

The patrol halted on the far side of a deep, swift flowing river. While the patrol commander checked his map Bombahadur acted as sentry some twenty yards off, on a track.

Suddenly three Indonesian regular soldiers appeared on a bend in the track ten yards away. Bombahadur fired, immediately killing the two leading Indonesians. He then shouted a warning to his patrol commander.

By this time a whole Indonesian platoon of some forty men had deployed on the rising ground ahead of Bombahadur and opened very heavy automatic and rifle fire on him.

Realising that his two comrades would require time to swim across the river behind him Rifleman Bombahadur coolly covered their withdrawal for several minutes. During this exchange of fire Bombahadur wounded three more Indonesians.

His fire was so effective that the enemy pulled back. Bombahadur, having checked that his comrades had withdrawn, then swam across the river and returned to his patrol base.

Bombahadur showed an utter disregard for his own safety in the face of great personal danger.

Military Medal

21151089 Rifleman LOKBAHADUR LIMBU, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

On 3rd February 1965, this young rifleman was the light machine gunner with his section taking part in an attack on an enemy position in the border area of Sarawak. The enemy, numbering more than 70, were strongly entrenched and heavily armed with automatic weapons. Early in the attack the enemy mounted a counter attack and being the first to see this threat Rifleman Lokbahadur Limbu left the security of his covered position and moved to a position in the open from where he could better engage the enemy. In doing so he immediately attracted the weight of the enemy fire on to himself. Disregarding this he continued to engage the enemy, killing one outright and wounding others until the enemy withdrew in disorder.

Later, in the same action, he charged a second enemy group, firing his gun from the hip. Again he achieved one certain kill and again the enemy were driven back. The enemy made every effort to advance again against the flank held by Rifleman Lokbahadur Limbu's section. For forty minutes this Rifleman pinned the enemy down by accurate fire from his light machine gun continually changing his position and surprising the enemy by the most skilful use of fieldcraft.

Throughout the hour long battle, waged at ranges seldom exceeding fifty yards the bravery, dash and initiative of this young Rifleman in the face of heavy enemy fire materially assisted the eventual outstanding success achieved, the enemy killed being estimated at 15 with an equal number wounded. His behaviour on this day was in the highest traditions of his Regiment.

Air Force Medal

19054180 Staff Sergeant Peter James MYATT, Army Air Corps.

Staff Sergeant Myatt is a Section pilot in 30 Flight Royal Army Service Corps (now 130 Flight Royal Corps of Transport). During the past year he has flown over 500 hours. 450 of these have been on Operations in the Borneo Territories. Flying over some of the most rugged mountainous jungle in South East Asia in a single engined light aircraft, most of the time without any radio contact, he quickly proved to be a pilot of outstanding determination. He has continually pressed himself and his aircraft to limits well in excess of his duty in the most appalling weather conditions to complete his missions. He has gained in so doing a high reputation with the Battalions, and with the Special Air Service in particular, as a pilot of skill and courage who can be completely relied upon. A typical example was, a Special Air Service rescue team was required to help recover a serious casualty. Late in the afternoon in bad weather Staff Sergeant Myatt, in this emergency, without hesitation accepted a load far in excess of the maximum overload of his aircraft and through outstanding skill and judgement safely landed at a marginal forward strip under very bad conditions. He completed the mission with a night landing at another forward strip using his landing light.

He has spent over 250 hours of his Operational flying converting nine newly joined, mostly inexperienced, pilots to the conditions of tropical flying.

The example he has set has had considerable influence, and the ability of the Unit to carry out its task as safely and successfully as it has done is due in no small way to the skill, enthusiasm and sense of responsibility he has brought to this task.

He has willingly accepted responsibilities in excess of his rank and has shown a professional skill and leadership in keeping with the highest standards of the Army Air Corps.

Mention in Despatches

Brigadier Harry Crauford TUZO, O.B.E., M.C. (94690), late Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major John Peter FERRY (397240), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Lieutenant Stephen Geoffrey OVERTON (475213), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

23821696 Gunner Geoffrey James HALLIDAY, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Captain Michael Anthony Milne CALVERT (459218), Corps of Royal Engineers.

22540239 Staff Sergeant Robert Hampson LOUDEN, Corps of Royal Engineers.

22526344 Staff Sergeant Augustus Edwin Charles WORLEDGE, Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major Graham Lloyd DAVIES (390870), Royal Corps of Signals.

22296112 Warrant Officer Class I ((Sergeant Major) (Forman of Signals)) George Douglas WILLIS, Royal Corps of Signals.

Captain (temporary Major) Michael Ian Vansittart BOWATER (445799), Scots Guards.

22215914 Staff Sergeant James DARGIE, Scots Guards.

23879100 Guardsman (acting Lance Corporal) Alistair David KNIGHT, Scots Guards.

Major Brian Arthur Stenson BARNES (330889), Irish Guards.

Captain Jonathan Charles MACKAY-LEWIS (457211), The King's Own Scottish Borderers (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

Major Herbert Charles MILLMAN (393219), The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment.

22523289 Corporal (acting Sergeant) Albert David HALEY, The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

22827465 Corporal John Joseph CARTER, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

Captain Gilbert Richard CONNER (461398), The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

23266206 Corporal (acting Sergeant) Peter Vaughan TOWNSEND, 3rd (16th/44th Foot) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

Major Roger Vivian WOODWISS (408084), The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

5577627 Sergeant Donald LARGE, The Gloucestershire Regiment (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

23233233 Sergeant Gilbert James SMITH, Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

14042519 Warrant Officer Class II John DONALD, The Gordon Highlanders.

Captain (temporary Major) Ronald Ferrier WILSON (446009), The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

2/Lieutenant George Anthony NEILSON (478096), The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Edward EBERHARDIE, M.B.E., M.C. (303313), The Parachute Regiment.

23743890 Trooper Francis James Bryce THOMSON, The Parachute Regiment (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

24013291 Private Michael MURTAGH, The Parachute Regiment (serving with Special Air Service Regiment).

Major Colin MADDISON (418330) 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Major Brian Edward WATKINSON (408071), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Captain Dermot Thomas HENDERSON-PEAL (445939), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Captain Edward Ayres HILL (448904), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant (Q.G.O.) ISHWARMAN RAI (478493), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.