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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

27th February 1973.

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

24219567 Private John Andrew INGLIS, The Parachute Regiment.

On 1st July 1972 Private Inglis, a member of the T.A.V.R., was parachuting with his Battalion, 4th (Volunteer) Bn., The Parachute Regiment, in an area of Salisbury Plain. On jumping from an aircraft he became entangled with another soldier also a member of the T.A.V.R. This soldier passed through the rigging lines of Private Inglis's parachute and became suspended beneath Inglis some 700 feet from the ground.

With complete presence of mind Private Inglis shouted to the soldier to pull the strap to operate his reserve parachute. It appears the soldier failed to hear Private Inglis as he did not pull the strap for the reserve parachute. At this time both parachutists were some 400 feet from the ground. Realising how close to the ground they were Private Inglis decided that the only course of action that would prevent a very serious accident, possibly death, to the soldier suspended below him was for Private Inglis to hold on to the soldier's deflated parachute, so causing his own parachute to serve for them both. This he did. Private Inglis also at this stage courageously decided not to release his own weapons container. Had he done so he would undoubtedly have injured the soldier who was directly beneath him.

Private Inglis showed great presence of mind and by a complete disregard of his own personal safety prevented what could have been a fatal accident to the other soldier involved in the incident.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. J. W. YOUNGER, C.B.E. (114122) late Ft. Gds. is appointed Director Management and Support Intelligence, 24th Feb. 1973.

Col. W. d'A. GARNIER (74512) late R.A. retires on retired pay, 27th Feb. 1973.

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Short Serv. Commn.

2nd Lt. D. McCOWAN HILL (489915) Scots D.G. from Active List to be 2nd Lt., 26th Feb. 1973.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Group A

Capt. (Acting Maj.) A. G. GIBSON (450820) Q.O.Y. to be Maj., 24th Jan. 1972, with seniority 2nd Oct. 1969.

Lt. (Acting Capt.) C. N. HART (452309) Wessex Yeo. to be Capt., 27th May 1971, with seniority 1st Feb. 1971.

Lt. (Acting Capt.) J. W. H. COLLINS (476794) Q.O.Y. to be Capt., 1st Nov. 1972, with seniority 24th May 1972.

Lt. The Earl of SHELburne (472053) Wessex Yeo. from T.A.V.R., Group A, R.Y. to be Lt., 1st Nov., 1971, with seniority 21st Mar. 1965.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. N. H. KENT (207057) retires on retired pay, 24th Feb. 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) W. A. H. TOWNEND (488203) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 31st Jul. 1972, with seniority 4th May 1969. To be Lt., 31st Jul. 1972, with seniority 4th May 1971.