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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve, on the advice of Her Majesty's Nigerian Ministers, the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant conduct in the Congo:

Distinguished Service Order

Major Richard George LAWSON, Headquarters 3rd Nigerian Brigade, seconded from the Royal Tank Regiment.

Military Cross

Major Conrad Diba Nwawo, 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment.

Early in January 1962 Major Lawson having heard reports that some Belgian missionaries had been murdered in Kongolo and that the town was occupied by irregular troops, raping, looting and pillaging, repeatedly volunteered to make a personal reconnaissance. When he received permission to do so he was flown to Kongolo where he was last seen walking away from the airfield, alone, unarmed and surrounded by an excited crowd of armed and hostile men. No organised help was at hand and it was clear that the whole town had been wrecked, burned and pillaged.

Showing great courage and determination Major Lawson worked this way through the town seeking out the facts of the massacre in which 22 Belgians had been shot and their dismembered bodies thrown into the river. Hearing that one Belgian priest had survived he sought him out and by clever manoeuvres led him to safety. On this return Major Lawson's report to the United Nations Force Commander was of the greatest value.

Having again volunteered to rescue missionaries in danger, Major Lawson, on the 27th January, re-entered the area although it was infested by armed bands ready to ill-treat or shoot on sight anyone unknown to them. On this occasion he was accompanied by Major Nwawo and a Congolese interpreter. Together they drove nearly fifty miles over flooded roads in hostile country and in the face of great danger. At Mbulula they found some surviving priests and nuns. Here they were suddenly attacked by an armed mob shouting "kill these spies". They were beaten and robbed and their clothes were torn. Major Nwawo was taken away to a hill where he was to be executed but, on a change of plan, was subjected to specially brutal treatment. Throughout this persecution he remained calm, with head erect, displaying great fortitude.

Eventually, by the intervention of some Congolese officers, Major Lawson was able to ensure the evacuation of the priests and nuns by air. On the way back to Kongolo the car broke down but the gallant party completed their perilous journey on foot.

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Brig. Rupert Crowdy CROWDY, O.B.E., late R.A.S.C., is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 28th Mar. 1962, in succession to Brig. Ernest Reginald GOODE, C.B.E., B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E., retired.

REGULAR ARMY

The undermentioned Brigs retire on retired pay on the dates shown:

E. R. GOODE, C.B.E., B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E. (41859) late R.A.S.C., 28th Mar. 1962.

F. A. BIERA, D.S.O. (44008) late R.A., 29th Mar. 1962.

P. S. LEEPER, C.B.E., M.A. (52810) late Inf., 29th Mar. 1962.

H. H. BRUTON, O.B.E., A.M.I.Mech.E. (52288) late R.A.S.C., 30th Mar. 1962.

Col. (Temp. Brig.) H. R. GREENWOOD, M.A. (52797) late R.E., retires on retired pay, 29th Mar. 1962, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

Col. (Temp. Brig.) F. B. B. NOBLE, O.B.E. (58192) late Inf., retires on retired pay, 29th Mar. 1962, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.*

Lt.-Col. E. W. GIBSON, M.B.E. (196228) W.R.A.C., to be Col., 27th Feb. 1962.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj.-Gen. W. S. COLE, C.B., C.B.E. (18910) late R.E., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 29th Mar. 1962.

Brig. K. J. G. GARNER-SMITH, O.B.E. (23305) late Inf., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 30th Mar. 1962.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. J. T. LEWIS, T.D., D.L. (72222) late R.E., from Active List, T.A., to be Col., 19th Mar. 1962.

Col. Sir Edward W. BROOKSBANK, Bt., T.D., D.L. (72596) late R.A.C., from Active List, T.A., to be Col., 19th Mar. 1962.