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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

31st January 1964.

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

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the award of the George Medal to the under-mentioned:

D426053 Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant (W.O. 2) Walter Rolland LEJA, C.D., The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers.

In the early hours of Friday, 17th May 1963, in the City of Westmount, bombs exploded in a number of Postal Boxes and suspicious packages were found in several others. Responding to a call for assistance Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant Leja helped to examine a Mail Box in which was found a possible bomb which, owing to the nearness of a school, had either to be neutralised or removed. Examination with a stethoscope being inconclusive, Leja volunteered to dismantle the package. After cutting through outer wrappings he found a bomb designed to be fired electrically with a pocket watch as the timing device. Action to remove the postal box and its contents was started but the box was knocked over. Realising the danger to others Leja bravely picked the bomb out of the box and carried it to an open field where he placed it behind the base of a large tree.

A second bomb was found in a Postal Box in a built up area of the city where much damage would have resulted from destruction in situ. Fully realising the danger Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant Leja coolly dismantled it. This bomb was of similar type and contained several sticks of dynamite. When a third bomb of the same kind was found this brave Warrant Officer again started to neutralise it. Unfortunately it exploded causing him to lose his left forearm and to sustain severe brain and other injuries from which there is little hope of appreciable recovery.

The conspicuous courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant Leja was an inspiration to those about him.

WAR OFFICE

31st January 1964.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. J. A. R. ROBERTSON, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (384323) late Inf., retires on retired pay, 29th Jan 1964.

The undermentioned Brigs. to be Maj.-Gens. on the dates shown:

H. A. LASCELLES, C.B.E., D.S.O., B.A. (52026), late R.A.C., 30th Nov. 1963.

D. L. DARLING, D.S.O., M.C. (63638), late Inf., 9th Dec. 1963, with seniority 30th Nov. 1963, and with precedence next above H. A. LASCELLES, C.B.E., D.S.O., B.A. (52026).

J. N. THOMAS, D.S.O., M.C., B.Sc. (65504), late R.E., 19th Dec. 1963, with seniority 30th Nov. 1963, and with precedence next above D. L. DARLING, D.S.O., M.C. (63638).

M. W. PRYNNE, C.B.E., B.A. (50836), late R.E., 3rd Jan. 1964, with seniority 28th Dec. 1962 and with precedence next below J. E. F. WILLOUGHBY, C.B.E. (58173).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. B. D. COTTON, O.B.E., T.D. (77818), late R.E. from Active List, T.A., to be Col., 31st Dec. 1963.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

10 H.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. M. P. D. CRUICKSHANK (57419) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 1st Feb. 1964.

R.T.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. E. W. ANSTEY (182419) to be Supernumerary to Establishment, 1st Feb. 1964.

R.A.C.

REGULAR ARMY

Short Serv. Commn.

14444766 W.O. Cl. I Gerald Sidney Bagot de CARLE (475445) to be 2nd Lt., 31st Dec. 1963. To be Lt., 31st Dec. 1963.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Class III

Lt. R. W. B. MASSINGBERG-MUNDY (442142) relinquishes his commn., 3rd Dec. 1963.

W.W.Y.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. H. J. SMETON (442971) from Active List, to be Lt., 12th Dec. 1963.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. Kenneth Martin JACKSON (472703) from Short Serv. Commn., to be Lt. (T.I.G.), 25th Nov. 1963.

2058772. W.O. Cl. I Roy Charles OSBORNE (474254) to be Lt. (Q.M.), 20th Dec. 1963.

John GILMORE, B.Sc.(Econ) (475582) (University Candidate) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 30th Dec. 1963.