

Lincoln

Maj. J. D. CHURCHILL, M.C. (426847) (Res. of Offrs., Class I) at his own request reverts to the rank of Lt., 1st Mar. 1973, with seniority 6th Feb. 1955.

Norfolk

Lt. C. H. CHILD (481404) resigns his commn., 16th May 1973.

North Highland

John MCKAY (496069) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 15th Apr. 1973.

Orkney

Kenneth Thomas THOMSON (457635) (formerly Lt., A.C.F.) to be Lt., 15th May 1973, with seniority 30th Jul. 1967.

Perth

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. GOURLAY (491980) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 19th Jun. 1971. To be Lt., 19th Jun. 1973, with seniority 19th Jun. 1971.

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. J. HART (491981) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 19th Jun. 1971. To be Lt., 19th Jun. 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) G. S. HOPKINS (490637) resigns his commn., 21st May 1973.

Stafford

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. C. H. HILLS (492084) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 11th May 1971. To be Lt., 11th May 1973, with seniority 11th May 1971.

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. J. ROLLINSON (492086) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 11th May 1971. To be Lt., 11th May 1973.

Warwick

Raymond KIRBY (495998) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 16th Oct. 1972.

Joseph Bray PLATT (495999) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 16th Oct. 1972.

Wiltshire

Peter Derek SHISTON (496025) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 20th Mar. 1973.

Ronald Stanley Robinson TURNER (496026) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 20th Mar. 1973.

Worcester

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. PRICE (491907) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 26th May 1971. To be Lt., 26th May 1973.

York (West Riding)

2nd Lt. (on probation) T. P. BATTY (491843) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 12th May 1971. To be Lt., 12th May 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) E. TOLLEY (491938) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 26th May 1971. To be Lt., 26th May 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) J. D. MATTHEWS (491936) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 29th May 1971. To be Lt., 29th May 1973, with seniority 20th May 1972.

Alan TURNBULL (496223) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 15th May 1973.

MEMORANDUM

Col. F. W. de BUTTS, C.M.G., O.B.E. (68112) late Inf. (Retired) is granted the hon. rank of Brig. with effect from 8th Jun. 1973.

THE ARMY DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENT DATED 3RD JULY 1973 TO THE LONDON GAZETTE WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace,
London S.W.1.
24th July 1973.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of

the British Empire in recognition of distinguished service in Northern Ireland during the period 1st November 1972 to 31st January 1973...

To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

(To be dated 3rd July 1973)

Wing Commander John Walter PRICE (607094), Royal Air Force.

Whitehall,
London S.W.1.
24th July 1973.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the publication of the names of the undermentioned personnel who have been mentioned in despatches in recognition of distinguished service in Northern Ireland during the period 1st November 1972 to 31st January 1973.

Mention in Despatches

(To be dated 3rd July 1973)

Flight Lieutenant James Norman John GRISDALE (2614769), Royal Air Force.

Master Air Loadmaster George HAMILTON (RO592726), Royal Air Force.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace,
London S.W.1.
24th July 1973.

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

(To be dated 3rd July 1973)

N1941317 Sergeant David Michael POTTERTON, Royal Air Force.

Sergeant Potterton was the armourer in 15 Squadron Royal Air Force Regiment and in October 1972 was serving with the Royal Air Force Detachment at Salalah in the Oman. On the evening of 14th October 1972 a misfire in one of the mortar units at Salalah caused the tail fin of a high explosive round to fall into the mortar pit while the explosive half of the round dropped in front of the pit. There was a distinct possibility that the high explosive half was armed thereby endangering the lives of the mortar crews and other personnel in the area. The Mortar Section Commander ordered an evacuation and called for assistance from the Station Operations Centre. Sergeant Potterton, who was off duty at the time, was immediately dispatched to the scene of the incident in company with the Squadron Duty Officer. He confirmed that the high explosive half of the round was in a dangerous condition and presented a grave threat to those R.A.F., Army and Sultan's Armed Forces personnel in the area. Sergeant Potterton advised the Squadron Duty Officer to order all personnel to take cover and then with complete disregard of personal safety he carried the round, with some assistance from the Squadron Duty Officer, across uneven ground, in complete darkness, to a wadi, where he completed its demolition. Sergeant Potterton showed outstanding fortitude, and by his act of great gallantry he safeguarded the lives of other service personnel and enabled the mortar to regain its operational capability within one hour of the incident. In his actions Sergeant Potterton displayed courage and coolness of a very high order in the finest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

AIR FORCE DEPARTMENT

10th July 1973.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Commodore M. G. ALLOTT, W.R.A.F. is appointed Director of the Women's Royal Air Force in succession to Air Commodore P. F. MARSHALL, C.B., O.B.E., W.R.A.F. 7th Jul. 1973.

Air Commodore M. G. ALLOTT, W.R.A.F. is appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to The Queen in succession to Air Commodore P. F. MARSHALL, C.B., O.B.E., W.R.A.F. 7th Jul. 1973.