

Lt. P. C. BANKS, promoted Local Capt. 21st Jul. 1967.
 Lt. P. H. LUCAS, resigns Permanent Commission. 1st Aug. 1967.
 Actg. Lt. T. R. C. WILSON, resigned Permanent Commission. 14th Jul. 1967.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces Reserve Decoration to the undermentioned officers:

Commander G. K. HARRISON, R.N.R.
 Acting Commander A. L. C. WILKINSON, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander F. L. BROOKS, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander A. E. BULKELEY, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander G. R. A. DARLING, Q.C., R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander P. L. FLATAU, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander A. L. G. GOSSET, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander W. MACKENZIE, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander R. E. PARRY, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander H. K. SPEED, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant Commander B. A. MORGAN, R.N.R. (Sp.)
 Instructor Lieutenant Commander E. H. COWNIE, B.A., R.N.R.
 Surgeon Lieutenant Commander D. G. L. DAVIES, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., R.N.R.
 Surgeon Lieutenant Commander W. M. MACKEAN, M.B., Ch.B., R.N.R.
 Surgeon Lieutenant Commander B. W. PETTY, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., D.R.C.O.G., D.C.H., F.F.R., R.N.R.
 Surgeon Lieutenant Commander E. J. WILLIAMS, M.S., F.R.C.S., R.N.R.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve Decoration to the undermentioned officers:

Lieutenant Commander J. G. PICKWELL, R.N.R.
 Lieutenant W. A. BURGESS, R.A.N.V.R.
 Lt. Cdr. E. A. BURNHAM, placed on Retired List. 27th Jun. 1967.
 Lt. Cdr. H. R. V. JONES, placed on Retired List. 30th Jul. 1967.
 Lt. Cdr. (P.S.) G. BRUCE, R.D., placed on Retired List. 12th Jun. 1967.

Lts. promoted Lt. Cdrs. on dates and with seny. stated:

J. W. COLLINS. 16th Apr. 1967 (16th Apr. 1967).
 R. F. COPE. 25th May 1967 (10th Jun. 1966).
 J. H. F. DEMPSTER. 29th Jun. 1967 (14th Aug. 1966).

Lt. W. D. SOUTHON, promoted Lt. Cdr. with seny. 25th Jul. 1967.

Actg. Lt. R. K. CRINGLE, promoted Lt. 2nd Apr. 1967, with seny. 20th Oct. 1965.

Actg. Lt. M. J. COOK, commission terminated. 21st Jun. 1967.

Lts. (Sp) promoted Lt. Cdrs. (Sp) with seny. stated: G. H. CLEAVER. 29th Jul. 1967.

M. C. CAWTHORNE, S. J. WITTON. 1st Aug. 1967.

Lt. M. MORLEY-JOHN, ex Hong-Kong R.N.R., entered into Permanent R.N.R., 26th Apr. 1967, in rank of Lt. (Sp) with seny. 26th Feb. 1961.

Entered into Permanent R.N.R., 23rd May 1967, in rank of Lt. (Sp) with seny. 28th Jan. 1962: R. B. ARMSTRONG.

Surgn. Lt. S. J. McDONALD, promoted Surgn. Lt. Cdr. with seny. 5th Jul. 1967.

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

Above-entry should read:

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

(Amendment to London Gazette (Supplement) dated 4th Jul. 1967.)

Actg. Surgn. Lt. J. M. MUSGRAVE promoted Surgn. Lt. with seny. 1st Aug. 1967

Sub Lt. N. R. KALADEEN promoted Lt. 1st Aug. 1967 with seny. 24th Jun. 1967.

Sub Lt. R. S. MIDDLETON, promoted Actg. Lt. 26th Jun. 1967, with seny. 12th Jun. 1967.

Sub Lt. M. E. EDGERTON, promoted Actg. Lt. with seny. 1st Aug. 1967.

Sub Lt. J. A. C. GAIRDNER, commissior. terminated. 1st Jul. 1967.

Actg. Sub Lts. confirmed Sub Lts. on dates and with seny. stated:

A. D. CAMERON. 17th Jan. 1967 (17th Jan. 1966).

I. S. HOWAT, D. A. SPENS. 12th Jul. 1967 (12th Jul. 1966).

ARMY DEPARTMENT

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant conduct in Vietnam:

To be dated 27th July 1967

Distinguished Service Order

Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Maurice TOWNSEND (17000), Australian Staff Corps.

Lieutenant-Colonel Townsend has commanded with outstanding success the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, since its deployment in Vietnam in May 1966. During this period he planned and executed the initial forward deployment of his battalion into enemy controlled territory, an aggressive and extensive patrol programme and eleven battalion group offensive operations. After seven months of almost continuous contact with an effective and fanatical enemy his battalion has inflicted 318 confirmed enemy casualties together with extensive damage in terms of captured weapons, ammunition, food and installations.

During the battle at Long Tan during 18th to 21st August 1966, his battalion constituted the infantry element in the action against a regiment composed of three North Vietnamese and Viet Cong mainforce battalions. As soon as the initial heavy contact with the enemy was made by his company on patrol he moved immediately with a relief company in armoured personnel carriers to join his company which was then very heavily committed and took firm and effective control of the battle during which a major defeat was inflicted on a greatly superior enemy force.

Throughout this period, Lieutenant-Colonel Townsend's spirit of aggression and sound tactics and his courage under fire and calm leadership have been an inspiration to his battalion and to all who have served with him. He personally has been largely responsible for the heavy damage inflicted by his battalion on the enemy at the expense of relatively light own casualties and for the driving of the enemy force from Southern Phuoc Tuy Province.

Military Cross

Major John Matthew MURPHY (335048), Australian Staff Corps.

Major Murphy has commanded the 3rd Special Air Service Squadron since its deployment in operations in Vietnam in June 1966. Throughout this period of six months his small reconnaissance patrols and fighting patrols have carried out the very hazardous task of extensive patrolling deep into enemy territory to gain invaluable information on which the successful offensive operations of the Australian Task Force have been based. In addition his patrols when in contact with greatly superior enemy forces deployed to hunt them have by skilful and sudden aggressive action inflicted very significant casualties on the enemy and extricated themselves by helicopter from many very dangerous situations to complete their missions.

During 1st and 2nd December 1966 his squadron was given the task of checking the effectiveness of operations to deny the use of the base facilities in the Nui Thi Vai mountain mass to the enemy after our troops had had to leave the area. Major Murphy without hesitation undertook this mission himself and over the period of two days reconnoitered the area by lowering repeatedly to the rocky and jungle covered slopes hanging from a winched cable some 150 feet under a hovering helicopter and exposing himself to enemy fire. His mission was completely successful.

On 14th December he planned and led a heliborne raiding party into the heart of an enemy base area