On both occasions this officer's conspicuous courage and resolute leadership has been an inspiration to his men and has done much to maintain the high morale of his company.

**Military Cross**

Lieutenant David Phillips Tomson (472633) The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

On the 5th June 1965 Lieutenant Thomson and his platoon moved into enemy country in Sarawak with the mission on a river. He sited this ambush to bring maximum fire to bear on enemy boat traffic. On the 5th June 1965 Lieutenant Thomson's platoon, Lieutenant Thomson himself, and a number of others were heard to cry out as though wounded in the hand. Lieutenant Thomson then withdrew, initially under fire, to his company base.

This successful action was the result of meticulous planning, training and rehearsal by Lieutenant Thomson. It involved a long approach march, which included crossing a river, reconnaissance and selection of the ambush site and it also involved being two nights and one day from the ambush area. The successful outcome of this operation was entirely due to the courageous, coolness, determination and aggressiveness displayed personally by Lieutenant Thomson. He has shown leadership of the highest order coupled with good discipline, accurate shooting, and a disregard for his own safety worthy of the very highest standard. He has commanded his men in an exemplary manner with no thought for his own safety. He has also personally led his Company on numerous border patrols of long duration, enduring physical danger and discomfort.

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