

**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 British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

24066334 Lance Corporal Jack CAVIE, Corps of Royal Engineers.

24147009 Sapper Anthony Roger PROWSE, Corps of Royal Engineers.

Following continuous and heavy rain for a period of 3 days, a large landslide occurred in a steeply sloping residential area on 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 toll was 67.

Lance Corporal Cavie and Sapper Prowse were members of a rescue team sent by 54 (Hong Kong) Support Squadron R.E. Arriving soon after midnight they were in the forefront of the work for the rest of the period.

During the rescue operation, Lance Corporal Cavie and Sapper Prowse were 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 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 Lance Corporal Cavie and Sapper Prowse 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 they re-entered the tunnel on numerous occasions until the entombed person had been rescued and displayed courage of a high order and a complete disregard for their own safety.

Ministry of Defence,
Whitehall, London S.W.1.
31st July 1973.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to the undermentioned:

24048134 Guardsman Paul KENNEDY, Irish Guards.

For rescue services following a landslide disaster in Hong Kong.

ARMY DEPARTMENT

17th July 1973.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Maj.-Gen. J. M. D. WARD-HARRISON, O.B.E., M.C. (67390) late R.A.C. relinquishes the appointment of General Officer Commanding, North East District, 11th Jul. 1973.

Maj.-Gen. G. de E. COLLIN, M.C. (194993) late R.A. is appointed General Officer Commanding, North East District, 11th Jul. 1973.

Brig. R. H. BORTHWICK (251797) late R. SIGNALS retires on retired pay, 30th Jun. 1973.

Col. K. G. WILLSTEAD (109439) late R.A. retires on retired pay, 12th Jul. 1973.

Col. P. H. HISLOP (93911) late RA retires on retired pay, 15th Jul. 1973.

Lt.-Col. N. E. QUIN, M.B., Ch.B. (422050) from R.A.M.C. to be Col., 14th Jul. 1973.

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. A. B. M. CAMPBELL (448925) 5 INNIS D.G. retires on retired pay, 15th Jul. 1973.

Capt. R. C. R. COTTERELL (468973) 13/18 H. retires receiving a gratuity, 17th Jul. 1973 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Group A

Capt. C. N. HART (452309) WESSEX YEO is granted the acting rank of Maj., 1st Jun. 1973.

Lt. R. E. R. MORGAN (469063) WESSEX YEO. to be Capt., 1st Jun. 1973, with seniority 29th Mar. 1969.

2nd Lt. Edward George HAWKE (488798) QOY (Res. of Offrs., Class I, COLDM. GDS) to be Lt., 6th Jun. 1973.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. B. H. J. HOLLOWAY (277046) is appointed to the Special List, 12th Jul. 1973.

Lt. S. J. S. CARR (480039) to be Capt., 15th Jul. 1973.

Capt. (Q.M.) J. JOLLIFFE (485396) retires on retired pay, 13th Jul. 1973.

Special Reg. Comms.

Maj. A. R. STEGGLES, M.C. (379351) retires on retired pay, 13th Jul. 1973.

John Stamford Morton TULLOCH (495695) (formerly R.N.Z.A.) to be 2nd Lt., 28th Mar. 1973, with seniority 26th May 1967. To be Lt., 28th Mar. 1973, with seniority 26th May 1969. (Substituted for the notifn. in Gazette (Supplement) dated 8th May 1973).

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Group A

2nd Lt. (on probation) A. J. WILKIN (492344) from T.A.V.R., Section B, General List to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 18th Jun. 1973, with seniority 26th Jul. 1971.

Group B

2nd Lt. (on probation) A. J. HAMMERSLEY (494928) from T.A.V.R., Section B, General List to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 1st May 1973, with seniority 3rd Nov. 1972.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

REGULAR ARMY

22813723 W.O. I John Guy GERRARD (495732) to be Capt. (E. & M.O.), 12th Jun. 1973.

Short Serv. Commn.

Lt. E. A. North (492639) relinquishes his commn., 13th Jul. 1973.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Group A

Capt. (Acting Maj.) K. E. TURVER, T.D. (461530) to be Maj., 4th Jul. 1973, with seniority 1st Dec. 1970.

Capt. (Acting Maj.) M. P. K. BRATTY, T.D. (461901) relinquishes the acting rank of Maj., 31st Mar. 1973.

Capt. T. B. GILLET, T.D. (435923) to be Maj., 18th Jun. 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. W. LEWIS (491666) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 29th Apr. 1971. To be Lt., 29th Apr. 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) R. BARHAM (490681) commn. is terminated, 14th May 1973.

24160100 O/Cdt. Douglas John WOODFORD-BROWN (495275) to be 2nd Lt. (on probation), 13th May 1973.

Postal & Courier Communications Section

Capt. R. A. ROSSER (480901) from T.A.V.R., Group B, R.E., P.C.C., to be Capt., 1st Apr. 1973, retaining his present seniority.

Capt. S. G. ELMY (480079) from T.A.V.R., Group B, R.E., 3 P.C.C., to be Capt., 21st May 1973, with seniority 1st Jan. 1970.

Group B

Maj. R. ANDERSON, T.D. (307211) from T.A.V.R., Group A, R.E., to be Maj., 31st Mar. 1973, retaining his present seniority.

Lt. E. D. W. FULBROOK (477021) is placed on the Unposted List, 1st May 1973.

Postal & Courier Communications Section

Capt. T. BOYD (474316) from T.A.V.R., Group A, R.E., to be Capt., 20th May 1973. To be Maj., 21st May 1973.

2nd Lt. (on probation) D. J. FERRY (494089) is confirmed as 2nd Lt., 9th Jun. 1972.