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G. N. ALLSOPP, M. J. CHANNON, B.Sc., R. W. CRIBB, S. O. DICKER, A. G. B. LORIMER, M.A., D. A. PARR-BURMAN, M. F. RANSON, B.A., D. J. ROBB, B.Sc., P. THOMAS. 16th Sept. 1967.

J. C. SMITH, C. T. DOVEY, B.Sc., J. W. PEARSON, B.Sc., R. THORNTON, B.Sc. 16th Sept. 1968.

Sub Lt. B. LEIGHTON, promoted Lt. 11th Sept. 1969, with seny. 1st Aug. 1969.

Sub Lt. K. RIDLAND, to be promoted Lt. 16th Oct. 1969, with seny. 16th Oct. 1969.

Sub Lt. (SL) D. H. J. OWEN, promoted Lt. (SL) 8th Sept. 1969, with seny. 8th Sept. 1969.

Sub Lt. (SL) A. A. GOMM, to be promoted Lt. (SL) 9th Oct. 1969, with seny. 9th Oct. 1969.

Actg. Sub Lt. (SL) M. S. BLISSETT, confirmed Sub Lt. (SL) 11th July 1969, with seny. 1st Sept. 1965 and promoted Lt. (SL) 11th July 1969, with seny. 16th Sept. 1967.

Actg. Sub Lt. (SL) R. S. G. KENT, confirmed Sub Lt. (SL) 11th July 1969, with seny. 17th Feb. 1967 and promoted Lt. (SL) 11th July 1969, with seny. 17th May 1969.

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

F. J. JEFFRIES. 8th Jun 1969 (1st Jan. 1967).

D. E. SYMONDS. 30th Aug. 1969 (30th Aug. 1967).

M. G. F. MORTON. 1st Sep. 1969 (1st Dec. 1967).

D. R. COCKERILL, A. T. DAVIS, J. GRANTHAM, G. SIMONS. 18th Sep. 1969 (18th Dec. 1967).

A. D. NEWBERRY. 21st Sep. 1969 (21st Sep. 1967).

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

R. J. R. CHADBOURNE. 9th Oct. 1969 (30th Jan. 1968).

P. V. LLOYD. 13th Oct. 1969 (13th Jan. 1968).

Grant of 5 year Short Service Commission to Instr. Sub Lt. L. W. SPEAT, on 16th Sep. 1968, with seny. 16th Sep. 1968, confirmed on completion of training. 6th Jan. 1969.

ROYAL MARINES

Major (Actg. Lieutenant Colonel) P. BAYLY-JONES to relinquish rank of Actg. Lieutenant Colonel and to be Local Lieutenant Colonel. 14th Oct. 1969.

Major J. F. MOTTRAM, O.B.E., promoted Local Lieutenant Colonel. 6th Oct. 1969.

Lt. J. V. ROWLAND promoted Local Captain. 6th Oct. 1969.

Lt. D. J. BRAND, M.C., to be promoted Local Captain. 13th Oct. 1969.

2nd Lt. D. I. B. COMLEY, withdrawn from training (own request). 28th Aug. 1969.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Surgn. Capt. (D) J. G. A. PIPER, V.R.D., placed on Retired List. 30th Jun. 1969.

The Reverend J. H. BLOOM, M.A., Chapl'n to be placed on Retired List. 16th Oct. 1969.

Lt.-Cdr. (Sp) I. M. STUART, T.D.*, placed on Retired List. 5th Oct. 1969.

Surgn. Lt.-Cdr. B. H. COLMAN to be placed on Retired List. 17th Oct. 1969.

Actg. Lt. J. J. U. HAYWARD, promoted Lt. 4th Sep. 1969 with seny. 21st Jun. 1968.

Lt. (Sp) A. J. WELLAND, promoted Lt.-Cdr. (Sp). 1st Oct. 1969 with seny. 1st Oct. 1969.

Lt. T. C. PURLING (L) to be promoted Lt.-Cdr. 10th Oct. 1969 with seny. 10th Oct. 1969.

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

P. W. JAMES. 24th Aug. 1969 (3rd Apr. 1967).

J. LIVINGSTON. 25th Aug. 1969 (15th Jan. 1969).

W. RICHMOND. 9th Sep. 1969 (20th Jul. 1967).

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

7th October 1969.

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

(23733801) Lance Corporal Malcolm Charles SINDALL, Corps of Royal Engineers.

On Wednesday, 14th May 1969, at about 0926 hours, a helicopter taking off from the sports field of Chattenden Barracks collided in mid-air with another helicopter coming in to land. Both crashed to the ground, one in a mass of flames.

Lance Corporal Sindall was sitting in the Junior Ranks Club, near the sports field. He heard a terrific bang, looked up to see a helicopter falling in flames, immediately dashed out of the Club and ran to the burning helicopter.

Assisted by another soldier, Sapper Pedley, and a civilian, Mr. Percival, he began to extract the occupants from the burning wreckage. During this time and before fire fighting appliances were brought to bear, there was a considerable danger of the rescuers getting very badly burned, as well as a very real risk of the helicopter fuel tanks exploding. All three acted with complete disregard for their personal safety in removing the two occupants from the wreckage and in extinguishing their burning clothing.

By the time the three men had dealt with the occupants of the burning helicopter, others arrived on the scene to help them extract the occupant from the wreckage of the other helicopter which had not caught fire.

It was soon established that all three occupants were dead, but there is no doubt that Lance Corporal Sindall, in company with Sapper Pedley and Mr. Percival, did everything humanly possible to save life.

Lance Corporal Sindall acted with the utmost speed and resolution and with complete disregard for his personal safety in the face of obvious danger, in accordance with the highest traditions of the Service.

(23993291) Sapper Geoffrey Andrew Cross PEDLEY, Corps of Royal Engineers.

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Sapper Pedley was sitting in the Junior Ranks Club near the sports field. He heard a terrific bang, looked up to see a helicopter falling in flames, jumped through the nearest window and ran to the burning helicopter.

Assisted by another soldier, Lance Corporal Sindall, and a civilian, Mr. Percival, he began to extract the occupants from the burning wreckage. During this time and before fire fighting appliances were brought to bear, there was a considerable danger of the rescuers getting very badly burned, as well as a very real risk of the helicopter fuel tanks exploding. All three acted with complete disregard for their personal safety in removing the two occupants from the wreckage and in extinguishing their burning clothing.

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Sapper Pedley acted with the utmost speed and resolution and with complete disregard for his personal safety in the face of obvious danger, in accordance with the highest traditions of the Service.