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TUESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1972

## State Intelligence

Buckingham Palace.  
11th July 1972.

This Day had Audience of The QUEEN:

His Excellency Mr. Omar Nabulsi to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor Mr. Zaid Al-Rifai', and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following Appointment to Her Majesty's Household:

*To be an Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty in Scotland*

The Reverend Ronald Henderson Gunn Budge, M.V.O., M.A., upon his resignation as a Domestic Chaplain to Her Majesty.

The appointment to date from 11th June 1972.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
18th July 1972.

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

23907734 Corporal (Acting) Anthony John Bernard BOURNE, Royal Corps of Transport.

On 26th January 1972 Corporal Bourne of the Royal Artillery Range, Hebrides, South Uist, was detailed to prepare a dory and to gather a crew to put to sea to attempt the recovery of a drone floating off-shore. Corporal Bourne and three volunteers including a locally qualified Sergeant coxswain, manned the boat under the charge of the Sergeant and put to sea. There was an on-shore wind and the sea was moderate to rough with fairly heavy surf. About

200 metres off-shore the dory capsized in the surf and the crew were thrown into the water; however they managed to right the boat and climb back in. At this point one of the volunteers informed the others that he could not swim; so, when the dory capsized again, Corporal Bourne remained with the non-swimmer. The boat was again righted but subsequently capsized a third time. On this occasion Corporal Bourne and the non-swimmer were swept out to sea together, away from the boat which drifted towards the shore. Rescue operations were by then in operation from the beach and the two other crew members were saved in a comparatively short space of time. Meanwhile Corporal Bourne remained with the non-swimmer and succeeded in calming him, adjusting his life jacket which had become displaced and helping him float. Corporal Bourne continued thus occupied until he lost consciousness. He was rescued after being in the water for some 40 minutes and subsequently recovered.

As a result of training Corporal Bourne was well aware of the effects of exposure and in particular knew of his limited chances of survival during prolonged immersion in water at the prevailing very low sea temperature. In spite of this, and the fact that he observed and noted the effects that exposure was having on his comrade and, therefore, on himself as well, he remained steadfastly with the man until he himself succumbed to the same effects. Although Corporal Bourne failed to save his comrade's life his attempts to do so were made to the extreme limit of his powers with total disregard for his own safety even though he knew that these attempts placed his own life in much greater jeopardy. By his gallant action he displayed courage, fortitude, resolute determination and comradeship of the highest order, greatly exceeding the demands of duty.

Home Office,  
Whitehall, London S.W.1.

18th July 1972.

The QUEEN was pleased on Wednesday, 12th July 1972, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon:

Sir Emil Herbert Peter ABELIS.