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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

12th March 1965.

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 Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order for Gallantry

T/19048642 Warrant Officer Class II Noel Evelyn CASSLING, Royal Army Service Corps.

Company Sergeant Major Cassling was a member of the party accompanying the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Command during his visit to 20 Company Royal Army Service Corps (Motor Transport) on 26th November 1964.

At 15.15 hours, there was the sound of an explosion from the Territorial Army Centre which is located in a corner of Regent's Park Barracks. A few seconds later a screaming soldier Trooper Basson of the Royal Dragoons attached to the Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters), appeared outside the workshop. He was running about wildly and was covered with flaming petrol which was blazing especially fiercely about his right arm and hand. Without hesitation and displaying a remarkably quick reaction, Company Sergeant Major Cassling threw Trooper Basson to the ground and smothered the flames with his own body and his hat. This done he passed the care of the burned man to others nearby and turned his attention to the fire raging in the Territorial Army Centre garage.

The fire in the garage was caused by the ignition of petrol which was being drained from an armoured vehicle. Company Sergeant Major Cassling organised the use of the appropriate fire-fighting appliances and with complete disregard for his personal safety entered the blazing building. He ignored all warning of a further imminent explosion and entered the blazing vehicle to ensure that no one remained inside. Subsequently he so directed the fire fighting that the fire was extinguished within a few minutes.

By his courageous and selfless actions, Company Sergeant Major Cassling saved Trooper Basson from serious injuries which might have proved fatal, ensured that the fire was extinguished so rapidly that little material damage was caused and set an example to all those present with his outstanding powers of leadership and command.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

12th March 1965.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. R. A. St. G. MARTIN, O.B.E. (63607), late Inf., retires on retired pay, 10th Mar. 1965.

Col. J. A. MARCHANT (129121) late R.A.: the seniority date as 2nd Lt. is 16th Feb. 1939.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt.-Gen. Sir Roger BOWER, K.C.B., K.B.E. (24360), late Inf., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 13th Feb. 1965. (Substituted for the notifn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 16th Feb. 1965.)

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj.-Gen. the Viscount MONCKTON of Branchley, O.B.E., M.C., M.A. (72764), late R.A.C., relinquishes his appointment as Director of Public Relations (Army), remaining on full pay, 8th Feb. 1965. (Substituted for the notifn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 16th Feb. 1965.)

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

Q.D.G.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. T. W. MUIR (271928) to be Lt.-Col., 16th Nov. 1964.

10 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. N. B. R. BUDD (418206) to be Maj., 8th Feb. 1965.

13/18 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. Sir Charles DORMAN, Bt., M.C., M.A. (179911), to be Lt.-Col. (Employed List (I)), 22nd July 1964.

R.T.R.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. H. D. WARD, M.B.E. (95650), to be Lt.-Col., (Employed List (I)), 19th Feb. 1964.

S.R.Y.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Timothy Charles ROBOTHAM (478461) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 7th Feb. 1965.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. P. A. CUNNINGHAM (408697) to be Maj., 11th Mar. 1965.

2nd Lt. Nicholas Harry LAUNDERS (472256) from Short Serv. Commn., to be 2nd Lt., 19th Nov. 1964, with seniority 3rd Nov. 1962.