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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
26th June 1962.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the under-mentioned:

T/23834695 Driver (Acting Lance Corporal) James Crossland, Royal Army Service Corps.

On the 21st February, 1962, Lance Corporal Crossland was in charge of a 10 ton vehicle, being towed through the village of Ovenstaedt in Germany, which was in collision with a third large vehicle. All three vehicles were loaded with petrol in jerricans, some of which fell into the road and became ignited.

Crossland first ordered the driver of the towing vehicle to move the two vehicles forward away from the blaze and out of the village. He then ran to the assistance of the driver of the third vehicle who, after attempting to subdue the flames with an extinguisher, collapsed exhausted. The tyres, floor board and load of the vehicle were by now well alight and there was a blazing pool of petrol on the road.

(Realising that there might not be time to clear the people of the village from the vicinity and that loss of life and damage would result if the vehicle exploded where it stood Lance Corporal Crossland entered it and drove it half a mile to a place of safety. He did this in spite of the fact that the lorry was burning fiercely and the jerricans upon it were exploding with increasing frequency.

He gave no thought to his own safety and displayed a high degree of decision, gallantry and devotion to duty.

WAR OFFICE

26th June 1962.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct:

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Captain Christopher Frederick THOMSON (419244), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

For his courage and determination in successfully effecting the rescue of a Gurkha soldier in danger of drowning in the flooded Kahang River, in Malaya. Captain Thomson did not hesitate to dive into the snag ridden and swiftly flowing river.

23476665 Lance Bombardier Stephen Francis BARRY, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

For his gallant attempt to rescue a comrade who, whilst swimming the River Trennganu in Malaya, was being carried away towards dangerous rapids. Although not a strong swimmer Barry reached the drowning man and persisted in his endeavours until both were sucked under in the fast current.

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REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Gen. Sir Michael WEST, K.C.B., D.S.O. (33582), late Inf., to be Gen., 23rd June 1962.

Lt.-Col. (now Col.) J. S. MENNELL, M.B.E. T.D. (73379), from R. Tks. (Emp. List 1): the date of seniority is 13th Mar. 1961, and not as in Gazette (Supplement) dated 29th May 1962.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj.-Gen. L. E. C. M. PEROWNE, C.B., C.B.E., A.M.I.E.E. (23654), late R.E., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 11th June 1962.

Brig. C. E. M. HERBERT, C.B.E. (27922), late R.E., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 26th June 1962.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Gen. Sir Dudley WARD, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. (41238), late Inf., relinquishes his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, Near East, remaining on full pay, 1st May 1962. (Substituted for notfn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 29th May 1962.)

Maj.-Gen. J. K. SHEPHEARD, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., B.A. (40410), late R.E., relinquishes his appointment as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Northern Command, remaining on full pay, 25th June 1962.

Maj.-Gen. H. T. ALEXANDER, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (52569), late Inf., is appointed Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Northern Command, 25th June 1962.

Maj.-Gen. J. C. D'A. DALTON, C.B., C.B.E. (36501), late R.A., relinquishes his appointment as Vice-Quarter-Master-General, War Office, 28th June 1962.

Maj.-Gen. A. JOLLY, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (49887), late R.A.C., is appointed Vice-Quarter-Master-General War Office, 28th June 1962.