

Michael David SMITH (490646) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 23rd Oct. 1970.

Malcolm Barry KING (490651) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 23rd Oct. 1970.

*Hereford*

Lt. D. J. MAISEY (419679) (Res. of Offrs., Class III, R.A.) resigns his commn., 19th May 1970.

*Kent*

Maj. A. B. O'HAGAN (357639) (formerly R.E.) at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 31st Oct. 1970, with seniority 21st Apr. 1952.

Ian Derek Pringle ROBINSON (490645) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 31st Oct. 1970.

John Jude Bosco TOOMEY (490647) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 31st Oct. 1970.

*Lancashire (West)*

Lt. J. CLARKE (478517) resigns his commn., 29th Sep. 1970.

*Lincoln*

Capt. H. A. DUFFIELD (186618) (Res. of Offrs., Class III, R.A.O.C.) at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 21st May 1970, with seniority 10th Feb. 1951.

*Londonderry, Tyrone & Fermanagh*

Lt. J. ALLEN (474223) resigns his commn., 1st Sep. 1970.

*Renfrew & Bute*

Otton Robert JAGIELKO (490600) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 21st Oct. 1970.

*Sussex*

2nd Lt. G. J. MACLEOD (485245) (on probation) resigns his commn., 4th Oct. 1970.

*York (East Riding)*

Lt. R. D. GIBSON (481423) resigns his commn., 1st Nov. 1970.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

23954831 Corporal Bruce Victor BARRATT, 521 Specialist Team, Royal Engineers.

24085178 Sapper Terence Michael WOODS, 15 Field Support Squadron, Royal Engineers.

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The schooner was making about 10 knots under full sail and was pitching and tossing.

The seas were fairly heavy with waves 4-5 ft. high.

One of the party who was sitting on the gunwhale towards the stern of the ship fell backwards fully clothed into the water as the ship suddenly lurched.

Being a poor swimmer and hampered by his clothing and the heavy seas, he panicked and appeared to abandon hope of being rescued.

Spr. Woods was at this time standing in the centre of the ship facing towards the stern, seeing the soldier disappear over the side of the ship, without any thought whatsoever for his own personal safety, he dived straight over the side to the rescue of his colleague.

He managed to reach the soldier who struggled furiously in the water in a panic and Spr. Woods had difficulty in restraining him.

Spr. Woods found it impossible to swim with the soldier in the prevailing conditions and decided that the best course of action would be to try to keep him afloat until help arrived. Another soldier had meanwhile dived in to assist him and between the two of them they managed to keep the soldier afloat, although he was by this time unconscious.

After six minutes in the water the men were eventually rescued by the schooner's lifeboat and brought on board the Warspite. Woods was by then completely exhausted.

Sapper Woods went straight to the rescue of his colleague, although he must have been aware of the very real danger from the heavy seas and from sharks in which he was placing himself.

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A soldier immediately dived in to the rescue, but it was apparent from the start that he was having difficulty in keeping his colleague afloat. The N.C.O. in charge of the party called for another swimmer to assist. Corporal Barratt immediately volunteered and dived over the side without hesitation. The sea was very heavy but Corporal Barratt managed to reach the other two men.

The first rescuer was having difficulty in keeping his charge afloat. Barratt with the aid of the first rescuer managed to keep the now unconscious soldier afloat for about six minutes until rescued by the schooner's lifeboat. But this time both rescuers were completely exhausted.

Corporal Barratt had sufficient time to assess the very real dangers from the heavy seas and sharks, and acted with complete disregard for his own personal safety.

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (MILITARY)

The following officers are awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military) without gratuity:

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS

*4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards*

Lt. D. B. SULLIVAN (486776).

ROYAL ARTILLERY

Lt. F. X. ERDOZAIN (485624).

Lt. J. R. MILLER (487654).

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Lt. (now Capt.) G. H. HEAP (482618).

ROYAL SIGNALS

Lt. (Cipher) (now Maj. (Tfc. Offr.)) S. J. WYATT (444862).

Lt. A. J. SIMPSON (489111).

INFANTRY

THE SCOTTISH DIVISION

*Queen's Own Highlanders*

Lt. C. J. KEILL (489802).

THE KING'S DIVISION

*The King's Regiment*

Lt. H. CLARKE (489776).

BRIGADE OF GURKHAS

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Lt. (Q.G.O.) JAMANSING RANA (488844).

Lt. (Q.G.O.) JASBAHADUR GURUNG (486362).

GURKHA ENGINEERS

Lt. (Q.G.O.) PETE LIMBU (487666).

ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT

Lt. (now Capt.) R. G. COCKINGS (485333).

Lt. (Q.M.) (now Capt. (Q.M.)), G. SHARPE (474986).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lt. (N.M.) P. M. HENDER (489136).

Lt. (N.M.) W. LENTON (489075).

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

Capt. L. WRIGHT (485091).

ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS

Lt. (now Capt.) W. R. DAVIES (483608).

Lt. (now Capt.) R. YOUNG (479073).

ARMY CATERING CORPS

Lt. H. CLEGG (487767).

WOMAN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS

Lt. (Q.M.) (now Capt. (Q.M.)) E. K. ANTON (474707).