

isolated and whilst the motor was engulfed in flame. Together with Marine Engineering Mechanic Leng he attacked the fire with first aid firefighting equipment and succeeded in containing the blaze to the motor itself, thereby preventing the incident from developing into a major machinery space fire which could have resulted in the ship's withdrawal from operational duties for a prolonged period. Petty Officer Robins's prompt, courageous and selfless actions typify his enthusiastic attitude and were in the very highest traditions of the Royal Navy.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
WHITEHALL, LONDON S.W.1

29th June 1991

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned to be Mentioned-in-Despatches in recognition of service during the operations in the Gulf:

Mention in Despatches

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY DEPARTMENT)

Lieutenant Richard James Laurence BOSWELL, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Commander Charles Marwell Lorne CLARKE, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Commander Paul Nicholas Michael DAVIES, Royal Navy.
Captain Michael Sam John FARLEY, Royal Fleet Auxiliary.
Commander Colin Duport FERBRACHE, O.B.E., Royal Navy.
Leading Seaman (Diver) Steven Anthony FITZJOHN, D195673C.
Sub Lieutenant Martin John FORD, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Guy HAYWOOD, Royal Navy.
Commander Anthony Leslie HORTON, Royal Navy.
Commander Peter Haydn JONES, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Nicholas James LAST, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Paul Anthony McALPINE, Royal Navy.
Leading Seaman (Diver) John Forsyth McFARLANE, D172288C.
Lieutenant Commander Ian McLAREN, Royal Navy.
Sub Lieutenant Robert James Charles MILLIGAN, Royal Navy.
Able Seaman (Diver) John Steven RAVENHALL, D202798P.
Chief Petty Officer Air Engineering Artificer (M) Kevin Stephen SARGENT, D183281D.
Lieutenant Commander Michael Peter SHRIVES, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Commander Frank Leslie SMYTH, Royal Navy.
Captain William James WALKER, Royal Fleet Auxiliary.
Lieutenant Commander Colin George WELBORN, Royal Navy.

Mention in Despatches

One Mention in Despatches was approved to a Member of the Special Forces, Royal Navy.

One Mention in Despatches was approved to a Member of the Special Boat Service, Royal Marines.

ARMY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD
ST. JAMES'S PALACE, LONDON S.W.1

29th June 1991

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the undermentioned as Companions of the Distinguished Service Order in recognition of distinguished service during the operations in the Gulf:

Distinguished Service Order

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (ARMY DEPARTMENT)

Brigadier Patrick Anthony John CORDINGLEY
(479196),

Late 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

Brigadier Cordingley commanded 7th Armoured Brigade throughout Operation Granby. Initially, and for some two months, he was the commander of all Land Forces deployed for the operation. In this early stage the burden of responsibility was heavy and wide, and in most cases the issues facing Brigadier Cordingley were outside his experience.

Brigadier Cordingley set about his task with enthusiasm and drive, and this was communicated quickly to his command. He deployed his Brigade into the desert, constructed ranges and set about training his Brigade. Additionally, he was responsible for the Force Maintenance Area that was being established in the Port. It is a measure of his character and leadership that in spite of these added duties and distractions, the Brigade was declared operationally ready in mid November, one month after the leading elements arrived in Saudi Arabia. In December, when the balance of the Division arrived, it reaped the benefit of all this hard work and hard won experience, and was able to base its own training on the solid foundation prepared by Brigadier Cordingley.

However, it was in battle that Brigadier Cordingley's courage and leadership were most evident. He led and inspired his Brigade to achieve a series of complete successes—successes that were the more remarkable, for few of his Brigade had been in action before. He was well to the fore in his tank in the Divisional attack, which took place at night, in driving rain and blowing sand, and after a 90 kilometres approach march. His Brigade was in the lead, and the momentum of the attack was maintained by his calm leadership and decisiveness. Twelve hours after the attack started his Brigade was 60 kilometres into the enemy defences. Relentlessly, he pressed on, regardless of any threat to his flanks, and 12 hours later he was consolidating on an objective 100 kilometres into the enemy positions. Thereafter, the enemy broke, and the Division pursued the enemy a further 100 kilometres. The ceasefire was called with 7th Armoured Brigade astride the Kuwait to Basra road amidst scenes of destruction and carnage.

7th Armoured Brigade covered some 200 kilometres in 65 hours, at least half of that distance in the face of the enemy. That it did is in large part due to the gallant leadership and inspiration of Brigadier Cordingley.