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NAVY DEPARTMENT

Navy Department,
Whitehall, London SW1.
22nd June 1976.

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

Marine Engineering Mechanic 2 William Ritchie Wilson
Wallace D149809Q.

On 23rd February 1976 machinery breakdown drills were being conducted in the Steam Propulsion Plant of H.M.S. Antrim, then at sea off Portland. On completion of these drills MEM2 Wallace was standing on the lower plates, hand pumping lubricating oil round the Starboard Fuel Pump which was being restarted when an explosion occurred approximately four feet away, causing a number of secondary fires in the area of the Starboard Main Feed Pump and the Standby Fuel Pump.

MEM2 Wallace, shouting "Fire" and realising that he was the only person near to the blaze, attempted to reach the nearest foam extinguisher, but found it to be covered in flames. He therefore passed through the flames surrounding the Starboard Feed Pump, thereby passing the ladder which offered escape to the safety of the upper plates, and went aft to collect a gas-water extinguisher some fifteen feet distant. He then returned to the scene of the fire and, despite the thick black smoke that now enveloped the area, proceeded to extinguish the fires. In so doing he prevented leaking diesel fuel from the discharge pipe on the Standby Fuel Pump re-igniting; it was this which had caused the initial explosion. Wallace was subsequently relieved by senior ratings but he had already successfully extinguished the fire and it did not re-ignite.

MEM2 Wallace, who is 17½ years old and serving on his first ship, displayed great bravery and remarkable presence of mind in tackling a potentially disastrous fire. There is no doubt that his prompt and unselfish action in risking his life to extinguish the secondary blazes prevented the occurrence of a major conflagration.

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace,
London, S.W.1.
22nd June 1976.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give Orders for the following promotion in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished service in Northern Ireland during the period 1st November 1975-31st January 1976:

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

Brigadier David William ANDERSON, O.B.E. (397169)
(late Infantry).

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

Lieutenant Colonel John Hodgson BEATY (426824),
Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard Gilbert ELLIOT (437056),
Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Neville LAST (449880),
Royal Corps of Signals.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Marcus UNDERHILL (432741),
Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

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

Major Stephen Swinbank CANEY (472174), The Light
Infantry.

Major Herbert Arthur WOOLNOUGH (461526), The
Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/
45th Foot).