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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

19th November 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:

Second Lieutenant William James HAWKINS (471719), 1st (Norfolk and Suffolk) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

On the night of 19th June 1965 in Aden, Second Lieutenant Hawkins was visiting guards found by the 1st Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment. He was travelling in a patrol vehicle with his driver and an escort.

At approximately 1930 hours, when near the British Forces Broadcasting Station, he heard two explosions. Suspecting that these denoted terrorist activity, he stopped his vehicle to investigate, and saw a light coloured car stationary at the corner of the Seamen's Mission some distance ahead. It began to move forward slowly and two Arabs ran to it and got in and the car then moved off quickly. These Arabs had, in fact, just thrown two grenades which had wounded five British people—two men, two women and a child.

Second Lieutenant Hawkins immediately ordered his driver to give chase. As he closed on the vehicle, the Arab driver realised he was being followed and accelerated violently, in an attempt to evade pursuit. The car was driven extremely dangerously and with total disregard for other traffic. Second Lieutenant Hawkins ordered his driver to keep with the other vehicle at all costs. After a chase along a shopping centre and through narrow and crowded back streets, Second Lieutenant Hawkins's persistence was rewarded. The car stopped and the occupants jumped out. Disregarding the probability that, as in similar previous incidents, the terrorists were armed, Second Lieutenant Hawkins rushed to the vehicle, grappled with and detained one Arab. The other two escaped in the dark back streets.

In this unpleasant Arab quarter where Security Forces are not popular he was quickly surrounded by a hostile crowd. Disregarding his own safety, Second Lieutenant Hawkins ordered his escort and driver to go for help whilst he remained with his captive and the abandoned car. He remained there alone for some ten minutes in sole control of a delicate situation.

Throughout the whole incident Second Lieutenant Hawkins and his escort were unable to use their weapons, as the current rules forbid this, in spite of the probability that the occupants of the car were terrorists with weapons. He was therefore in the position of an unarmed man pursuing and capturing armed men. In this situation Second Lieutenant Hawkins showed a high degree of alertness, courage, discipline and tenacity. His action resulted not only in the overpowering and arrest of a terrorist who had been involved in the wounding of five British persons but also in the uncovering of information which has proved of great importance to the Security Forces.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

19th November 1965.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. H. R. R. CONDER, O.B.E. (38590), late Inf. having attained the age limit for liability to recall ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 18th Nov. 1965.

Col. R. C. THOMSON, C.B.E. (34993) late Inf. having attained the age limit for liability to recall ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 19th Nov. 1965.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Col. D. J. McLELLAND, T.D. (193065), late R.A. from Active List T.A. to be Col., 31st Aug. 1965.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj.-Gen. E. J. B. NELSON, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., O.B.E., M.C. (53116), late Ft. Gds. relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding London District and Maj.-Gen. Commanding the Household Brigade, remaining on full pay, 19th Nov. 1965.

Maj.-Gen. B. O. P. EUGSTER, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (65413), late Ft. Gds. is appointed General Officer Commanding London District and Maj.-Gen. Commanding the Household Brigade, 19th Nov. 1965.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

14/20 H.

REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. W. R. T. EDGE (475143) to be Lt., 14th July 1965.

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Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. H. J. GWILLIAM (474990) to be Capt., 18th Nov. 1965.