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The War Office, 16th March, 1956.

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

The Military Medal.

22447666 Sergeant (acting) Gordon Albert Roger WESTALL, Royal Hampshire Regiment.

On 12th January, 1956, the platoon of which Sergeant WESTALL was platoon sergeant was standing by in a track in a rubber estate. A small party of men were seen moving some two hundred yards away. The platoon commander with Sergeant WESTALL and three others moved forward to investigate. After following fresh tracks three terrorists were seen whereupon the platoon commander ran towards them only to be shot and killed by a fourth terrorist whose presence had not been detected.

Sergeant WESTALL at once assumed command leading his men in the face of heavy terrorists fire from amongst the trees. He himself wounded two terrorists in succession. He then closed with a terrorist, who had wounded one of the platoon, and put him out of action at point blank range. Two terrorists only escaped. The pursuit was eventually called off in the late evening due to failing light and heavy rain.

The success of this action, which resulted in the death of a notorious terrorist murderer, was entirely due to Sergeant WESTALL's leadership, personal bravery, dash and good shooting.

The War Office, 16th March, 1956.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Col. (Hon. Brig.) K. A. HOLMES-TARN, C.B.E. (15295), late R.A. having attained the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 11th Feb. 1956.

Col. (Hon. Brig.) W. G. LANG-ANDERSON, O.B.E. (14147), late R.E. having attained the age limit of liability to recall ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 13th Feb. 1956.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Maj.-Gen. J. SCOTT-ELLIOT, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (23799), late Inf., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding 51 (Highland) Infantry Division (T.A.) and Highland District, remaining on full pay, 15th Mar. 1956.

Maj.-Gen. E. C. COLVILLE, C.B., D.S.O. (33658), late Inf. is appointed General Officer Commanding 51 (Highland) Infantry Division (T.A.) and Highland District, 15th Mar. 1956.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY.

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REGULAR ARMY.

2nd Lt. R. P. M. DAVIES (436048) to be Lt., 11th Mar. 1956.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. W. H. McALPINE (439784) from Reg. Army (Nat. Serv. List to be 2nd Lt., 16th Mar. 1956, with seniority 5th Feb. 1955.

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ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. A. P. HEDGES (437849) from Reg. Army (Nat. Serv. List to be 2nd Lt., 16th Mar. 1956, with seniority 25th Sept. 1954.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS.

Royals.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Class III.

Lt. R. E. J. PHILIPPI (424431) from Active List to be Lt., 27th Jan. 1956, retaining his present seniority.

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REGULAR ARMY.

2nd Lt. D. H. S. L. Maitland-Titterton (421614) to be Lt., 12th Mar. 1956.

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ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. M. J. W. LOFTING (436308) to be Lt., 15th Mar. 1956.

2nd Lt. P. A. TOOVEY (437854) from Reg. Army (Nat. Serv. List, R.A.C., to be 2nd Lt., 5th Mar. 1956, with seniority 25th Sept. 1954.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. (Actg. Lt.) D. I. GILLESPIE (423363) to be Lt., 16th Mar. 1956, with seniority 7th Feb. 1954.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. B. WORTHINGTON (437443) is granted the actg. rank of Lt., 15th Mar. 1956.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST.

2nd Lt. J. S. K. CHETWODE (438726) from Reg. Army (Nat. Serv. List, R.A.C., to be 2nd Lt., 11th Mar. 1956, with seniority 20th Nov. 1954.