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## WAR OFFICE

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve, on the advice of Her Majesty's Nigerian Ministers, the under-mentioned awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services during operations with the Nigerian contingent of the United Nations Forces in the Congo:

### *Distinguished Service Order*

Lieutenant-Colonel Rollo Edward Cruwys PRICE (671130), The South Wales Borderers (Employed List 1).

In the Congo during the period from November 1960, to January 1961, the 4th Battalion The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Price, was subjected to continuous and severe pressure. Inspired by his leadership and gallantry under fire the unit maintained a high standard of conduct in action.

On the 27th November the battalion left Kamina by road for Manono. By the 30th, 70 miles had been covered and four sharp actions fought. At each stage Lieutenant-Colonel Price had personally endeavoured to persuade the armed and militant tribesmen to accept the troops peacefully. On the 30th November he again went forward unarmed, accompanied only by an interpreter, and succeeded in persuading the garrison of a strongly manned road block to cease fighting.

To safeguard the arrival of United Nations reinforcements, on the 13th January 1961, with two companies, he seized the airfield at Manono in North Katanga. When the reinforcements arrived fire was opened by a great number of hostile tribesmen. With a complete disregard for his own safety Lieutenant-Colonel Price moved openly about the battlefield controlling his men and eventually succeeded in bringing the enemy fire to an end.

His gallant bearing and conduct had a most valuable effect upon both the officers and men of the battalion and upon the indisciplined opposition.

### *Military Cross*

Captain (Temporary Major) David Frank EDGE (420832) The Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers).

On 13th January 1961, "D" Company, 4th Battalion, Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment, under the command of Major Edge, took up positions covering

the airstrip at Manono in North Katanga. An aircraft bringing in Moroccan reinforcements was heavily engaged from positions beyond the limits of the airstrip. The aircraft landed safely, but soon afterwards heavy fighting broke out. Early in the fighting Major Edge, who was directing operations from the control tower at the airstrip, was very seriously wounded in the groin and lower abdomen. Despite the severity of his wound, he continued to control and direct his men by using a loud hailer. Finally, when a ceasefire was arranged, and Major Edge was evacuated, his main concern was for the safety of his men and the care of the other wounded. He set a magnificent example, and his courage and selfless devotion to duty inspired all those under his command.

### *Military Cross*

Captain (temporary Major) Francis Adekunle FAJUYI 4th Battalion The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment.

On 27th November 1960, "C" Company, 4th Battalion, The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment, under the command of Major F. A. Fajuyi, carried out an attack against a large band of hostile tribesmen near Kabondo-Dianda in North Katanga. Knowing that the majority of his men had never been under fire before Major Fajuyi personally led the advance. The successful outcome was largely a result of his gallantry and determination. On both 28th and 29th November 1960, Major Fajuyi again set a splendid example of courage and leadership during the advance of his Company through hostile tribal territory. On 3rd January 1961, Major Fajuyi was commanding a train escort on a journey between Albertville and Niamba in North Katanga. The train was derailed and attacked by tribesmen. In beating off the attack and extricating his Company Major Fajuyi displayed a high degree of leadership and military ability.

### *Military Cross*

Lieutenant Malcolm Robert Alexander MATTHEW (463480) The King's Shropshire Light Infantry (now R.A.R.O.).

On the 16th December 1960, the 5th Battalion The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment was faced with the task of releasing members of an Austrian Hospital imprisoned in Kukaavu jail. It was necessary to occupy some high ground without which it would not have been possible to enforce the opening of the prison gates. This was defended by four or more heavy machine guns and about fifty riflemen in prepared positions. In command of a weak platoon,