

Sub Lts. (SL) to be promoted Lts. (SL) on dates and with seny. stated:

R. J. EVANS. 12th Feb. 1969 (12th Feb. 1969).
M. J. JEPPI. 16th Feb. 1969 (16th Feb. 1969).
J. GAVIN. 21st Feb. 1969 (21st Feb. 1969).

Actg. Sub Lt. (SL) R. CALLOW, confirmed Sub Lt. (SL). 25th Oct. 1968, with seny. 1st Aug. 1966, and promoted Lt. (SL) 1st Nov. 1968 with seny. 1st Nov. 1968.

Actg. Sub Lts. (SL) confirmed Sub Lts. (SL) on dates and with seny. stated:

K. M. HOWES. 10th Dec. 1968 (19th Dec. 1966).
F. T. RUPPERSBERY. 16th Dec. 1968 (28th Oct. 1966).

S. W. JOWETT, D. H. J. OWEN. 8th Feb. 1969 (8th May 1967).

Actg. Sub Lts. (SL) to be confirmed Sub Lts. (SL) on dates and with seny. stated:

R. D. BOAG. 18th Feb. 1969 (18th May 1967).
T. C. JENKINS. 19th Feb. 1969 (1st Mar. 1967).

Actg. Sub Lt. (SL) C. B. RUNDLE, confirmed Sub Lt. (SL) 12th May 1968: Amend date to read—29th Mar. 1969. (Amendment to *London Gazette* dated 13th Aug. 1968.)

Actg. Engr. Sub Lts. (SD) to be confirmed Engr. Sub Lts. (SD) 16th Feb. 1969, with seny. 8th Jan. 1968:

P. T. JACKSON, C. M. WALTON.

Engr. Sub Lt. (SL) H. R. EVANS, promoted Engr. Lt. (SL) 5th Feb. 1969, with seny. 5th Feb. 1969.

ROYAL MARINES

Major (Local Lieutenant Colonel) N. S. E. MARTIN, to relinquish rank of Local Lieutenant Colonel. 22nd Feb. 1969.

Major H. N. COOPER, promoted Local Lieutenant Colonel. 14th Jan. 1969.

Major L. S. WHITWORTH, promoted Local Lieutenant Colonel. 3rd Feb. 1969.

Capt. (Local Major) G. A. HAMILTON-MEIKLE, relinquished rank of Local Major. 24th Jan. 1969.

Lts. (Local Capts.) promoted Capts. 1st Feb. 1969:

M. B. de S. CLAYTON, C. H. C. HOWGILL.
Lt. R. M. WHEELER, promoted Local Capt. 6th Jan. 1969.

Lt. S. J. PACK, promoted Local Capt. 10th Feb. 1969.

Grant of Short Service Commissions to the following 2nd Lts., confirmed on completion of training. 7th Feb. 1969, with seny. stated:

A. S. G. EVANS. 1st Jan. 1967.

1st Sep. 1967

C. P. P. BRANT.
P. C. BURBIDGE-KING.
D. J. H. COLLINS.
E. A. COOKE.
J. R. COOPER.
T. C. D. CRAVEN-PHILLIPS.
S. P. HILL.
M. R. H. G. IRWIN.
W. N. MARSHALL.
I. A. MILNE.
A. H. McM. PATRICK.
R. H. TAIT.

To be promoted 2nd Lts. (Short Service List). 20th Jan. 1969, with seny. 1st Jan. 1969:

T. D. ATKIN.
C. I. J. BAXTER.
T. E. FORTH.
P. S. JENNER.
Cpl. R.M. 22590 R. A. NEED.
W. R. REDPATH.
A. WAKEFORD.
J. S. WIGRAM.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Lt.-Cdr. (Sp) J. G. MACGREGOR placed on Retired List. 6th Feb. 1969.

Lt.-Cdr. H. A. W. FUTCHER, (L) placed on Retired List. 5th Feb. 1969.

Actg. Lt.-Cdr. J. E. PAYN (S) promoted Lt.-Cdr. 28th July 1968 with seny. 11th Nov. 1967.

Actg. Lt. W. MACMEIKAN, promoted Lt. 29th Dec. 1968 with seny. 9th May 1967.

Lts. (Sp) promoted Lt.-Cdrs. (Sp) with seny. stated:

B. J. SPOONER, M.A. 20th Mar. 1968. P. E. BOULTON. 1st Nov. 1968. R. G. H. WORN, B.A. 13th Jan. 1969.

Lts. (Sp) to be promoted Lt.-Cdrs. (Sp) with seny. 15th Feb. 1969:

I. L. HUNT, M.A., B.Phil., R. V. TAYLOR.

Instr. Lt. D. A. DICKSON, B.Sc., promoted Instr. Lt.-Cdr. with seny. 1st Sep. 1968.

Sub. Lt. P. P. TAYLOR promoted Actg. Lt. 9th Jan. 1969 with seny. 9th Dec. 1968.

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

11th February 1969.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the under-mentioned:

Major Stewart Roy SKELTON (400067), Army Catering Corps.

On Saturday, 2nd November 1968, at 2200 hours, Major Skelton, Second in Command of the Depot and Training Battalion, Army Catering Corps, was sitting in his residence at 5 Boxalls Lane, Aldershot, when he heard a woman's scream. He went to the front door and down his garden path when he heard another scream from an unlit footpath almost opposite his house. He ran across to the entrance of the footpath where he saw a well built young man, armed with a large dagger, assaulting a girl. He immediately closed with the man, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, knowing that the girl's assailant was armed. As he did so, he was struck a blow with the dagger on the left side of his chest, the dagger entering the chest through the ribs. Despite his severe wound he continued to close with the assailant and was struck a second blow in the chest. However he held on to the assailant, wrestled with him, brought him to the ground and at the same time shouted instructions to the girl to run away as fast as she could. This she managed to do, reached the entrance to the lane and ran to the first house in the road for assistance. Despite the acute pain from his wounds, Major Skelton prevented the assailant pursuing the girl and managed to put his foot on the assailant's stomach and threw him over his head, hoping to dislodge the grip on the knife. He also shouted for assistance and for someone to call the police. The man managed to break free and ran from the entrance of the footpath up Boxalls Lane. A Major of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, who had also heard the shouts and screams appeared on the scene and attempted to close with the man and was stabbed in the lower back, and the man ran off.

The Police were quickly on the scene and an ambulance sent for. The girl who the man had stabbed, attempted to ravish and strangle, together with Major Skelton and the Royal Army Veterinary Corps Major were taken to the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot. An emergency operation was performed on Major Skelton in the early hours of Sunday morning.

There is no doubt that the brave and gallant actions of Major Skelton, who with complete disregard for his own personal safety, faced a determined armed man though unarmed himself, and even though in intense pain from his wounds, continued to fight off the assailant, thus saving the girl from more possible serious injury.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve of the name shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Major Robert John CLIFFORD (435353), Royal Army Veterinary Corps.

On the evening of 2nd November 1968, Major Clifford was in his house in Boxalls Lane, Aldershot, when he heard a woman's scream. On investigating