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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
7th February 1964.

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

Major William MUSSON (397327), Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

14120781 Warrant Officer Class 1 Sidney BRAZIER, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

At Aldershot on the 12th October 1963, Major Musson was called on to investigate the finding of a number of partially buried grenades on a grassy bank. Owing to the vicinity of married quarters and a railway, and because the extent of the cache was not known, it was necessary to make a detailed examination before demolition on the site could be effected. The grenades, known as Sticky Bombs and now obsolete, had no metal covers and were without any packaging. They were glass bottles holding nitro-glycerine. Some were leaking.

On the 13th October, Major Musson assisted by Conductor Brazier, using short wooden probes extracted twelve grenades most of which were embedded in the soil and stuck together. These they removed to a distance of some 160 yards, but the extent of the cache could still not be determined. On the 14th October they continued with their hazardous work wearing rubber gloves and using a paint brush because of the danger that even slight vibration might cause the exuded and highly sensitive nitro-glycerine to explode. During the day they found stuck together, some thirty-eight grenades three of which were cracked and leaking. Together they extracted and carried away eight of these. There being no means of separating the remaining thirty grenades careful preparations were made to destroy them where they lay.

Major Musson and Conductor Brazier were at work on their dangerous task for a total of nine hours.

The final demolition took place the following day and was accomplished with only minor damage to property.

WAR OFFICE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Colonel Ronald Lewis ALLEN, O.B.E. (125545), Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

For his courage and devotion to duty whilst personally supervising and directing the examination, removal and destruction of a number of grenades found on a grassy bank at Aldershot. These obsolete war-time relics, consisting essentially of nitro-glycerine in glass bulbs, some of which were leaking, were in a highly dangerous condition.

7th February 1964.

REGULAR ARMY

Brig. N. CROOKENDEN, D.S.O., O.B.E. (66121), late Inf. to be Maj.-Gen., 5th Jan. 1964, with seniority 10th Apr. 1963, and with precedence next above The Hon. M. F. FITZALAN HOWARD, C.B.E.; M.C. (68110).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Brig. F. W. B. PARRY, C.B.E. (34866), late Inf. having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 7th Feb. 1964.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

10 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. D. C. EDWARDS, M.A. (466445): the seniority date as 2nd Lt. is 9th Jan. 1960, and the seniority date as Lt. is 9th Jan. 1962, and not as in Gazette (Supplement) dated 24th Dec. 1963.

R.T.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. R. COOMBS, M.C. (74710) (Employed List (1)) to be Supernumerary to Establishment, 7th Feb. 1964.

Maj. G. P. BARNES (194104) retires on retired pay, 21st Jan. 1964.

W.W.Y.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Capt. (Actg. Maj.) R. H. DUNN (436883) to be Maj., 6th Feb. 1964, with seniority 26th Mar. 1963.
Lt. M. C. GRIFFITHS (440826) to be Capt., 1st Jan. 1964.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

The undermentioned Lt.-Cols. to be Supernumerary to Establishment on the dates shown:

H. A. WHITEHEAD, M.B.E. (64502), 16th Jan. 1964.

L. L. S. WILLIAMS (125964), 17th Jan. 1964.

H. W. D. COTTAM (94738), 18th Jan. 1964.

G. A. COAKER (95054), 19th Jan. 1964.

F. J. T. DURIE, M.B.E. (95100), 25th Jan. 1964.

R. M. CARR, M.B.E., D.F.C. (95103), 26th Jan. 1964.

W. R. P. ADAMS (95108), 28th Jan. 1964.

J. T. ROBINSON, M.C. (73012) (Emp. List (1)), 29th Jan. 1964.