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WAR OFFICE

19th September 1961.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Military Cross to the undermentioned:

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) Thomas Bernard Felix HINEY (448980) The Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

Captain Hiney was serving with 2nd Battalion the Ghana Regiment of Infantry which formed part of the United Nations Forces in the Congo. On the evening of the 27th April 1961, he was given command of a composite company and ordered to go, as fast as possible, to Port Francqui, to rescue some elements of the regiment who had been treacherously overcome by armed men.

About 10 p.m. on the 28th the company was ambushed on the outskirts of a village some 50 miles from Port Francqui. The ambush dominated 180 yards of the road but Captain Hiney's company, in an action which lasted for an hour, fought its way through the ambush, in spite of intense rifle, machine gun and mortar fire.

Captain Hiney commanded his men with coolness and gallantry, encouraging them by voice and example. He personally removed road blocks and attacked an enemy automatic post with grenades. The road was narrow the bush thick and the night dark. But for his fortitude, competence and level headed leadership there would have been considerable loss of life and passage through the ambush would not have been possible.

Second Lieutenant David William Durrant PEATFIELD (467042), The Royal Sussex Regiment.

2nd Lieutenant Peatfield was serving with 2nd Battalion The Ghana Regiment of Infantry which formed part of the United Nations Forces in the Congo. He was the leading platoon commander of a company which was ambushed at about 10 p.m. on the night of the 28th April 1961. The resulting action continued for an hour during which they were subjected to intense rifle, machine gun and mortar fire. Displaying great devotion to duty and gallantry, Peatfield encouraged his men and personally assisted in the removal of road blocks.

In the confusion which reigned while the convoy moved slowly through the ambush some men who had taken cover by the roadside were left behind. Lieutenant Peatfield bravely went back, despite sporadic enemy fire, and got them out of

danger. His courage and leadership inspired the troops and contributed greatly to the successful way in which the company fought through the ambush.

19th September 1961.

Col. (Temp. Brig.) Donald Verner TAYLOR, F.D.S., late R.A.D.C. is appointed Honorary Dental Surgeon to The QUEEN in succession to Col. Coigny BROWNE, O.B.E., B.D.S., who has retired.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. K. WILBE-JONES, M.A. (157167) late R.A.E.C. retires on retired pay, 13th Sept. 1961.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. & Bt. Col (Actg. Col.) H. A. CARYL, T.D. (911147) from R.E. to be Col., 1st July 1961, with seniority 1st Nov. 1958.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

The undermentioned Offrs., to be Cols. on the dates shown:

Lt.-Col. & Bt. Col. (Actg. Col.) G. S. H. DICKER, M.B.E., T.D. (194982) from R. Sigs., 1st July 1961, with seniority 14th Dec. 1959.

Lt.-Col. J. T. LEWIS, T.D. (72222) from R.A. (T.A. Res. of Offrs.), 1st Apr. 1961, with seniority 1st Nov. 1960.

Lt.-Col. Sir Edward W. BROOKSBANK, Bt., T.D., D.L. (72596) from Yorks. Yeo., 15th Aug. 1961, with seniority 15th Aug. 1960.

Lt.-Col. R. BROWN, M.C., T.D. (176394) from R.E., 1st July 1961.

Lt.-Col. L. H. CLIFFORD (65719) from Devon, 1st Sept. 1961.

Lt.-Col. A. M. NICHOLSON, T.D. (140231) from R.A., 1st July 1961, with seniority 19th Jan. 1961.

Lt.-Col. P. G. HALLETT, O.B.E., T.D. (109286) from R. Sigs., 30th Mar. 1961, with seniority 30th Mar. 1959.

Lt.-Col. & Bt. Col. (Actg. Col.) R. T. M. WILLIAMS, O.B.E., M.C., T.D. (190713) from R.A., 1st July 1961, with seniority 1st Sept. 1959.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. D. V. SMILEY (458152) from Active List to be Lt., 20th Sept. 1961.