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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

16th August 1963.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

*To be an Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry:*

Lieutenant-Colonel Trenchard John PINE-COFFIN (112831), The Parachute Regiment.

Following reports of the presence of armed Cuban exiles on the island of Andros in the Bahamas, on the 16th April, 1963, Lieutenant-Colonel Pine-Coffin was put ashore, an hour before dark, from an amphibious aircraft. He sank deeply into thick mud but, despite the danger of being engulfed, turned on his back and edged his way some two hundred yards to the shore, carrying his clothes in a cellophane bag. Shortly afterwards, with one companion, he made his way through mangrove and shrub for a mile and found two armed Cubans. These men were, with difficulty, persuaded to give up their arms and to submit to arrest.

Although darkness had fallen Lieutenant-Colonel Pine-Coffin, now accompanied by Leading Radio Operator G. J. Stocker, but still unarmed, set off in search of further exiles. He found three armed men and then two more and finally a further two. Some of them objected to surrendering but, by a bold show of confidence he persuaded the leader of the group to submit.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pine-Coffin showed a complete disregard for the dangers of the situation. If he had not acted at once with such resource, firmness and confidence the location and apprehension of the nine men would have involved a difficult and probably dangerous operation.

**WAR OFFICE**

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Brunei.

**MILITARY MEDAL**

21148605 Rifleman NAINABAHADUR RAI 2nd Battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

On 18th May 1963, Rifleman Nainabahadur Rai was one of an ambush line in overgrown rubber near Serdang on the north bank of the Brunei River. The

men were at intervals of about 100 yards, so placed to cut off the retreat of rebels thought to be in a nearby swamp.

Firing broke out in the swamp and a short time later eight armed rebels emerged pursued by other men in Rifleman Nainabahadur's company. Four of them headed towards Nainabahadur; who first saw them at 70 yards range. He did not open fire for fear of hitting his own men.

The four rebels came on and the leading one sighted him at about thirty yards, pointed his pistol, shouted and with the other three rebels charged straight at Nainabahadur who opened fire at 15 yards. His first shot hit the leading rebel, passed through him and hit the second rebel killing both. The other two rebels took up positions under cover, but Nainabahadur coolly engaged them, and succeeded in wounding them both, following which he closed in and captured them.

Rifleman Nainabahadur Rai's coolness and bravery when, isolated from his comrades, he was charged by four armed and desperate fanatics, was in the true Gurkha tradition.

16th August 1963.

**REGULAR ARMY**

Col. R. J. H. HARDING-NEWMAN, C.B.E. (49859), late R.A., retires on retired pay, 14th Aug. 1963.

**REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS**

Maj.-Gen. C. H. COLQUHOUN, C.B., O.B.E. (26956), late R.A., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 16th Aug. 1963.

**COMMANDS AND STAFF**

Maj.-Gen. J. W. C. WILLIAMS, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E. (41246), late Inf., relinquishes his appointment as Director of Movements, War Office, 16th Aug. 1963.

Maj.-Gen. P. G. TURPIN, C.B., O.B.E., B.A. (63806), late R.A.S.C., is appointed Director of Movements, War Office, 16th Aug. 1963.

**ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS**

*Q.O.H.*

**REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS**

**NATIONAL SERVICE LIST**

Lt. W. G. V. HALL (459605) from A.E. Res. of Offrs., to be Lt., 11th July 1963.

**R.A.C.**

**REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS**

*Class III*

Lt. U. C. C. GAGE (461211) from Res. of Offrs., Nat. Serv. List, to be Lt., 23rd July 1963.