

During the period of rioting in Aden from 10th-13th February 1967, he was committed almost without a break and treated on the spot six Military, six Police and seven Local National casualties in conditions similar to that quoted above.

The knowledge that Captain Cox and his team can be on the spot within minutes of an incident has made a major contribution to the morale of his Battalion. His team has also gained the respect of all with whom it has come in contact.

During the past four months Captain Cox's courage, initiative and professional skill has been in the very highest traditions of his profession and of the Royal Army Medical Corps in battle.

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 approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned in recognition of gallant conduct in Aden:

22771566 Sergeant William Ian ALLAN, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Sergeant Allan has been the Regimental Medical Sergeant of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment since the Battalion started anti terrorist operations in Aden in October 1966.

During this period, in conjunction with the Regimental Medical Officer, he has been responsible for the treatment and evacuation from the notoriously dangerous areas of Sheikh Othman and Mansura of over sixty wounded soldiers and some sixty wounded local nationals. Whenever he travels to the scene of an incident and gives first aid to a wounded man he is exposing himself to a grenade or shooting attack. He has in fact been the target of grenade and mortar attacks on several occasions.

The Battalion medical team has been on call for twenty-four hours a day and consequently Sergeant Allan has had to act for the Medical Officer frequently. On these occasions his initiative, courage and professional skill has been far in excess of that expected of a soldier of his rank and service. The following is but one example of his routine type of duty. On 20th November 1966, he was in charge of the Battalion medical team. He heard a contact report on his radio and without waiting for an escort or further orders drove at once to the scene of the incident. He immediately gave first aid to the soldier who was seriously injured and bleeding profusely. By his efficient and skilled action the wounded soldier was evacuated to a Service Hospital over five miles away in exactly thirty minutes from the grenade explosion. Sergeant Allan's skill and initiative undoubtedly contributed to saving this soldier's life.

During the four day period of rioting in Aden from 10th-13th February 1967, Sergeant Allan was in the thick of the trouble giving first aid to the wounded soldiers, police and local nationals.

His courage, example and medical skill throughout his tour of Aden has been of the highest order and has been a fine example to all ranks.

22511057 Corporal Edward COSGROVE, The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's).

Corporal Cosgrove is the Regimental Medical Orderly of B Company 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Fusiliers. Since arriving in Aden on 14th October 1966, he has accompanied Company Headquarters to the scene of many grenade and mining incidents in the Sheikh Othman and Al Mansura districts. He has always been an example of steadiness and alertness in difficult and dangerous situations. He has given first aid to at least six wounded soldiers with confidence and skill and has never let the ever constant threat of a second grenade take his mind off his main task of tending his wounded comrades.

On the evening of 3rd December 1966 he was piquetting the outside of Sheikh Othman Police Station with the remainder of his landrover crew when Corporal Patton, who was also piquetting the Police Station, was wounded by a terrorist grenade. While he was tending to Corporal Patton's wounds a second grenade was thrown at them and landed only a few yards away. Without hesitation Corporal Cosgrove shielded the wounded man with his own body to save him from further wounds. The grenade exploded and wounded Corporal Cosgrove in the legs.

His courageous and selfless action was in the highest tradition of the service and undoubtedly saved Corporal Patton from further injury.

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23683195 Fusilier Joseph Latimer BIRKS, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (now discharged).

Fusilier Birks was the personal bodyguard to Mr. H. D. M. Sutton, C.B.E., Deputy High Commissioner for Labour and Welfare in Aden. On 16th January Mr. Sutton was driving his car from Lake Lines in the direction of the Mansura roundabout in the Sheikh Othman district of Aden. Fusilier Birks was sitting in the rear seat of the open car. At 1145 hours the car came under automatic fire from two groups of terrorists on either side of the road. Fusilier Birks was wounded in the right eye by a splinter and by a bullet in the left arm. Following a prearranged drill, Mr. Sutton drove the car on, out of the ambush killing area. Meanwhile Fusilier Birks, in spite of his wounds, immediately returned the fire with his "sterling" from the rear of the car. When the car stopped he jumped out and although blinded in the right eye and bleeding profusely from his wounds, gave chase to the terrorists who rapidly withdrew. Fusilier Birks only halted the chase when ordered to do so by Mr. Sutton. By his quick and courageous action Fusilier Birks probably saved the life of Mr. Sutton and certainly deterred the terrorists from any further offensive action during this incident.

4th July 1967.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. Gen. E. J. H. BATES, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., M.A. (53108), late R.A. is appointed Director, Royal Defence Academy, 3rd Jul. 1967.

Maj. Gen. P. H. W. BRIND, C.B.E., D.S.O. (50942), late Inf. relinquishes his appointment as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Northern Command, 22nd Jun. 1967.

Brig. A. F. STANTON, O.B.E. (67001), late R.A. is appointed Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Northern Command and is granted acting Maj. Gen., 22nd Jun. 1967.

Brig. A. C. LEWIS, O.B.E. (64532), late R.E. retires on retired pay, 3rd Jul. 1967.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

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

M. T. YOUNG, C.B.E., D.S.O. (41188), late R.A., 26th Jun. 1967.

E. W. DENISON (44044) late R.E., 3rd Jul. 1967.

D. H. TADMAN, C.B.E., D.S.O. (44196), late Inf., 4th Jul. 1967.

Col. A. NIXON, T.D. (58734), late R.E., having attained the age limit for liability to recall ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 1st Jul. 1967.

REGULAR ARMY

The undermentioned Cols. and Lt.-Cols. to be Brigs., 30th Jun. 1967:

L. H. LEE, C.B.E. (90951), late R.A.C.

G. F. AYTON (226216), R.A.O.C.

W. A. HILDRED, O.B.E. (167808), R.A.O.C.

B. G. RAWLINS (67786) late R.E.

D. J. WILLISON, O.B.E., M.C. (95070), late R.E.

D. P. K. RENNICK (74573) late R. Signals.

D. W. COYLE, M.B.E., D.F.C. (71031), late R.A.

H. G. MUGGERIDGE, M.B.E. (222907), R.A.O.C.

J. M. H. LEWIS, O.B.E. (85569), late R.E.

W. BATE, O.B.E. (337000), late R.C.T.

H. B. C. WATKINS, M.B.E. (190477), late R.A.C.

A. G. LEWIS (363423) late R.A.C.

E. McK. ERSKINE (95208) late R. Signals.