

Over the two days the post was attacked by a considerable number of Chinese Communists and subjected for over six hours to a sporadic hail of stones, bottles and Molotov cocktails from ten yards range, accompanied by bursts of light machine gun fire overhead from a military post on Chinese territory. Throughout the actions Rifleman Lakhthan, with great determination and initiative, stood in the bomb bay and repulsed every attack throwing over fifty tear gas grenades with which the remainder of the platoon kept him supplied.

The courage and endurance of this young Rifleman in his self-imposed task during two days of severe strain and tension, were a fine example to all around him in circumstances calling for an unusual mixture of defiance and restraint in the face of provocation.

Captain Francis Michael Digby HOYAL (474611), Royal Army Medical Corps (attached 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles).

On 28th August 1967, Captain Hoyal, the Medical Officer of the 2/7 Gurkha Rifles was urgently despatched by helicopter to Unicorn Ridge overlooking Kowloon, where a Sergeant of a Bomb Disposal Unit had been blasted down a precipitous hillside and lay seriously injured some 200 feet below the ridge.

On arrival, and after a quick appreciation of the position, Captain Hoyal made his way down the dangerous slopes and found Sergeant Workman lodged in a position where any attempt to move him would have resulted in their both falling down a sheer drop of some 300 feet. Captain Hoyal secured his patient and proceeded to administer first aid and drugs to relieve him of the terrible pain, but despite all his efforts on this precipitous ledge Sergeant Workman succumbed and Captain Hoyal remained with his body until the arrival of the mountain rescue team, who were obliged to use a rope to reach the position.

Captain Hoyal's unselfish action on this errand of mercy, without any thought for his own safety, was an act of personal courage far beyond the call of duty.

14th May 1968.

#### COMMANDS AND STAFF

##### REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. R. H. WHITWORTH, C.B.E. (124539), late Ft. Gds., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding Northumbrian District, 12th May 1968, remaining on full pay.

Brig. J. M. D. WARD-HARRISON, O.B.E., M.C. (67390), late R.A.C., is appointed General Officer Commanding Northumbrian District, and to be granted the acting rank of Maj.-Gen., 12th May 1968.

Brig. (Acting Maj.-Gen.) A. MacN. TAYLOR, M.C. (126636), late R.A.C., to be Maj.-Gen., 8th May 1968, with seniority 29th Sep. 1967.

The undermentioned Offrs. retire on retired pay on the dates shown:

Maj.-Gen. A. R. LEAKEY, C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (67210), late R.A.C., 8th May 1968.

Brig. A. D. H. IRWIN, D.S.O., M.C. (73151), late Inf., 13th May 1968.

Brig. L. P. J. HERBERT, C.B.E. (384021), late R.A.O.C., 14th May 1968.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

The undermentioned Offrs. having attained the age limit for liability to recall, cease to belong to the Res. of Offrs. on the dates shown:

Brig. B. KINGZETT, C.B.E., M.C. (44911), late R.A., 2nd May 1968.

Brig. G. E. C. SKES, D.S.O. (44962), late R.A., 10th May 1968.

Col. (Hon. Brig.) J. J. PACKARD (50901), late Inf., 14th May 1968.

Col. S. P. B. BRANSBURY (44812), late R.A.O.C., 4th May 1968.

Col. D. G. BIRKETT, O.B.E. (44800), late R.A., 8th May 1968.

Col. S. D. CALVERT, C.B.E. (44838), late R.E., 14th May 1968.

##### TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

###### Category III

Lt.-Col. A. D. MONTEATH, O.B.E., T.D. (364207), from T. & A.V.R., Category III, L.Y., to be Col., 1st Apr. 1968.

Lt.-Col. D. A. WILLOWS (366456) from T. & A.V.R., Category II, Queens, to be Col., 1st Apr. 1968.

Maj. (Acting Col.) I. L. WATKINS, T.D. (129960), (formerly T.A., R.W.F.) to be Col., 1st Apr. 1967.

#### HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

L.G.

##### REGULAR ARMY

###### Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. R. G. SHEFFIELD (481133) to be Capt., 1st May 1968.

#### ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

##### REGULAR ARMY

Col. John Roger CORDY-SIMPSON, C.B.E., M.C. is appointed Colonel, 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own), 11th May 1968, in succession to Maj. (Hon. Lt.-Col.) Vincent Ashforth Blundell DUNKERLY, D.S.O., J.P., tenure expired and retains the hon. rank of Col.

Capt. J. V. RIX (443227) R.T.R., to be Maj., 31st Dec. 1967, with precedence next below P. F. GREGSON (427798).

Capt. (Q.M.) A. WILKINSON (464566) 17/21 L., to be Maj. (Q.M.), 6th May 1968.

#### ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

##### REGULAR ARMY

Capt. J. C. ATHRON (437001) to be Maj., 31st Dec. 1967, with precedence next above J. B. SMITH (435749).

Capt. J. B. SMITH (435749) to be Maj., 31st Dec. 1967, with precedence next above W. A. DICKENS (439988).

Lt. T. H. VERNON (469109) to be Capt., 21st Dec. 1967.

Capt. (T.I.G.) D. D. STEVENS (468804) to be Maj. (T.I.G.), 9th May 1968.

###### Short Serv. Commn.

Maj. N. D. SQUIRE, M.B.E., M.C., T.D. (97978), relinquishes his commn. on completion of service, 15th May 1968, and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

##### REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

###### Short Serv. Commn.

Capt. D. G. P. R. DUFFY (474840) from Active List, to be Capt., 9th May 1968.

#### CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

##### REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. G. W. N. OBBARD, M.B.E. (400003), retires on retired pay, 11th May 1968.

Maj. W. H. G. HAMILTON (379952) retires on retired pay, 16th Apr. 1968.

Maj. P. B. WHITSTONE (408079): the notifn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 2nd Apr. 1968, is cancelled.

Capt. S. JARDINE (437095) to be Maj., 31st Dec. 1967, with precedence next above E. R. CLOWES (442025).

Lt.-Col. (G.E.) S. G. TOWNSEND, M.B.E. (444461) having attained retiring age is placed on retired pay, 25th Apr. 1968.

Lt.-Col. (Q.M.) T. E. J. STAGG, O.B.E. (420068) having attained retiring age is placed on retired pay, 11th May 1968.

Maj. (Staff Q.M.) J. E. SOUTH (408903) to be Lt.-Col. (Staff Q.M.), 11th May 1968.

###### Special Reg. Commns.

Lt. Roger Michael JORDAN (481174) from Short Serv. Commn. to be 2nd Lt., 30th Jan. 1968, with seniority 16th Jun. 1962. To be Lt., 30th Jan. 1968, with seniority 16th Jun. 1964.

Lt. Albert John LETHERBY (483316) from Short Serv. Commn. to be 2nd Lt., 30th Jan. 1968, with seniority 4th May 1963. To be Lt., 30th Jan. 1968, with seniority 4th May 1965.

22799491 W.O.I. David SILVER (485171) to be 2nd Lt., 1st Apr. 1968, with seniority 1st Apr. 1964. To be Lt., 1st Apr. 1968, with seniority 1st Apr. 1966.

###### Short Serv. Commns.

Lt. A. NESBITT (481225) to be Capt., 12th May 1968.

Lt. G. J. STAINER (481227) to be Capt., 12th May 1968.

###### Postal & Courier Section

Lt. Ivor Morgan SIDDALL (478203) from T. & A.V.R., R.C.T., to be 2nd Lt., 1st Apr. 1968.

William Frank BUTT (485351) to be 2nd Lt., 1st Apr. 1968.