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6th October 1959.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division), in recognition of gallant conduct, to the undermentioned:

1/410145 Sapper Hugh BROOKS, Royal Australian Engineers.

3/410848 Sapper Ronald Leslie HILL, Royal Australian Engineers.

During the period from 8th to 12th March 1959, Sapper Brooks and Sapper Hill were crew members of Army Tug "Mollymawk" which was engaged in towing a hundred ton lighter from Melbourne to Sydney. The weather was extremely bad. Gale force winds were causing a heavy swell and very rough seas. Shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th March the tow line parted, the tug at this time being one hundred miles South West of Gabo Island. When two volunteers were called for to rig emergency bridles on the lighter Sapper Brooks and Sapper Hill both volunteered. The master of the tug manoeuvred close enough for the two volunteers to leap aboard the wildly heaving lighter. Working on the lighter under dangerous conditions, in freezing cold and often deluged by breaking seas they battled for three hours to secure the bridles and tow. By this time the seas had risen even further making it impossible for the tug to approach close to the lighter without risk of serious damage; safety lines were therefore passed from the tug to the lighter and were attached to the two volunteers by themselves. They then jumped into the sea, were hauled through the water and finally aboard the tug. By these acts of gallantry Sapper Brooks and Sapper Hill displayed outstanding courage and seamanship, obviated a dangerous hazard to navigation and saved a valuable lighter.

WAR OFFICE

6th October 1959

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant conduct in the Arabian Peninsula:

*Military Medal*

2364 Sergeant ALI RASHID, Northern Frontier Regiment, Sultan of Muscat's Armed Forces.

For his courage and tenacity during action against the Omani rebels. As leading scout he played an important part in many operations. On one occasion he left cover to assist a British comrade. Although wounded he helped to extricate his section from a difficult situation.

6th October 1959.

Brig. Ernest Reginald GOODE, C.B.E., B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E. (41859), late R.A.S.C. is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 26th Sept. 1959, in succession to Brig. Frederick Kentish BARNES, O.B.E. (37161), retired.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. A. G. D. WHYTE, C.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) (56558), late R.A.M.C., retires on account of disability, 6th Oct. 1959.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj.-Gen. G. C. HUMPHREYS, C.B., C.B.E. (13231), late Inf., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 5th Oct. 1959.

Col. (Hon. Brig.) A. J. E. CLEEVE (18790) late R.A., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 4th Oct. 1959.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

*Q.O.H.*

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. J. W. STANIER (365443) to be Maj., 6th Oct. 1959.