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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Arabian Peninsula:

*Distinguished Service Order*

Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony John DEANE-DRUMMOND, M.C. (71076), Royal Corps of Signals, Commanding 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

When, on the 1st January 1959, Lieutenant-Colonel DEANE-DRUMMOND arrived in Oman, to command two squadrons of his regiment, rebels were holding the Jebel Akhdar, a formidable mountain range rising to 10,000 feet. All known tracks up the very steep slopes were dominated by rebel picquets which had defied earlier attempts to dislodge them.

After successful patrol actions during the month, Lieutenant-Colonel DEANE-DRUMMOND, on the night of the 26/27th January took personal command of an assault on the Jebel Akhdar. By a forced night march up extremely difficult country he surprised the enemy and gained complete success. At one stage the ascent was possible only by using ropes. Moving immediately behind the leading troops Lieutenant-Colonel DEANE-DRUMMOND, by his courage and leadership, throughout the assault and on the following days, inspired his men by his example. The remaining rebel opposition was quickly overcome and the whole operation was completed at small cost to the attacking troops.

*Military Cross*

Lieutenant Peter Edgar de la Cour de la BILLIERE (424859), Durham Light Infantry, then serving with 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

For his leadership, courage and determination, as a troop commander, in action against a tough enemy in very difficult country. He found and raided a cave being used by a large rebel party inflicting heavy losses upon them.

*Military Cross*

Lieutenant Anthony Showar JEAPES (440051), The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, attached 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

For his courage and devotion to duty as a troop commander during the successful advance up the feature known as the Aqbat al Dhafar. In spite

of heavy and accurate rebel fire he led his men to the summit engaging the enemy at close range with hand grenades and driving them away.

*Military Cross*

Captain Roderick Muir Bamford WALKER (420946), The Sherwood Foresters, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, attached 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

For his courage, skill and determination as a troop commander during operations against the Omani rebels. He established his troops on the top of a precipitous feature 8,000 feet high. He subsequently conducted a bold and successful raid against a strongly held rebel position.

*Military Cross*

Captain (temporary Major) John Peter Barry Condliffe WATTS (415012), The Royal Ulster Rifles, attached 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

For the successful conduct, as a squadron commander, of an opposed advance up a 6,500 feet sloping cliff leading to the Jebel Akhdar. Much of the success achieved can be attributed to his courage, skill and leadership.

*Distinguished Conduct Medal*

22547183 Lance Corporal (acting Sergeant) John HAWKINS, Corps of Royal Engineers, permanently attached 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

For courageous and determined leadership in the face of rebel fire. By skilfully withholding the fire of his men he decisively defeated an attack by well armed rebels. On another occasion he bravely exposed himself to throw grenades and thereby succeeded in subduing the enemy's fire. His conduct was an inspiration to his men.

*Military Medal*

22233626 Trooper Anthony CUNNINGHAM, The Lancashire Fusiliers, permanently attached 22 Special Air Service Regiment.

For bravery and devotion to duty in the face of rebel fire. His handling of a bren gun both in attack and defence was an example of skill and courage.

*Military Medal*

669 Sergeant Salmin KHAMEIS HAREB, Trucial Oman Scouts.

For his fine leadership and courage throughout the operations in the Jebel Akhdar. On one occasion he successfully established a troop in position