

Actg. Engr. Sub Lt. (S.D.) C. K. L. CHAPMAN, confirmed Engr. Sub Lt. (S.D.). 16th Feb. 1970, with seny. 10th Nov. 1968.

Supply Sub Lt. (S.D.) D. MOSLEY, to be placed on Retired List (own request). 28th Feb. 1970.

ROYAL MARINES

Cpts. to be placed on Retired List (own request). 28th Feb. 1970:

R. P. H. BROWN.
P. J. F. McINTOSH.
A. R. MURRAY.

Lt. R. LINN, to be placed on Retired List (own request). 28th Feb. 1970.

Lt. J. D. A. MILNE-HOME, promoted Capt. 15th Feb. 1970.

Lt. G. D. B. KEELAN, promoted Local Capt. 2nd Jan. 1970.

Actg. Lt. B. P. J. CHAPMAN, placed on Retired List. 23rd Feb. 1970.

Actg. Lt. G. E. HARTRIDGE, commission terminated. 14th Jan. 1970.

2nd Lt. C. M. St. G. KIRKE, withdrawn from training (own request). 1st Jan. 1970.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Cdr. F. W. BARING placed on Retired List. 17th Feb. 1970.

Lt.-Cdrs. placed on Retired List on dates stated:

A. J. RUSHWORTH-LUND, D.S.C., V.R.D. 6th Jan. 1970.
J. C. POPE, R.D. 28th Jan. 1970.

Lt.-Cdrs. placed on Retired List (own request) on dates stated:

J. M. CAUNT, R.D. 14th Jan. 1970.
F. E. TYRELL, D.S.C., V.R.D. 17th Jan. 1970.

Lts. promoted Lt.-Cdrs. on dates and with seny. stated:

J. G. M. DAWSON. 8th Aug. 1969 (12th Jul. 1968).
J. C. RITCHIE. 4th Oct. 1969 (4th Oct. 1969).
B. H. RAPEL. 17th Oct. 1969 (17th Oct. 1969).
K. BOYCE. 24th Nov. 1969 (3rd Oct. 1969).
R. N. DENBY. 2nd Jan. 1970 (2nd Jan. 1970).
A. C. CRONIN. 7th Jan. 1970 (7th Jan. 1970).
J. AGER. 19th Jan. 1970 (19th Jan. 1970).
N. D. BRITTON. 5th Feb. 1970 (5th Feb. 1970).
H. M. WHITE. 7th Feb. 1970 (7th Feb. 1970).
J. M. HOBBS. 8th Feb. 1970 (8th Feb. 1970).

Actg. Lts. promoted Lts. on dates and with seny. stated:

P. R. DAVIES. 22nd Jul. 1969 (13th Mar. 1967).
J. W. S. CLARK. 5th Dec. 1969 (29th Nov. 1969).

Proby. Actg. Lt. P. J. WEBB apptd. Lt. 11th Sep. 1969, with seny. 11th Sep. 1968.

Surgn. Lts. promoted Surgn. Lt.-Cdrs. on dates and with seny. stated:

R. A. BENNETT. 23rd Oct. 1969 (25th May 1967).
L. MILNE. 26th Jan. 1970 (9th Sep. 1967).

Actg. Surgn. Lt. W. L. MACINDOR, promoted Surgn. Lt. 25th Nov. 1968, with seny. 25th Nov. 1962 and promoted Surgn. Lt.-Cdr. 26th Jan. 1970, with seny. 25th Nov. 1967.

Proby. Surgn. Lt. G. N. COAD, apptd. Surgn. Lt. 16th Jul. 1969 with seny. 16th Jul. 1968.

Actg. Surgn. Lt. (D.) C. J. CUMMINS, promoted Surgn. Lt. (D.). 24th Sep. 1969, with seny. 30th May 1969.

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

R. R. CRUMP. 1st May 1969 (1st May 1969).
M. BRAVINGTON. 6th Jun. 1969 (6th Jun. 1969).
C. R. LEE. 20th Jun. 1969 (20th Jun. 1969).
C. A. DRYDEN. 1st Dec. 1969 (15th Sep. 1969).

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

D. F. SPENDLOVE. 25th Oct. 1969 (25th Oct. 1968).
W. F. HUNTER. 1st Dec. 1969 (1st Dec. 1968).
J. N. CHALMERS. 17th Jan. 1970 (17th Jan. 1968).
J. L. BALLANTINE, A. D. HARDY, J. A. TORRES. 22nd Jan. 1970 (22nd Jan. 1968).

Ty. Surgn. Sub Lt. (D.) I. P. N. McKELVIE, promoted Surgn. Sub Lt. (D.) (6th Oct. 1969, with seny. 8th July 1969).

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

24th February 1970.

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 Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order for Gallantry:

Lieutenant-Colonel John Patrick St. Clair BALLENDEN, M.C. (397804), The Light Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ballenden's battalion was flown from England to Northern Ireland on 14th August 1969, the day that the rioting in Belfast was at its height; two battalions had been committed to the streets that afternoon. His first company arrived at Aldergrove at 7.30 p.m.; by 1 o'clock in the morning it was holding the rival factions apart at the scene of the hardest fighting. By 4 p.m. the following day he had mounted a successful battalion operation and had control of an adjoining area of the city. For the next nine weeks, apart from one spell of eight days, when his battalion was supposed to be resting and in reserve and during which time he commanded two further battalion group operations with outstanding success, his soldiers were continuously on the streets and in action.

On the night of 11th October 1969 rioting broke out in the Shankill district and Lieutenant-Colonel Ballenden moved quickly with elements of his own battalion to hold the mob and to support the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Eventually the police were overwhelmed and asked for help. At this stage the hard core element of the mob became viciously and uncontrollably hostile and in addition to throwing petrol bombs, paving stones, bottles, darts and ball bearings from catapults, started shooting at both soldiers and police. This went on for about two hours, during which Lieutenant-Colonel Ballenden was conspicuous among the front line of his soldiers directing and encouraging them and showing utter disregard for his own safety.

During the course of the following six hours, Lieutenant-Colonel Ballenden's force was built up by companies from other battalions. Several hundred rounds were fired at the Security Forces and a prolonged battle was fought to move the rioters back about half a mile from the particularly sensitive area which they threatened. Two officers and twenty soldiers were wounded as were two policemen; one policeman was shot dead.

Throughout the whole of this action and the following day Lieutenant-Colonel Ballenden was never out of the front line. By his calm and resolute control of the operation, by his personal example of bravery, endurance and cheerfulness he inspired not only the soldiers but also the officers and constables of the Royal Ulster Constabulary who were by now acting under his instructions. It was a magnificently sustained effort of leadership and courage in an extremely dangerous situation, far in excess of the normal call of duty. Its impact on the morale of soldiers and police has been immense.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

24th February 1970.

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

24093584 Private Shawn JAMES, The Light Infantry.

On the night 11th/12th October 1969, rioting broke out in the Shankill district of Belfast. Elements of the Third Battalion The Light Infantry were moved