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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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17th September 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

23945091 Private Jenner Victor ELBA-PORTER, 1st (Norfolk and Suffolk) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

On 12th March 1965, Private Elba-Porter was on Internal Security operations with a Platoon Headquarters of "B" Company, 1st Royal Anglian, in the Police Station at Sheikh Othman. He was the signaller on duty in the operations room when the room was struck by a Blindicide missile. The other occupants of the room were the Platoon Commander, Second Lieutenant Copping, and the Platoon Sergeant, Sergeant Smith. The latter was seriously wounded in the face and Private Elba-Porter also was wounded in the eyes and shoulder. The explosion of the missile caused havoc in the room, the telephone being destroyed and the wireless set wrecked.

In spite of his wounds which temporarily blinded him in one eye Private Elba-Porter attempted to repair his wireless set. Finding this impossible he fetched another set and re-established communications, passing instructions for the re-deployment of the Platoon so that effective counter measures could be taken. The determination and bravery shown by Private Elba-Porter was exemplary and enabled the cordons and blocks to be quickly established.

Private Elba-Porter only agreed to be relieved of his duties when all communications were working properly again and Sergeant Smith's injuries had been attended to. Very shortly afterwards he was removed to hospital.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

23921727 Private Anthony David KENT, 1st (Norfolk and Suffolk) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

On 12th March 1965, Private Kent was with his platoon carrying out duties in aid of the civil power based on Sheikh Othman Police Station. Although trained as a stretcher bearer, he was a normal member of a rifle section.

At about 2030 hours a terrorist rocket exploded in Platoon Headquarters wounding the Platoon Sergeant and the radio operator. The Platoon Sergeant, Sergeant Smith, received extremely severe facial injuries, the front of his face above the lower jaw being blown free and attached only by a skin flap.

Private Kent immediately gave first aid to Sergeant Smith, who was bleeding profusely and for the next

twenty minutes prevented him from either choking or bleeding to death. It is the opinion of Wing Commander E. R. Griffiths, the consultant in Orthopaedic Surgery at the Royal Air Force Hospital Steamer Point, who saw Sergeant Smith on admission, that the first aid treatment given by Private Kent was a major contribution towards his survival.

On 31st December 1964, Private Kent had also been present immediately after a mine exploded in the Wadi Taym, killing Private Frazer, gravely wounding Corporal Andrews and seriously injuring Private Barrell. On that occasion also, Private Kent administered first aid and treatment to both the living casualties until skilled medical assistance arrived.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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:

2/Lieutenant Brian William COPPING (477749), 1st (Norfolk and Suffolk) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

On the night of 12th March 1965, in Aden, Second Lieutenant Copping's Platoon Headquarters suffered severe casualties following a bomb explosion. His quick presence of mind and high qualities of leadership undoubtedly saved an N.C.O.'s life and resulted in some one hundred and twenty dissidents being apprehended for questioning.

17th September 1965.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. H. T. SHEAN, C.B.E., T.D. (62485) late R.A.E.C., retires on retired pay, 16th Sept. 1965, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Brig. G. M. T. MORPHEW (38408) late R.A., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 17th Sept. 1965.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) D. M. SMITH, T.D. (92480) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 18th Sept. 1965, retaining the hon. rank of Capt.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. Jeremy Dell HOPKINS (474836) from Short Serv. Commn. to be 2nd Lt., 20th Aug. 1965.