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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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

8th December 1964.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

No. 15661 Lance Corporal Bruce James BRITTON, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

On 1st September 1963, Lance Corporal Britton was a member of 16 Platoon of E Company Second Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, for Exercise Tasman Two. He was on patrol in the Lake Sumner area of New Zealand's South Island. At approximately 1500 hours, after covering about five and one half miles of rough terrain, the platoon was required to cross a mountain stream. There was snow on the ground and the water was very cold, about forty feet wide and flowing at more than ten knots. The bottom of the stream was irregular and there was an added hazard of deep water downstream. The Platoon Commander, Second Lieutenant Levenspiel, and Lance Corporal Britton, crossed the stream first to determine the conditions and found the crossing difficult.

A long sapling was out to assist members of the patrol across the deepest part of the crossing, being held by Second Lieutenant Levenspiel and Lance Corporal Britton. Whilst negotiating the gap between the bank and the sapling crossing, Private M. H. Wilson of Lance Corporal Britton's section, his self loading rifle slung, slipped and was carried downstream, rolling over in the water and injuring his knee on a rock. Once in the deep water Private Wilson went under and made desperate efforts to come to the surface. Lance Corporal Britton, heedless of his own safety, and knowing that Private Wilson could not swim, quickly removed his equipment and dived into the water to effect a rescue. With the utmost difficulty, Lance Corporal Britton subdued Private Wilson, who was now panic stricken and near extreme exhaustion, and brought him to the safety of the river bank.

The quick action, determination and lack of regard for personal safety displayed by Lance Corporal Britton was a fine example to all ranks, of devotion to duty and courage and without doubt saved the life of Private Wilson.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

8th December 1964.

REGULAR ARMY

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

D. W. FRASER, O.B.E. (184424) from Gren. Gds., 1st July 1964 with seniority 7th May 1963.

G. C. A. GILBERT, M.C. (108156) from Para., 2nd July 1964.

R. C. GIBBS, D.S.O., M.C. (114083) from Para., 4th July 1964.

D. J. St. M. TABOR, M.C. (237402) from R.H.G., 5th July 1964.

J. M. SAWERS, M.B.E. (95201) from R. Sigs., 6th July 1964.

D. E. WARREN (133779) from R. Sigs., 9th July 1964.

L. SCOTT-BOWDEN, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (95182) from R.E., 11th July 1964.

A. G. LEWIS (363423) from 15/19 H., 17th July 1964.

D. SHERRET, M.C. (158199) from R.E., 20th July 1964.

W. G. McHARDY, M.B.E., M.C. (108205) from Q.O. Hldrs., 22nd July 1964.

J. L. G. DUDLEY, O.B.E. (375885) from R.A., 23rd July 1964.

J. S. L. O'NEILL, D.S.O., M.A. (70710) from R.A., 24th July 1964.

N. L. DODD (71027) from R.A., 26th July 1964.

O. R. W. OSWALD, D.S.O. (71034) from R.A., 27th July 1964.

R. de L. KING, O.B.E. (67150) from R. Sussex, 28th July 1964.

P. F. ANDERSON, M.C. (71108) from D. & D., 29th July 1964.

C. E. KNIGHT, M.B.E. (72358) from Lan. R. (P.W.V.), 31st July 1964.

H. F. D. GILLET (73022) from R.A., 1st Aug. 1964.

C. R. BOURNE, B.A. (89347) from R.E., 3rd Aug. 1964.

B. G. PUGH, T.D. (75575) from R.W.F., 6th Aug. 1964.

A. L. KING-HARMAN (74522) from R.A., 7th Aug. 1964.

G. H. HODGSON, O.B.E. (66101) from R.F. (E.L.1), 10th Aug. 1964.

D. A. K. LEGGE, M.B.E. (67109) from R.F. (E.L.1), 11th Aug. 1964.

B. A. B. TAYLOR, M.B.E. (74523) from R.A., 12th Aug. 1964, with seniority 8th Aug. 1964.

V. J. SENIOR, M.C. (269298) from R.T.R. (E.L.1), 12th Aug. 1964.