

Lt. D. A. ASTON, to Retired List (own request) 17th Jan. 2004.

Entered in the rank of Lt. Cdr. on date stated:
B. MEADOWS, 10th Jan. 2004.

Entered in the rank of Actg. Sub Lt. on dates stated:
T. D. HOLT, 1st Dec. 2003.
P. J. DONAHUE, 10th Dec. 2003.

ROYAL WARRANT

17th February 2004

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL: amending Royal Warrant

ELIZABETH R.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come:

GREETING!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George VI, by a Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated the 28th February 1951 was pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of the Meritorious Service Medal, reserving to Himself, His Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Royal Sign Manual;

AND WHEREAS by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 11th of December 1956, We did ordain that the qualifying period of service laid down in the Second Clause should be amended;

AND WHEREAS by a Warrant under our Sign Manual dated the 19th November 2001 We were pleased to further amend and consolidate the rules and ordinances governing the award of the said Medal, and to incorporate all the aforesaid Warrants, as well as the amendments then to be promulgated, into one Warrant;

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient to further amend the said Warrant:

NOW THEREFORE We do by these Presents ordain that in the said Warrant of the 19th November 2001 for the words "It is further ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals shall be worn it shall be placed immediately after medals for operational service", there shall be substituted the words "It is further ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals shall be worn it shall be placed immediately after Queen Elizabeth II's Long and Faithful Service Medal".

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient to further amend the said Warrant:

NOW THEREFORE We do by these Presents ordain that in the seventh Statute of the said Warrant for the following ratio:

“	Royal Navy	49	
	Royal Marines	3	
	Army	89	
	Royal Air Force	60	”

Shall be substituted:

“	Royal Navy and Royal Marines (combined)	52	
	Army	89	
	Royal Air Force	60	”

Given at Our Court of St James's this the 13th day of January Two thousand and four, in the Fifty Second Year of Our Reign
By Her Majesty's Command
GEOFFREY HOON

Army

17 February 2004

APPOINTMENTS

Brigadier CM JAMES (489633) late Royal Army Dental Corps is appointed Honorary Dental Surgeon to The QUEEN 19 January 2004 in an existing vacancy

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

Brigadier DR WILSON CBE (486768) late Black Watch retires on retired pay 16 February 2004 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers
Colonel HA KEMP OBE (499004) late Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers retires on retired pay 17 January 2004 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

REGULAR ARMY

Regular Commissions

Lieutenant Colonel RCB NUTTING (492708) Light Dragoons retires on retired pay 4 February 2004

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Group B

Captain AE SMITH (553509) King's Royal Hussars (Volunteers) from Regular Army Reserve of Officers Class I 2 November 2003 to be Captain (NRPS)

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Regular Commissions

Lieutenant Colonel JLK ROOKE (486735) retires on retired pay 9 February 2004

Major PCE MILEHAM (510039) retires on retired pay 1 February 2004 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers

Major JC ABBOTT (505185) retires on retired pay 2 February 2004 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers

Regular Commissions (Late Entry)

Major HE MANNING (542417) retires on retired pay 31 December 2003 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers

Intermediate Regular Commissions

Captain BR SALTER (543847) retires 16 February 2004 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Group A

Lieutenant CFW LING (550576) to be Captain 1 December 2003

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

REGULAR ARMY

Regular Commissions

Lieutenant Colonel MW GILSON (499704) retires on retired pay 8 January 2004 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers

Captain M GHINN (552374) retires 20 January 2004 and is appointed to Reserve of Officers

Gap Year Commissions

Second Lieutenant (on probation) SN GRIFFITHS (558874) resigns commission 28 June 2003 (Belated Entry)

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Short Service Commissions

Captain SD ROBINSON (552475) from The Active List 12 February 2004 to be Captain