

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

13th December 1966.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1965 to 23rd June 1966.

To be Additional Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Colonel Alan Edward ARNOLD, M.B.E. (99065), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Murray PETIT, M.B.E. (130095), The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Stean HARVEY, M.C. (219836), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bertram Francis Louis ROONEY, M.B.E. (405272), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Samuel Flanagan CARROLL, M.C. (371224), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Osmond MYERS, M.C. (366610), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Major Charles Leigh TARVER (427011), The Queen's Own Buffs, The Royal Kent Regiment.

Captain (Q.M.) Ronald MADDISON (462711), The King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Major Gerald Patrick Trevor CARPENTER (380880), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles. (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Major Michael Edward CARLETON-SMITH (418218), The Royal Green Jackets.

Major Bruce Christopher McDERMOTT (471573), Royal Army Medical Corps.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1965 to 23rd June 1966.

22516649 Sergeant Michael LINES, Royal Tank Regiment.

23234265 Staff Sergeant Gilbert Brian WARNER, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

22201298 Staff Sergeant John Neville SANDERSON, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1965 to 23rd June 1966.

Distinguished Service Order

Captain (temporary Major) Christopher James PIKE (433572) 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

On 5th March 1966, in Sarawak, Major Pike was ordered to ambush a frequently used enemy incursion route. While personally reconnoitring for his three platoons he located an enemy patrol base close to the track. He realised that an ambush so near the enemy base would probably surprise the enemy and boldly planned accordingly. The ambush position was skillfully occupied without alerting the enemy and at 1700 hours that evening, a party of some 35 regular Indonesian troops moved up the track. The ambush was sprung devastatingly and 28 enemy were killed. Reaction was immediate; mortar and automatic fire from the enemy base swept the

ambush area and Major Pike ordered his right hand platoon to withdraw to the Company rendezvous covered by the two platoons on the left. An enemy party, probing forward on this flank, was successfully engaged, 9 being killed in the space of two minutes. Under further mortar and automatic fire Major Pike coolly directed the regrouping of his company through a series of pre-selected bounds.

On 24th March 1966 Major Pike again located an enemy incursion party. Enemy patrols were in the area of D Company's base which had been sited with a view to concealment only and one party of twelve sat for six hours on the small track leading into the Company's "hide". Major Pike stood his Company to and then calmly assessed the disadvantageous situation he now found himself in. He decided that a night move was called for and, to enable this to be carried out quietly, the evening and early part of the night was spent in clipping an exit route through the thick secondary jungle. Major Pike then led his men in a brilliantly executed night march, starting at 0300 hours, and shortly after first light had established three posts covering a complex of tracks leading to the border. By so doing he had completely wrested the initiative from the enemy. At 1030 hours, 25 enemy approached the position and in a fierce engagement in secondary jungle, much of it at five yards range 13 enemy were killed. D Company had four men killed, and two wounded. With these casualties to be dealt with and continuous, if indiscriminate, enemy fire still sweeping the ambush area the Company might well have faltered but Major Pike, showing a high degree of confident and aggressive leadership, maintained a complete grip on the situation, coolly regrouping his force and retaining the initiative in the battle area until the enemy were silenced and fled.

In the space of three weeks Major Pike's company killed some 50 regular Indonesian troops in two fierce battles. The efficiency and high morale of the company is a reflection of Major Pike's leadership and tactical sense. His personal courage and coolness under fire have been outstanding, an example and inspiration to all ranks of the Battalion.

Military Cross

Major John Aidan PEEL (430413) Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Captain (now Major) Peel acted as Forward Observation Officer in seven operations on the Sarawak border between December 1965 and April 1966, in support of the Second Tenth, and latterly the First Tenth, Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles. On all these occasions the forces involved were subjected to frequent mortar and artillery harassing fire.

In late December 1965, Captain Peel was forward observation officer for a small force, commanded by a junior Queen's Gurkha officer, tasked to ambush a known enemy incursion track. The operation involved close reconnaissance of an enemy border post and meticulous planning, in all of which Captain Peel played an important part. The ambush, successfully sprung, resulted in the killing of nine enemy. The enemy reacted violently and fired some 200 mortar bombs at our troops. Under this fire, and whilst withdrawing quickly through jungle, Captain Peel repeatedly stopped to set up his aerial and call for our own gunfire, and though unable to silence permanently the enemy mortars, neutralised them sufficiently to enable the force to regroup successfully without casualties. In doing this he displayed calmness and persistence under very hard conditions.

On three operations in February and March, 1966, Captain Peel was again subjected to enemy fire and on one occasion occupied for three days an isolated hill top observation post in full view of the enemy where the slightest unconsidered movement would have invited retaliation by fire.

During all these operations Captain Peel directed his guns skillfully in the most difficult and arduous circumstances. By his coolness and courage under fire Captain Peel has won for himself a very high reputation with the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and Riflemen of two Gurkha Battalions.

Military Cross

Lieutenant Douglas William Fox (471256), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

In the Bau District of Sarawak Lieutenant Fox was acting as Forward Observation Officer to C Company 2nd/10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles when the company located and attacked a