

Surgn. Lt. J. M. M. WALSH, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., M.B., B.S., D.Obst., R.C.O.G. (Emerg'y List) re-entered for 3 year Short Service Commission 2nd Jun. 1973 in rank of Surgn. Lt. Cdr. with seny. 2nd Jun. 1973.

Actg. Surgn. Lt. O. M. HOWARD, granted 5 year Short Service Commission 22nd Jul. 1973 and promoted Surgn. Lt. 22nd Jul. 1973 with seny. 22nd Jul. 1973.

Actg. Surgn. Lt. C. J. EATON, granted 5 year Short Service Commission 29th Jul. 1973 and promoted Surgn. Lt. 29th Jul. 1973 with seny. 29th Jul. 1973.

Surgn. Lts. (D) promoted Surgn. Lt. Cdrs. (D) on dates and with seny. stated:

A. P. BURTON, B.D.S. 1st Jul. 1973 (1st Jul. 1973).

I. L. KELLY, B.D.S. 15th Jul. 1973 (15th Jul. 1973).

Sub Lt. J. BAILEY, promoted Lt. 1st Jul. 1973 with seny. 1st Jul. 1973.

Actg. Sub Lts. confirmed Sub Lts. 16th Jul. 1973 with seny. stated:

F. K. KERR. 5th Sep. 1971.

D. A. CRUMBIE. 27th Sep. 1971.

B. W. HALLIDAY, J. C. MUNDY, P. J. YOUNG, C. G. R. BEARD. 1st May 1972.

R. M. GRACE, J. A. AYLING. 12th Jun. 1972.

Sub Lts. (S.L.) promoted Lts. (S.L.) on dates and with seny. stated:

N. P. TURNER. 1st Jul. 1973 (1st Jul. 1973).

J. R. HALL, G. A. SPENCE. 2nd Jul. 1973 (2nd Jul. 1973).

C. J. COOPER. 6th Jul. 1973 (6th Jul. 1973).

Sub Lts. (S.L.) promoted Lts. (S.L.) on dates and with seny. stated:

K. R. EGLEN, L. P. THOMAS. 17th Jul. 1973 (17th Jul. 1973).

B. D. HAIGH. 29th Jul. 1973 (29th Jul. 1973).

Actg. Sub Lts. (S.L.) confirmed Sub Lts. (S.L.) 28th Jul. 1973 with seny. 28th Oct. 1971:

A. R. M. FIELDING, R. I. S. D. SMITH.

#### ROYAL MARINES

Capt. C. J. GROVER, promoted Loc. Maj. 1st Jul. 1973.

Lt. A. HILL, placed on Retired List (own request). 31st Jul. 1973.

2nd Lts. withdrawn from training (own request) 1st Jun. 1973:

A. D. JOHNSON, G. M. HALLIDAY.

#### ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

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

Second Clasp to the Royal Naval and Royal Marine

Forces Reserve Decoration:

Commander P. A. CHUBB, R.D. and Clasp., R.N.R. (Ret'd.).

Clasp to the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces

Reserve Decoration:

Lieutenant Commander L. E. LAPTHORNE, R.D., R.A.N.V.R.

Clasp to the Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces

Volunteer Reserve Decoration:

Lieutenant Commander R. C. PENGLASE, V.R.D., R.A.N.V.R.

The Royal Naval and Royal Marine Forces Reserve Decoration:

Lieutenant Commander E. W. ANDERSON, M.A., R.N.R.

Lieutenant Commander A. R. W. ROOM, R.N.R.

Lieutenant Commander T. R. J. SHANKS, R.N.R.

Lieutenant Commander D. H. TALKS, R.N.R.

Cdr. (Sp.) J. W. CURTIS, V.R.D. placed on Retired List. 29th Jul. 1973.

Lt. Cdr. N. G. NELL, R.D., placed on Retired List. 26th Jul. 1973.

Lt. Cdr. (Sp.) M. E. ASTRUP, placed on Retired List. 18th Jul. 1973.

Lt. Cdr. (Sp.) R. L. BLACKMORE, V.R.D., placed on Retired List. 27th Jul. 1973.

Surgn. Lt. P. F. CROWE, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., promoted Surgn. Lt. Cdr., 1st Aug. 1972 with seny. 1st Aug. 1972.

Sub Lts. (Sp.) promoted Lts. (Sp.) 29th Jul. 1973 with seny. 29th Jul. 1973:

N. L. R. LEE, J. WHARTON.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

31st July 1973.

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

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Gallantry:*

Reverend Frederick John PRESTON (457888), Chaplain to the Forces Class 3, Royal Army Chaplains' Department.

On the evening of 18th June 1972 following a torrential rainstorm over the preceding three days a disastrous landslide overwhelmed a densely inhabited district of Hong Kong. On hearing of the disaster on his wireless Padre Preston immediately went to the scene to help.

It was apparent at that time that a large area of mud had engulfed the huts on the site and there was only a remote chance of finding survivors alive. Despite the enormity of the situation Padre Preston quickly took command of a party of soldiers of 1st Bn. The Black Watch and started to direct rescue operations. The area in which he was working was quite literally a sea of mud through which it was just possible to walk with considerable physical effort and was interspersed with twisted corrugated iron sheets, timber and electric power cables. It was also an area where a number of bodies had been recovered. For the next four hours Padre Preston worked ceaselessly in mud up to his waist without relief; his knowledge of the problems involved and his sheer physical strength were an inspiration to all who were on the scene. With only one very short break Padre Preston worked unceasing until 10.00 hours the next morning when he was ordered to rest, having worked under the most appalling conditions for some 15 hours without relief.

His performance was far beyond the normal call of duty and undoubtedly was largely responsible for the maintenance of the morale of all at the disaster area whatever their service or whatever their nationality.

### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

31st July 1973.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:

2nd Lieutenant John Caruth GORMAN (491151), Irish Guards.

Following continuous and heavy rain for a period of 3 days, a large landslide occurred in a steeply sloping residential area in Hong Kong Island, causing the total collapse of a 12-storey block of flats. The occupants were buried in the rubble of the building and mud from the landslide and the final death roll was 67. During the rescue operation, 2nd Lieutenant Gorman was actively engaged in tunnelling under the debris to reach a casualty who was trapped. Due to the very limited access it was only possible to work with hand equipment in teams of two to create an unshored tunnel of approximately 24 inches in diameter, which eventually extended 30 feet into the debris and at all times there was imminent danger of a further landslide. The rescue operation took 13 hours and 2nd Lieutenant Gorman spent a total of 7½ hours under the debris although fully aware that there was little likelihood of survival if the rubble moved or a further landslide occurred.

During the complete operation he entered the tunnel on numerous occasions until the entombed person had been rescued and displayed courage, determination and leadership of a very high order and a complete disregard for his own safety.