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HONOURS AND AWARDS

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

31st October 1967.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards for gallantry in Aden.

Mention in Despatches

RM 11196 Sergeant Peter William Atlay KENNEDY, Royal Marines.

RM 20905 Corporal Francis James BREWER, Royal Marines.

RM 18421 Marine Bernard Anthony QUINN, Royal Marines.

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

31st October 1967.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give Orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry:

Major Malcolm Alfred EMERY (401321), Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Major Emery, the Senior Ammunition Technical Officer Southern Command, was called from his quarters on the evening of 7th March 1967, to deal with two anti-tank rockets that had been found in a shed in the grounds of Stoborough School near Wareham. He arrived at the School shortly before midnight and using a torch located the two rockets in a ledge above the eaves of the roof.

Major Emery obtained a ladder and examined the two rockets closely. One was found to be a Practice round and safe to handle. The other was an unfired High Explosive Anti-Tank Rocket from which both the safety band, which safeguards the ejection pin, and the ejection pin itself were missing. There were several scratches and marks on the cover where the

fuze is located and round the edge of the aperture from which the ejection pin had been forcibly withdrawn. Having been tampered with the rocket was in a particularly sensitive and dangerous state.

Destroying the rocket where it lay would have caused considerable damage to the surrounding buildings and the School. Although he was fully aware of the personal risk involved, Major Emery decided to move the rocket to a location where it would be safer to destroy it.

After ensuring that everyone in the area had been evacuated, except Chief Superintendent Davis of the Dorset Constabulary who stayed to hold the torch, Major Emery carefully removed the rocket from the ledge and carried it through pouring rain to his Bomb Disposal Vehicle. Realising that the vibration and jolting of the vehicle could cause the missile to explode he decided against placing it in a sand-bagged container in the back of the vehicle. He therefore cushioned the rocket on his lap whilst the vehicle was driven several miles to the demolition area well knowing that any shock or jar to the firing mechanism could cause an explosion which would kill him instantly.

During his period of duty as Senior Ammunition Technical Officer Southern Command, Major Emery has dealt with many ammunition incidents and unexploded missiles. His bravery and calm disciplined behaviour whilst dealing with this particularly dangerous missile is in the highest tradition of the Service.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards for gallantry in Aden:

Military Cross

Major John Armar Vully de CANDOLE (433095), The Queen's Dragoon Guards.

Major de Candole has commanded B Squadron 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards from September 1966 to March 1967. During this period the squadron has been involved in internal security duties in Sheikh Othman, Aden and Little Aden, in operations in support of Headquarters Area West at Habilayn, Dhala and Musaymir, and in desert operations in the Plain of Lahej aimed at preventing the entry of terrorist weapons into Aden State.

These tasks have demanded a marked degree of flexibility, the ability to co-operate with varying British and Federal Forces of all arms, and the planning and implementation of new techniques to cope with the arduous conditions of the squadron's many roles.