRATTON, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O. (27948), late R.E., to be Lt.-Gen., 27th Dec. 1955.

The undermentioned Brigs. (Temp. Maj.-Gens.) to be Maj.-Gens. on the dates shown:—

J. D'A. ANDERSON, C.B.E., D.S.O. (42399), late R.A.C., 5th Dec. 1955.

G. P. D. BLACKER, C.B.E. (34570), late R.A., 20th Dec. 1955.

J. R. C. HAMILTON, C.B.E., D.S.O. (34438), late R.E., 27th Dec. 1955.

Lt.-Col. (Temp. Brig.) J. S. VICKERS, D.S.O. (380335), from G.R., to be Col., 27th Jan. 1955.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Maj.-Gen. (Now Lt.-Gen.) W. H. STRATTON, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O. (27948), late R.E., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding North West District, and 42 (Lancashire) Infantry Division (T.A.), 15th Dec. 1955.

Lt.-Gen. W. H. STRATTON, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O. (27948), late R.E., is appointed Commander British Forces, Hong Kong, 31st Dec. 1955.

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS.

4/7 D.G.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. C. E. TWISTON-DAVIES (368404) retires receiving a gratuity, 3rd Feb. 1956.

R. Tks.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) P. A. C. EDWARDES (425388) to be Lt., 18th Feb. 1956, with seniority 3rd June 1954.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) M. A. WILKINSON (406705) from Active List to be Lt., 5th Jan. 1956, retaining his present seniority.

S.R.Y.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. G. R. E. STANTON (436887) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 16th Feb. 1956.

N.H.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) Hon. N. RIDLEY (390906) to be Capt., 17th Feb. 1956, with seniority 1st Nov. 1955.

R.G.H.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) D. G. MEE (421865) to be Lt., 18th Feb. 1956, with seniority 13th Dec. 1953.

Sharpshooters.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) R. W. B. BERENS (420543) to be Lt., 18th Feb. 1956, with seniority 2nd Oct. 1953.

N.I.H.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

2nd Lt. J. C. M. SHAW (436890) relinquishes his commn., 5th Jan. 1956, on enlistment in ranks.