

of the narrow valley. The controls were as far left and forward as they would go. Due to this condition the helicopter would only fly in a right-handed circle and it would no longer hover. By flying in continuous right-handed circles of varying diameters within the narrow valley Major Neish managed to reach a height of nearly 8,000 feet, enabling him to clear the Blue Mountains. By continuing to fly in right-handed circles he eventually landed some 10 miles away on a football pitch, where it was possible to make a running landing. The casualty was then tied in and flown safely to hospital.

Throughout the whole performance Major Neish showed a degree of courage, skill, concentration and judgment far in excess of that normally required of the pilot of a helicopter.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of Her Majesty's Jamaica Ministers to approve the undermentioned award:

*Queen's Commendation for Valuable Services  
in the Air*

Lieutenant Andrew Anthony BOGLE (JCA/1029),  
Jamaica Defence Force.

On 17th May 1967, Lt. A. A. Bogle, a helicopter pilot of the Air Wing of the Jamaica Defence Force acted as crewman in a three-man helicopter on a casualty evacuation task in the Blue Mountains.

The casualty, a Fusilier of 1st Bn XX The Lancashire Fusiliers, had to be evacuated in a prone position on a stretcher fitted to the outside of the helicopter.

The casualty had to be rescued from a clearing in a narrow valley at an altitude of 6,500 feet on the side of a steep mountain.

Due to the steepness of the mountain the helicopter could not be landed. Instead, only one runner could be placed on the edge of a platform, constructed on the side of the mountain. It was from this platform that the casualty was to be lifted on to the stretcher which was fitted to the right runner of the helicopter. Conditions were such that the casualty was placed too far to the rear of the stretcher. This resulted in the helicopter going into an out of centre of gravity condition and despite maximum correction by the pilot it started to fly backwards and to the right, away from the platform, in what was now a semi out of control state. This happened so quickly that there was neither time for those on the platform to take the casualty off the stretcher nor to strap him in. Lt. Bogle, himself a pilot, realising that the casualty might fall off the stretcher into the valley below and that the helicopter was in a semi out of control state, immediately undid his seatbelt, got out of the right side of the helicopter and held the casualty into the stretcher. By altering his position Lt. Bogle fully appreciated that he would make the imbalance of the helicopter even worse, that it would tilt even more to the right and increase further the chances of an incident. The pilot, however, managed to regain partial control and by flying in right-handed circles of varying diameter at altitudes approaching as much as 8,000 feet he managed to land 10 miles away on a football pitch. Throughout this journey Lt. Bogle remained half out of the helicopter and only held in by his right hand whilst he held the injured man on the stretcher with his left hand. Throughout the flight the helicopter was tilted to the right thus aggravating the tendency to tip the casualty off the stretcher and Lt. Bogle out of the helicopter. Lt. Bogle undoubtedly saved the life of the Fusilier.

Throughout the rescue, Lt. Bogle, fully aware of the hazards involved, showed an outstanding degree of judgment and courage, and acted with almost complete disregard to his own personal safety.

23rd April 1968.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. J. R. HOLDEN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (71215) late R.A.C., relinquishes his appointment as Director Royal Armoured Corps, 19th Apr. 1968.

Maj.-Gen. P. B. GILLET, C.B., O.B.E. (62517) late R.A., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding West Midland District, 20th Apr. 1968.

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Maj.-Gen. D. L. DARLING, C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (63638) late Inf., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding Wales District, 20th Apr. 1968.

Brig. G. T. A. ARMITAGE, C.B.E. (73005) late R.A.C., is appointed Director Royal Armoured Corps, and is granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 19th Apr. 1968.

Brig. W. G. S. MILLS, C.B.E. (69270) late Inf., is appointed General Officer Commanding West Midland District, and is granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 20th Apr. 1968.

Brig. J. M. SPENCER-SMITH, O.B.E., M.C. (138650) late Ft. Gds., is appointed General Officer Commanding Wales District, and is granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 20th Apr. 1968.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

*Class III*

Col. W. J. DAWKINS, T.D., A.D.C. (132268) late Inf., from T. & A.V.R. Category III to be Col., 1st Apr. 1968.

*Class IV*

Col. J. TILBEARD, T.D. (89331) late Inf., from T. & A.V.R. Category III to be Col., 1st Apr. 1968.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

*Category II*

Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. W. N. LANG, E.R.D. (346082) from Res. of Offrs., Class III, R. Signals to be Col., 8th Dec. 1967.

Lt.-Col. E. F. T. DESBOIS, E.R.D. (232010) from T. & A.V.R., Category II, R.A.O.C. to be Col., 26th Feb. 1968.

*Category III*

Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. D. PULLEN, O.B.E., T.D. (153153) from Res. of Offrs., Class III, Queens to be Col., 1st Apr. 1968.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

*L.G.*

REGULAR ARMY

Lt. G. R. PETHERICK (464802) to be Capt., 21st Apr. 1968.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. T. H. CLARK (454218) terminates his commn., 1st Apr. 1967.

Lt. N. A. D. C. GASELEE (454675) (Res. of Offrs.) terminates his commn., 1st Apr. 1967.

*R.H.G.*

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lt. M. S. TABOR (464140) relinquishes his commn., 7th Feb. 1968.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

2nd Lt. T. D. MOORE (478601) 4/7 D.G. to be Lt., 3rd Apr. 1968, with pay and allowances from 24th May 1968.

14190329 W.O. II (T.Q.M.S.) Stanley Albert BURROWS (485237) R.T.R. to be Capt. (Q.M.), 1st Mar. 1968, with an antedate for seniority purposes only to 2nd Jan. 1968.

Capt. (Q.M.) S. A. HAM (468065) R.T.R. retires on retired pay, 22nd Apr. 1968.

*Special Reg. Commn.*

Capt. Amos Maxwell ALDERTON (477003) 11 H. from Short Serv. Commn. to be 2nd Lt., 18th Jul. 1967, with seniority 1st Nov. 1961. To be Lt., 18th Jul. 1967, with seniority 1st Nov. 1963. To be Capt., 1st Nov. 1967.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Capt. G. A. BARTRAM (464796) R.A.C. relinquishes his commn., 2nd Apr. 1968.

Lt. C. T. F. FLOWER (464138) R.A.C. relinquishes his commn., 7th Feb. 1968.

*Class III*

Capt. The Hon. W. S. RUSSELL (406341) R.G.H. from T. & A.V.R., Category III, R.A. to be Capt., 1st Apr. 1968.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

*Category III*

Maj. (Acting Lt.-Col.) W. J. TURLEY, T.D. (404000) Staffs Yeo. to be Lt.-Col., 13th Jan. 1968, with seniority 1st Oct. 1967.