

was falling around his position, with great coolness Corporal Littlewood kept the mortars firing without a stop. The speed with which he worked out corrections on the plot enabled fire to be effective throughout the engagement and again resulted in severe enemy losses.

In both operations, Corporal Littlewood acted with an extremely high degree of professional skill, initiative and coolness under fire. His outstanding leadership provided a magnificent example not only to his own mortarmen, but to the company group as a whole.

#### *Military Medal*

R.M. 18302 Corporal Patrick Anthony McGUIGAN, Royal Marines.

On the night of 4th/5th November 1966, Corporal McGUIGAN was a mobile fire controller for the 81mm mortars of X Company Group which was part of a force operating in the Wadi Taym area of Qutaibi Province in the South Arabian Federation. The company group was acting as a decoy force, and Corporal McGUIGAN had been allocated to the most isolated of the troop positions which lay astride the probable approach route for a dissident attack.

At 0030 hours the whole company, and in particular the troop to which Corporal McGUIGAN was attached, suffered a heavy and accurate attack with blindicide, automatic weapons and rifle fire. Enemy small arms subjected his troop to both direct and plunging fire, which swept into the forward sangar positions. The suddenness, speed and intensity of the attack called for vigorous, determined and controlled action. With great coolness, presence of mind and a complete disregard for his own safety in such an exposed position Corporal McGUIGAN controlled the fire of his own mortars on to the enemy positions. At the same time, he took command of the riflemen in whose position he was located and brought effective fire from the 2 inch mortar and the machine guns to bear on to the dissidents. This he continued to do until the enemy withdrew having suffered heavy casualties.

There is no doubt that Corporal McGUIGAN by his prompt and gallant action played a vital rôle in the successful outcome of the engagement. Furthermore his coolness and calmness under fire were an inspiration and a magnificent example to the younger and less experienced marines under his command.

### ARMY DEPARTMENT

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
30th May 1967.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

(To be dated 25th May 1967)

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

Lieutenant-Colonel David Lyttleton ROUSE (175), Australian Staff Corps.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) William Orril RODGERS (43481), Royal Australian Army Medical Corps.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned award in recognition of gallant conduct in Aden:

#### *Military Medal*

22706578 Sergeant Reginald Charles AUSTIN, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

On the 13th October 1966, Sergeant Austin was in charge of a 105mm gun crew which was attached to X Company, 45 Commando Royal Marines for an operation in the Wadi Taym area of Qutaibi Province of the South Arabian Federation.

X Company's position was on the very open and exposed rocky feature known as Table Top. Through his drive and leadership Sergeant Austin managed to get his gun sangar constructed in the few remaining hours before last light. This was a gruelling task in the heat and dust, but his zeal was rewarded for, when darkness fell, the position immediately came under small arms fire. As the enemy were below them, it was difficult for the gun detachment to engage them without striking the top of the sangar. Well aware of the danger and regardless of the enemy fire, Sergeant Austin calmly controlled accurate fire on to the enemy, the rounds passing only a few millimetres over the sangar lip.

At 23.15 hours the following night, the company was heavily attacked from two directions at once, with mortars and blindicides from the south and automatic weapons and rifle fire from the west. Although Sergeant Austin's sangar received a direct hit from a blindicide, the building was so sound that there were no casualties. Led by him with complete disregard for his own safety, the crew moved the gun through an arc of 180 degrees under heavy fire, removed the armoured shield and stanchions which were obscuring the night aiming lamps, and engaged the dissident mortars at a range of 500 metres. As a result of this action the enemy lost a most important leader and at least five others were wounded before they withdrew.

Throughout the operation Sergeant Austin's energy, sense of duty and cheerful efficiency were an outstanding example to all. His foresight and professional ability certainly prevented casualties and his courage and determination under fire greatly influenced the successful outcome of the engagement.

The following officers are awarded the Efficiency Medal (Territorial):

#### ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) H. W. T. HOOK (197493) retired.

Lt. P. F. KEATING (253316) retired.

#### ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) C. J. MAY (226153) retired.

#### AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE

J. Comd. P. M. LAMBERT (234603) (later W.R.A.C.) retired.

The following officers are awarded the Cadet Forces Medal:

#### COMBINED CADET FORCE

##### *Magdalen College School (Oxford)*

Lt. (A/Maj.) L. H. FENN, E.R.D., T.D. (72209).

##### *Rossall School*

Lt. (A/Maj.) G. CARPENTER (441477).

#### ARMY CADET FORCE

##### *Cheshire*

Lt. J. FORSTER (471869).

Lt. (A/Capt.) D. T. F. W. MIDGLEY (440454).

##### *Derby*

Lt. (A/Capt.) E. R. CHILDS (452174).

Lt. B. D. SHAW, M.M., T.D. (7958).

##### *Devon*

Lt. (A/Maj.) W. KAYE (37081).

##### *Hertford*

Lt. P. W. L. J. V. TINGAY (427851).

##### *Lancashire (West)*

Lt. (A/Maj.) R. I. H. LLOYD-JONES (335755).

##### *Roxburgh, Berwick and Selkirk*

Rev. J. N. HUTCHISON, M.A. (441039) (C.F. 4th Cl.).

##### *Somerset*

Rev. H. L. FRANKLIN, M.A. (52507) (C.F. 4th Cl.).

##### *Surrey*

2/Lt. F. G. DUNLOP (481960).

##### *Warwick*

Lt. C. F. A. TROLLOPE (420136).

##### *Wilts*

Lt. (A/Capt.) R. E. TRUBRIDGE (449895).

##### *Worcester*

Lt. (A/Maj.) K. DUERDEN (351838).

##### *York (North Riding)*

Lt. D. COLMAN (446028).

##### *York (West Riding)*

Lt. (A/Maj.) W. GUEST, T.D. (135720).