

ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT

Maj. G. E. M. STEPHENS (377206) from Res. of Offrs., Class II, King's Division and at his own request reverts to the rank of Capt., 24th Aug. 1971, with seniority 9th May 1968.

Lt. W. DAVEY (472754) is granted the acting rank of Capt., 1st Aug. 1971.

The undermentioned Lts. resign their commns. on the dates shown:

E. H. POOLOCK (490021), 30th Jul. 1971.

N. C. TULIP (363467), 31st Aug. 1971.

W. L. DEVLIN (491643), 31st Aug. 1971.

2nd Lt. S. J. DONALDSON (485522) to be Capt., 1st Oct. 1971.

2nd Lt. A. L. HAILES (490124) is granted the acting rank of Capt., 13th Jul. 1971.

2nd Lt. P. G. McALEER (487425) is granted the acting rank of Capt., 1st Aug. 1971.

2nd Lt. J. E. McKERNON (476763) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 20th Jun. 1970.

GENERAL LIST

COMBINED CADET FORCE

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SECTION B

Derby School Contgt.

Lt. J. E. WOOD (481536) resigns his commn., 31st Aug. 1971.

George Heriot's School Contgt.

2nd Lt. J. G. CLEMENT (489149) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 18th Oct. 1969. To be Lt., 18th Oct. 1971.

Scarborough College Contgt.

2nd Lt. K. W. ROWE (486437) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 27th Aug. 1968. To be Lt., 29th Aug. 1971.

ARMY CADET FORCE

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SECTION B

Armagh & Down

William James IRWIN (492421) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 30th Jul. 1971.

Cambridge, Isle of Ely & Huntingdon

Lt. J. F. PETTITT (439853) resigns his commn., 1st Jun. 1971 and is granted the hon. rank of Capt.

Lt. C. R. W. VERRINDER (479914) resigns his commn., 27th Aug. 1971.

Greater London (S.E. Sector)

John Frederick PEPPERELL (492439) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 14th Jul. 1971.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Lt. F. C. G. RUBIDGE (482120) resigns his commn., 30th Jun. 1971.

2nd Lt. D. COX (486248) (on probation) resigns his commn., 25th Aug. 1971.

Northumberland

Bruce Kerr HENDERSON (492442) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 16th Sep. 1971.

Scottish N.E. Area

2nd Lt. D. McC. REID (488549) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 10th Oct. 1969. To be Lt., 10th Oct. 1971.

Somerset

Lt. S. D. REYNOLDS-PARSONS (488103) resigns his commn., 7th Sep. 1971.

Sussex

2nd Lt. E. DOHERTY (488615) (on probation) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 11th Oct. 1969. To be Lt., 11th Oct. 1971, with seniority 24th Aug. 1971.

York (West Riding)

2nd Lt. J. C. P. BRAY (490818) (on probation) resigns his commn., 4th Sep. 1971.

MEMORANDUM

Hon. Maj. B. SUGGITT (98138) late R.A. (T.A.) is deprived of the hon. rank of Maj., 15th Sep. 1971, on conviction by the Civil Power.

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

Whitehall, London, SW1A 2HB.

26th October 1971.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:

Air Force Medal

F4220331 Sergeant Geoffrey John PARKER, Royal Air Force.

On the evening of the 27th May 1971, Sergeant Parker was the winchman in a Whirlwind rescue helicopter crew called to an incident involving a seriously injured young woman, who had fallen down the 300 foot vertical cliffs at Martinhoe, North Devon. The helicopter eventually located the woman lying in the rock strewn base of a bowl in the rocks 100 feet deep and about 80 feet wide, bounded on the inshore side by 300 foot vertical cliffs and on the seaward side by an almost semi-circular outcrop of sheer rock 100 feet high. The weather at the time was good with about 20 knots of wind blowing along the cliff face and through the narrow entrance to the bowl on the seaward side. After several attempts the helicopter finally made a downwind approach into the bowl and reached its lowest limit about 20 feet below the lip of the bowl. Sergeant Parker was then winched out with the Neil Robertson stretcher to the full extent of the cable, but found himself still a good 30 feet above the casualty. He then swung himself across the bowl and managed to secure a foothold on a small ledge against the face of the semi-circular outcrop of rock. He disconnected himself from the winch cable and began a dangerous and precipitous climb down to the casualty carrying the Neil Robertson stretcher with him. Reaching the casualty he discovered her lying between two large rocks in a V shaped crevice, one of her legs was broken above the knee, her skull appeared to be fractured and she was bleeding profusely from numerous cuts and abrasions. After applying what First Aid he could, he then attempted to place her in the stretcher. After great difficulty this was finally accomplished and Sergeant Parker signalled the helicopter to return for the lift. The helicopter made another approach over the bowl, but due to moderate turbulence it was decided not to descend into the bowl a second time. Being far too high above the winchman to attempt a normal lift, the pilot and navigator decided that the only possible solution was to use the 120 feet of nylon extension rope carried in the aircraft. One end of the rope was securely attached to the winch hook and the remainder allowed to fall beneath the aircraft to its full extent. The cable was then winched out until Sergeant Parker could reach the free end of the rope. He then attached himself and the casualty to the rope and signalled the aircraft to lift. He then began a perilous ascent up the face of the 100 foot high outcrop of rock. It was imperative during the ascent that Sergeant Parker kept his feet in firm contact with the cliff face, as he would have entered an uncontrollable spin if he had broken contact. To accomplish this he was forced on several occasions to take the full weight of the stretcher on his legs and arms, and by the end of the 10 minute ascent he was completely exhausted. Eventually he arrived on a ledge big enough to accommodate both himself and the stretcher. He then cut himself free from the rope and attached himself and the stretcher to the winch cable to complete a normal lift into the aircraft. The casualty was then flown to the local hospital landing site and transferred to an ambulance. Throughout this whole operation Sergeant Parker acted in a manner worthy of the highest praise. With complete disregard for his personal safety he knowingly risked his own life on two separate occasions during this rescue and only through his gallant and courageous actions, his calmness and his exceptional determination was the life of this young woman saved. Sergeant Parker displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty in the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Flight Lieutenant Ian Stanley FUNNELL (4096973), Royal Air Force.

Flying Officer David Harold WHITE (8025069), Royal Air Force.

For their courage as navigator and pilot respectively of a helicopter which was sent to rescue an injured