

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Cpts. placed on Retired List. 30th Jun. 1967:

H. M. COLLIER, R.D.

F. C. O'NEILL, R.D.

D. W. SOWDEN, R.D.

W. B. VICKERS, R.D.

Surgn. Capt. C. E. SHAFTO, V.R.D., placed on Retired List. 30th Jun. 1967.

Capt. J. H. KENNEDY, (S) V.R.D., placed on Retired List. 30th Jun. 1967.

The Reverend E. A. WAY, V.R.D., B.A., Chapl'n, re-entered into Permanent R.N.R. 5th May 1967 with seny. 11th Jan. 1943.

Surgn. Cdr. H. D. DOYLE, placed on Retired List. 30th Jun. 1967.

Actg. Lt. Cdr. R. E. W. BUTCHER, promoted Lt. Cdr. 5th Mar. 1967, with seny. 16th Mar. 1966.

Surgn. Lt. Cdrs. placed on Retired List on dates stated:

R. A. J. BAILY, R.D. 29th Jun. 1967.

G. L. BOLT, 2nd Jul. 1967.

Lt. M. MILLER, promoted Lt. Cdr. 25th May 1967, with seny. 13th Mar. 1967.

Lt. A. C. SISSONS, promoted Lt. Cdr. with seny. 28th Jun. 1967.

Lt. J. A. GIVEN, commission terminated. 16th Mar. 1967.

Actg. Lt. W. C. GARDINER, promoted Lt. 1st Jul. 1967, with seny. 1st Apr. 1967.

Lt. (P.S.) E. W. SMITH, promoted Lt. Cdr. with seny. 1st Jul. 1967.

Proby. Actg. Lt. W. N. MCILVEAN, (E), confirmed Actg. Lt. 2nd Apr. 1967, with seny. 12th Jul. 1965, and promoted Lt. with seny. 2nd Apr. 1967.

Surgn. Lt. J. R. NEWSTEAD, promoted Surgn. Lt. Cdr. with seny. 12th May 1967.

Sub. Lts. promoted Actg. Lts. with seny. stated:

P. H. ORGAN. 1st Jul. 1967.

B. H. B. BEVERIDGE, P. D. MIDDLETON. 6th Jul. 1967.

Actg. Sub. Lt. R. E. WILLIAMS, confirmed Sub. Lt. 6th Jul. 1967, with seny. 6th Jul. 1965.

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

4th July 1967.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of gallant conduct in Aden:

To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry:

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Errington BLENKINSOP (320313), The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Blenkinsop brought his battalion to Aden in early September 1966, from the United Kingdom where they had staged after completing a tour in B.A.O.R.

He immediately took over one of the most difficult operational areas in Aden State which includes the old town of Crater. The population is largely non-European and contains an assortment of Eastern Communities of all classes. The town itself consists of a labyrinth of markets, back streets and shack dwellings. Also within his area there live members of the British Administration and business community, some of whom are liable to assassination.

Although the area is one of the most potentially dangerous in Aden, Lieutenant-Colonel Blenkinsop quickly gained a firm grip of his sector. This was not done easily and was due to his exceptional understanding of the problem and his ability to get himself across to his soldiers. Although often in danger he has always shown a remarkable calmness and efficiency which is reflected throughout the battalion.

His bravery and efficiency were particularly obvious during the disturbances which took place between

10th and 13th February. The market place in Crater, an extremely dangerous area where, during the period, 7 grenades were thrown and 10 shots fired, he visited many times and was always present when needed. He was seen encouraging his soldiers, giving confidence, and his calmness throughout was felt at all levels in the battalion. In addition, his outstanding tactical sense and sound distribution of his force clearly prevented the situation from getting out of control. He visited isolated posts and company positions where a total of 19 grenade attacks and 29 shooting incidents took place during the three days, regardless of his personal safety.

By his exceptional devotion to duty and personal bravery he contained the situation in Crater which so easily could have become most serious.

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

Second Lieutenant David Ellis GREEN (480314), The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

Second Lieutenant Green commands 10 Platoon of Z Company. On 10th February 1967, his platoon, reinforced by a section from Support Platoon was ordered to occupy a strong point position in the market place of Crater. The market is in the centre of Crater which is a busy and congested area on the edge of the bazaar and known to harbour terrorists and sympathizers. The market place is also the focal point for gathering and moving crowds of demonstrators. Second Lieutenant Green's task, during the four day civil disturbance in Aden, was to deny demonstrators and rioters free use of this area and to channel any movement away from his sector, dealing with terrorist activity as it arose. He was also required to maintain the curfew by mobile and foot patrols from his strong point.

In spite of numerous tricky and varied incidents throughout the period 10th-13th February, Second Lieutenant Green was firmly in control of the situation and the presence and action of his platoon in this key position did much to maintain law and order during a particularly difficult and testing period and undoubtedly prevented a nasty situation from developing and consequent bloodshed and loss of life among the local inhabitants.

During the afternoon of 10th February five grenade attacks were made on his position by terrorists and after last light the enemy activity continued using pistols to snipe from nearby rooftops. This young officer, without regard to his own safety, moved about his platoon area while under fire encouraging and controlling his men. Throughout the whole of this operation Second Lieutenant Green's personal courage, skill and resourcefulness were an inspiration to his platoon and an example set in the highest tradition of the service.

Captain Jeremy Stewart Cox, M.B. (477074), Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain Cox has been the Regimental Medical Officer of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment since the Battalion started duty on anti-terrorist operations in Aden in October 1966.

Since October 1966 his medical team has been on immediate call in the operational area and has evacuated over sixty British soldiers wounded by terrorist action from the particularly dangerous areas of Sheikh Othman and Mansura. They have also treated some sixty local nationals who have been wounded in these attacks. He has personally been involved in several grenade and mortar attacks.

The fact that all the military casualties, several of which were seriously wounded, have recovered from their injuries, signifies the efficient and courageous way in which Captain Cox has carried out his duties. Captain Cox and his ambulance landrover have, within minutes of an incident, arrived at the scene without waiting for an escort and regardless of danger in order to ensure swift treatment and evacuation.

The following is one example of the conditions under which Captain Cox and his team treat and evacuate casualties. On 3rd December 1966, a soldier was wounded by a terrorist grenade in Sheikh Othman. Within three minutes Captain Cox was on the scene and giving first aid to the wounded man. While he was doing this a second grenade was thrown and exploded only five yards from him injuring another soldier nearby. Quite unperturbed by the happenings around him Captain Cox continued with his humanitarian task.