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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
14th May 1968.

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:*

21125317 Warrant Officer Class I, Stanley Gordon WOODS, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

From late July to 16th October 1967, Warrant Officer Class I Woods, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, was engaged in disposing of bombs which were planted in large numbers by Communist terrorists throughout Hong Kong, and particularly in the densely populated urban areas.

In the first two months of this period, he carried out more than twenty tours of this very arduous duty, none of less than 12 hours, during which he dealt with nearly 300 devices. Not all were true bombs, but hoax bombs, deliberately designed to give the appearance of true ones, had to be handled with equal care; and, in this initial phase of the campaign, all devices had to be dismantled and their potential assessed, in order that the most effective means of disposal could be devised.

As reinforcement technicians arrived, Warrant Officer Woods took them out into the streets, carefully instructing them in the methods and procedures to be used.

The work on which he was engaged was made even more dangerous by the terrorist tactic of using a device, true or hoax, to attract a target in the form of a bomb disposal team and then throwing down further bombs from nearby buildings.

A number of persons, military, police and civilian, were killed during this campaign, and a large number were injured. Despite this, Warrant Officer Woods repeatedly exposed himself to danger, until he himself was injured while dealing with a device on 16th October. His gallant and devoted conduct, which was in the highest traditions of the Service, was an inspiration to his colleagues and gained the admiration of all who were associated with him in this highly dangerous and demanding work.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

23539466 Sergeant David Lawrence BIRCH, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

From 28th July to 9th October 1967, Sergeant Birch, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, was engaged in disposing of bombs during the terrorist campaign of bomb-planting in Hong Kong. In this time he carried out no less than twenty periods of duty and dealt with more than 200 devices.

Although not all devices proved to be true bombs, all had to be dealt with most carefully and exhaustively investigated and dealt with. This dangerous work was made even more so by the terrorist stratagem of using a device, true or hoax, to attract a target in the form of a bomb disposal team, and then throwing further bombs down from nearby buildings. A number of persons were killed and injured in this campaign of terrorism; and Sergeant Birch was himself injured by a bomb, thrown during his investigation of a device. Despite these dangers, and his injury, Sergeant Birch continued coolly and fearlessly with his demanding task.

His calm courage was an example of gallantry of a high order which was an inspiration to his colleagues and in the highest tradition of the Service.

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 9th May 1968)

*Military Cross*

2nd Lieutenant Roger Leslie Mark TINGLEY (54702), Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

Second Lieutenant Roger Tingley enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 2nd May 1963, was commissioned on 11th December 1965, and allotted to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps. He joined 3rd Cavalry Regiment in November 1966, and arrived in South Vietnam to join A Squadron in April 1967.

On 1st February 1968, as commander of 3rd Troop A Squadron 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Second Lieutenant