

Captain John Leonard PARKES (463382), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).
 Captain MANIPRASAD RAI (467619), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 Captain (Q.G.O.) RATANBAHADUR LIMBU (458872), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 Lieutenant (Q.G.O.) PADAMBAHADUR RAI (478631), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 Lieutenant (Q.G.O.) PHATTABAHADUR SUNWAR (483646), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 21134675 Corporal (acting Sergeant) KALUMAN RAI, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 Lieutenant-Colonel Ronald William Lorne McALISTER, M.B.E. (336416), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 Captain (Q.G.O.) NAVINBAHADUR GURUNG (402733), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 Major George Armitage PLEWS (194238), Royal Corps of Transport.
 22248173 Warrant Officer Class II Kevin SOMERSET, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th June 1966 to 11th August 1966.

Military Cross

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Rodney Gerard CURTIS (57068) Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

Lieutenant R. G. Curtis was commanding a party of nine men sent to block the withdrawal of an enemy party being followed up after a previous contact. By sound judgment he selected an ambush position astride one of many possible enemy escape routes.

At about 1740 hours the enemy appeared unexpectedly in the rear of the ambush position. Only Lieutenant Curtis and one other soldier were able to bring fire to bear on the enemy. He held his fire until the enemy were within ten paces. Realising that the enemy could easily escape if they spotted his ambush, which was not sited for an approach in that direction, he opened fire and killed one of the leading enemy. The remaining enemy adopted a good position under cover on a narrow, jungle covered ridge line. Although pinned down by enemy fire at close range, Lieutenant Curtis directed operations, and issued orders for the six men able to move to assault from the right. He covered the movement of this party by fire. After one soldier was wounded he called off the assault just as reinforcements arrived. These consisted of one section of his own platoon and one section of another platoon under Second Lieutenant M. Chambers. He took control of this mixed reinforcement party, and with a well thought out plan he confidently directed them to the final destruction of a brave and determined enemy party. Four out of the five enemy, including one officer, were killed. Documents taken from the enemy dead were of the greatest national importance. The success of this contact had far reaching effects on subsequent operations.

Lieutenant Curtis displayed the highest qualities of cool leadership, bravery, judgment and determination in a difficult and dangerous situation.

Military Medal

4410450 Private Richard Roy ANDERSON Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

Private Anderson was a member of an ambush party of ten men sited to cut off a party of enemy which was being followed up after an earlier contact.

At about 1740 hours the enemy appeared unexpectedly at the rear of the ambush, Private Anderson was one of two soldiers able to bring fire to bear. His fire killed one of the leading enemy. The remaining enemy took cover fifteen paces from Private Anderson. The officer commanding the ambush and the non commissioned officer present were pinned down by enemy fire and were unable to move to a position to control an assault. Private Anderson was in the best position to control an assault onto the enemy position. He interpreted and passed on his platoon commander's orders. When the six soldiers able to move arrived in a position to assault from the right flank, he calmly and confidently assumed control. He organised them into

extended line and covered their movement by fire and by throwing grenades.

He realised that the machine gun was not in the best position so he crawled forward under fire, took over the machine gun and moved it to a better position. His actions and example contributed greatly to the success of the operation in which four of the five enemy were killed.

Circumstances placed him in a position of unexpected responsibility and danger from a very determined and brave enemy. He was under enemy fire at close range for over 30 minutes. During this period, his leadership, actions and bravery were in the highest traditions of the Service, and were an inspiration to all.

Mentions in Despatches

Lieutenant-Colonel David Scott THOMSON, M.C. (3328) Royal Australian Infantry Corps.
 Major Keith John MCGHEE (17022) Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

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Mention in Despatches

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Matauru POANANGA, M.B.E. (30251) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.
 463493 Corporal (temporary Sergeant) Graeme Cecil FAULKNER Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

16th May 1967.

Brig. Richard Hearn WALKER, late R.E., is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 11th May 1967, in succession to Brig. Donald Charles CAMERON, C.B.E., retired.

The Reverend Canon John Frederick Olney BOWN, T.D., M.A. (90748), Chaplain to the Forces 1st Class, R.A.Ch.D., is appointed Honorary Chaplain to The QUEEN, 14th Apr. 1967.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. Sir John WILLOUGHBY, K.B.E., C.B. (58173), late Inf., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding, Middle East Land Forces, 12th May 1967.

Maj.-Gen. P. T. TOWER, D.S.O., M.B.E. (71007), late R.A., is appointed General Officer Commanding, Middle East Land Forces, 12th May 1967.

Brig. D. C. CAMERON, C.B.E. (50834), late R.E., retires on retired pay, 11th May 1967.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The undermentioned Offrs. having attained the age limit for liability to recall, cease to belong to the Res. of Offrs. on the dates shown:

Brig. R. H. KEENLYSIDE, C.B.E., D.S.O. (41146), late R.A., 13th May 1967.

Col. (Hon. Brig.) J. E. SWETENHAM, D.S.O. (44191), late R.A.C., 11th May 1967.

Col. R. N. SEDDON, O.B.E. (41213), late R. Signals, 11th May 1967.

Col. G. L. RAMPLING (44149) late R.A., 14th May 1967.

Class II

Brig. C. VINCENT-SMITH, T.D. (78200), late R. Signals from T.A., to be Brig., 1st Apr. 1967.

The undermentioned Cols. from T.A., to be Cols., 1st Apr. 1967:

H. B. ANSELL, C.B.E., T.D. (164479), late R.E.

H. L. CAREY, T.D. (368535), late Inf.

G. A. L. DAVIES, T.D. (273052), late R. Signals.

A. A. EDWARDS, T.D. (360013), late R. Signals.

R. D. N. FABRICIUS, T.D., D.L., J.P. (300801), late R.A.C.

P. A. HAMILTON, M.C., T.D. (77150), late R.A.

D. B. LONG, M.C., T.D. (284561), late Inf.

J. W. P. LLEWELLYN, O.B.E. (68067), late Inf.

K. D. PATTERSON, O.B.E., T.D. (314592), late R. Signals.