

bay during a live grenade throwing practice at Singleton Barracks.

During the practice a recruit dropped a grenade in the throwing bay after the safety pin had been withdrawn. Corporal Constable, being aware of the danger, bodily threw the recruit out of the bay. The recruit's reaction was slow, and Corporal Constable immediately threw himself on top of the recruit, thereby shielding him from the full blast of the exploding grenade. Corporal Constable himself received the major portion of the blast and was injured by grenade fragments.

Corporal Constable displayed a high standard of initiative, coolness and brave conduct in immediately removing the recruit from the throwing bay. He then showed great courage, foresight and devotion to duty in shielding, with his own body, the recruit from the full blast of the grenade.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

8th August 1967.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 27th July 1967)

215029 Sapper Steven William LITTLE, Royal Australian Engineers.

On 5th October 1966, Sapper Little was driving a 40 ton tank transporter carrying a bulldozer along the Bruce Highway, Queensland, when two of the trailer tyres blew out. While the corporal in charge and co-driver were away reporting to their unit and arranging for replacement tyres, Sapper Little remained with the vehicle, parked on the side of the road near a sugar cane field.

Shortly after the departure of his two colleagues, Sapper Little saw flames coming from under the front of the trailer. After an unsuccessful attempt to extinguish the fire he noticed that four tyres were burning fiercely. He therefore turned his attention to saving the heavy load, but because of heat and the flames was unsuccessful in his first attempt to disconnect the prime-mover.

He saw flames enveloping a 44 gallon drum of diesel on the trailer. Because of the imminent danger of an explosion and disregarding the consequences, he managed to free the drum and remove it out of danger. He then turned his attention to the bulldozer chained on to the trailer. He unchained it, started it up and drove it off the trailer. After a second unsuccessful attempt to disconnect the prime-mover he commenced to cut a fire-break with the bulldozer since the fire was spreading through the grass to the sugar cane. Sapper Little then noticed that the flames had spread to the prime-mover. He again tried to disconnect it, but was driven back by heat and flames. By starting the prime-mover and moving the vehicle forward he was able to get it to a position where the flames blew away from it, then he was finally able to disconnect it and move it to safety. He then returned to cutting the fire-break, by which time the flames had reached the sugar cane and the Nambour Fire Brigade had arrived and taken charge.

With complete disregard for his own safety, unaided, and by his courageous act, Sapper Little was responsible for preventing military equipment valued at over \$45,000 from being completely destroyed.

8th August 1967.

Brig. Lindsay Valentine Francis FAWKES, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., late R.A., is appointed Aide-de-Camp to The QUEEN, 29th Jul. 1967, in succession to Brig. Christopher Courtenay MALLOCK, O.B.E., T.D., retired.

The Rev. Leslie Edward Mitchell CLAXTON, M.C., B.A. (95799), Chapln. to the Forces 1st Cl. R.A.Ch.D., is appointed Honorary Chaplain to The QUEEN, 26th Jun. 1967.

#### COMMANDS AND STAFF

##### REGULAR ARMY

The undermentioned Cols. to be Brigs., 1st Jul. 1967:

R. J. NIVEN, M.C., M.B., D.P.H. (70118), late R.A.M.C.

M. McGHIE, Q.H.P., M.D., D.P.M. (73569), late R.A.M.C.

N. G. G. TALBOT, O.B.E., T.D., M.D., F.R.C.O.G. (86207), late R.A.M.C.

Lt.-Col. R. H. PURVIS, M.B.E. (137112) from R.A., to be Col., 30th Jun. 1967, with seniority 6th Sep. 1966.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Brig. M. V. FLETCHER, C.B.E. (47430) late Inf., having attained the age limit for liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 7th Aug. 1967.

##### ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

###### Q.D.G.

##### REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. A. C. G. ELIOT (476858) to be Lt., 18th Jul. 1967.

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##### REGULAR ARMY

Maj. G. R. K. LYON, O.B.E. (320174), retires on retired pay, 6th Jul. 1967, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col.

Lt. J. A. DISLEY (471246) resigns his commn., 1st Jul. 1967.

###### Scots Greys

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) J. D. CALLANDER, M.C. (76648), having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commn., 2nd Aug. 1967, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

###### Q.R.I.H.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

###### Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. P. A. I. O'NEILL (474362) from Active List, to be Lt., 27th Jul. 1967.

###### 15/19 H.

##### REGULAR ARMY

Maj. E. F. L. PARKER (174480) retires on retired pay, 31st Jul. 1967.

###### 16/5 L.

##### REGULAR ARMY

###### Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. E. G. CHURCHILL (480819), the personal number is as now shown and not as in Gazette (Supplement) dated 16th May 1967.

###### R.T.R.

##### REGULAR ARMY

Lt. B. A. C. DUNCAN (468988) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

Lt. M. E. F. OFFORD (469068) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. S. STIBBARD, M.B.E. (73193), having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 6th Aug. 1967.

###### R.A.C.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

###### Class III

Lt. D. P. M. DALY (445125) relinquishes his commn., 6th Jun. 1967.

##### TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

###### Category II

Lt. W. B. M. LAIRD (466052) from T.A., FFY/SH to be Lt., 1st Apr. 1967, with seniority 15th Feb. 1962.

###### L.Y.

##### TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. A. B. MURRAY, T.D. (314989), resigns his commn., 1st Apr. 1967, retaining the rank of Capt.

##### ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

##### REGULAR ARMY

Lt. A. R. CATTAWAY (468962) to be Capt., 29th Jul. 1967, with precedence next above J. W. M. KINCAID (469036), R.A.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. D. MACCOLL (58004) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the Res. of Offrs., 3rd Aug. 1967.

###### Class III

Lt. C. R. FREEBOROUGH (463597) (formerly T.A. Res. of Offrs.) to be Lt., 1st Apr. 1967.