

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Commodore W. B. VICKERS, to be placed on Retired List. 30th Jun. 1971.

Capt. D. H. STEWART, to be promoted Commodore 1st Jul. 1971, with seny. 1st Jul. 1971.

Capt. F. H. CURRY, to be placed on Retired List. 30th Jun. 1971.

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

G. L. McNALLY, V.R.D. 24th May 1971.

H. P. MULLENEUK, R.D. 31st May 1971.

G. W. W. LAVERTON, R.D. 13th Jun. 1971.

Lt.-Cdr. D. O. BATES, V.R.D., placed on Retired List (own request). 1st Jun. 1971.

Lt.-Cdr. (E) G. J. A. WHITE, R.D., placed on Retired List. 24th Jun. 1971.

Instr. Lt.-Cdr. J. S. LEWIS, R.D., placed on Retired List (own request). 23rd May 1971.

Surgn. Lt.-Cdr. (D) D. G. BUNKER, V.R.D., placed on Retired List. 25th Jun. 1971.

Lt. M. T. WITTS, V.R.D., placed on Retired List (own request). 24th May 1971.

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

A. K. JONES. 27th May 1971 (2nd Sep. 1970).

J. J. PARR. 17th Jun. 1971 (17th Jun. 1971).

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

A. J. N. BRUNNER. 31st Jan. 1971 (2nd Apr. 1969).

N. D. EVANS. 13th May 1971 (29th Mar. 1970).

L. J. GARRATT. 1st Jun. 1971 (1st Jun. 1970).

Actg. Lt. N. T. ALFORD, promoted Lt. 22nd Jun. 1971, with seny. 22nd Jun. 1970.

Proby. Actg. Lt. F. W. W. BURNETT, apptd. Lt. 11th May 1971, with seny. 25th Sep. 1969.

Supply Lt. (CA) P. T. DOWNIE, promoted Supply Lt.-Cdr. (CA), 1st Apr. 1971, with seny. 1st Apr. 1969.

Sub Lt. J. G. F. STOX, promoted Lt. 25th Jun. 1971 with seny. 25th June 1971.

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

R. S. FIDGEN. 9th Sep. 1970 (9th Sep. 1970).

A. McMASTER. 11th May 1971 (25th Sep. 1969).

G. C. M. AITHIE. 24th May 1971 (5th Dec. 1970).

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

29th June 1971.

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

23750355 Corporal Peter HOWIESON, The King's Own Scottish Borderers

On the night of 3rd July 1970, Corporal Howieson was the section commander of a platoon of 1st Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers, which was deployed in an area of Belfast where widespread rioting had broken out and shots had been fired.

Corporal Howieson was ordered to deploy his men to neutralise fire being directed by snipers against his platoon's position. He left his own vehicle, which was under heavy fire, and moved forward with his second-in-command to locate the firer's positions. He saw rioters darting behind cars to his front; some of them fired at the section. Corporal Howieson moved his section up the street and in so doing he personally arrested a gunman armed with a pistol and ammunition.

Shortly afterwards, his section second-in-command was hit in the back by a ricochet from a burst of automatic fire and one of his riflemen had splinter wounds in his face.

Corporal Howieson continued to manoeuvre his section under fire and during the evening his section arrested a second gunman who was caught with a pistol in his possession.

Throughout the night Corporal Howieson displayed leadership and courage and a complete disregard for his personal safety.

24156138 Lance Corporal George Vincent EASTHAM, Corps of Royal Military Police

On 27th June 1970, Lance Corporal Eastham was a member of an unarmed military police patrol ordered to the Ardoyne area of Belfast. On arrival the patrol found that troops had erected road blocks across which there was considerable small arms fire. The patrol moved forward through the road block with the intention of identifying and, if possible, arresting gunmen.

As there was a disorderly crowd in a neighbouring street, Lance Corporal Eastham and his sergeant walked towards them; even though bullets fired from side streets were ricocheting off the walls on either side. As they reached their objective a civilian ran past, stopped, and looked around. At that moment Lance Corporal Eastham heard a humming, whistling sound close to his head followed by a loud slap. The civilian fell to the pavement, wounded.

The section sergeant obtained assistance and carried the wounded civilian out of the line of fire. Lance Corporal Eastham went back to seek medical assistance and seeing an Army ambulance coming towards him he signalled the driver to stop, but the vehicle came to a halt in the direct line of fire from another street. Despite the continuing fire across the road, Lance Corporal Eastham ran to the ambulance to tell the driver to move; but as he opened the door a bullet struck the driver in the jaw. Lance Corporal Eastham forced the driver down across the seats and gave him a dressing which the driver wound round his jaw. The driver, however, insisted on remaining at the wheel of his vehicle, so Lance Corporal Eastham directed him out of the line of fire.

Although only eighteen and a half years old Lance Corporal Eastham behaved under fire with all the coolness and resolution of a seasoned soldier. Unarmed and wearing no protective clothing he exposed himself to the greatest danger in order to carry out his duty and help others.

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

29th June 1971.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to the undermentioned:

23832003 Sergeant John SANGSTER, The King's Own Scottish Borderers

In the early hours of 10th May 1970, 9 Platoon of C Company, 1st Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers was deployed in an area of Belfast to contain a very aggressive crowd close on 100 strong. The soldiers were showered with bricks, bottles and some petrol bombs. After about 15 minutes the platoon commander received a severe wound below the eye and had to be evacuated and almost half the platoon were out of action with leg or face injuries.

Sergeant Sangster took command and by personal example and leadership reformed the remainder into an effective unit. He organised and personally led a baton squad which made an arrest in spite of being heavily stoned and almost cut off.

The platoon was involved with rioting crowds for five hours and for one hour the soldiers were on their own because the rest of the battalion was engaged elsewhere.

Sergeant Sangster was still acting as commander on 16th and 17th May when the platoon was deployed to deal with riots in the Ardoyne area. During a number of clearing operations Sergeant Sangster showed determined leadership which enabled his platoon to contain an aggressive crowd.

Throughout his period in command of 9 Platoon. Sergeant Sangster showed complete disregard for his personal safety and his courage was an inspiration to all.

29th June 1971.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. J. P. BAIRD, M.D., F.R.C.P (115469) late R.A.M.C. relinquishes his appointment as Director of Army Medicine & Consulting Physician to the Army, 8th Jun. 1971, remaining on full pay.

Maj.-Gen. The Hon. Sir Michael FITZALAN HOWARD, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., M.C. (71887) late Ft. Gds., relinquishes his appointment as General Officer Commanding London District and Maj.-Gen. Commanding The Household Division, 15th