

Air Vice-Marshal William Sykes, OBE, C.Eng., AFRAES, joined the RAF as an Aircraft Apprentice in January 1936 and served with No 51 (Bomber) Squadron 1939-1941. Following various Engineering specialist courses, he was commissioned in 1942 and served with Coastal Command at Invergordon, Pembroke Dock, Gibraltar, Hamworthy, Reykjavik and Tain.

During the period 1945 to 1960 he filled appointments at the Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment (CSDE), the Royal Aircraft Establishment, 2nd Tactical Air Force, Germany, and in the Department of ACAS (OR). He commanded No 8 Sit TT Weeton and was Command Engineering Officer, Far East Air Force. Other senior appointments include D Mech Eng 1 (RAF) at the Ministry of Defence and AO Eng Near East Air Force.

## SERVICE AWARDS

The Ministry of Defence announce the following awards for service in Oman.

Distinguished Conduct Medal:

Staff Sergeant (now Captain) W. T. Condie, Special Air Service Regiment.

Mentioned in Despatches: Corporal S. P. Maloney, The Queen's Regiment; Gunner R. Podesta, Royal Artillery.

## TAVR AWARDS

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 1st Clasp to the Army Emergency Reserve Decoration upon the following officer:—

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

Maj. T. R. G. WILLIS, ERD

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 3rd Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following Officer:—

INFANTRY

*Middx. R.*

Lt.-Col. G. L. FOX, TD, DL, retired.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 2nd Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following officers:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Col. L. ROBERTSON, OBE, TD

INFANTRY

*Queen's*

Bt. Col. W. E. MCCONNELL, TD (now RARO).

*Middx. R.*

Lt.Col. G. L. FOX, TD, DL, retired.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 1st Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following officers:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Col. L. ROBERTSON, OBE, TD.

HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

Maj. M. J. B. CLOOTE, TD.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) W. W. LEE, retired.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

Maj. A. D. TATHAM, TD.

INFANTRY

*Queen's*

Maj. M. J. BEAUMONT, TD.

*Middx. R.*

Lt.-Col. G. L. FOX, TD, DL, retired.

*W.F.R.*

Maj. H. J. C. LOVEDAY, TD, (now RARO).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Col. R. E. D. SIMPSON, TD, MB.

Capt. B. C. INGHAM.

WOMEN'S ROYAL ARMY CORPS

Capt. B. A. HEWITT, TD.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Territorial Efficiency Decoration upon the following officers:

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) M. J. H. HALE, MC, retired.

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) W. W. LEE, retired.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) R. B. P. BISGOOD, retired.

Lt. (Hon. Capt.) G. P. TREADGOLD, retired.

INFANTRY

*Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.*

Capt. N. L. SMITH, retired.

*H.L.I.*

Lt. H. G. U'REN, retired.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lt.-Col. J. R. MURDOCK, MD, now RARO

CORPS OF ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) T. A. W. HAILES, retired.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the 1st Clasp to the Efficiency Decoration (Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve) upon the following officers:

ROYAL MONMOUTHSHIRE ROYAL ENGINEERS (MILITIA)

Maj. M. A. I. JAMES, TD.

ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT

Maj. A. D. LEACH, TD.

Capt. R. P. S. MUSSEN, TD.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lt.-Col. D. M. G. MYLES, TD, MB.

Maj. J. R. SKENE, TD, MB.

CORPS OF ROYAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

Maj. G. PIGGIN, TD.

Maj. C. R. WEBSTER, TD.

ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS

Maj. D. MOOREHEAD, TD.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer the award of the Efficiency Decoration (Territorial

## "BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP"

### *Liaison Between Units of the TAVR, and the US National Guard*

Some months ago the National Guard Association of the United States contacted the Council of TAVR Associations with a proposal that arrangements be made for units of the TAVR to be affiliated to similar units in the U.S. National Guard. Their aim was to establish connections which could lead to the exchange of personnel and sub-units for training, as well as exchange visits for sporting and social events.

This proposal was put to the Ministry of Defence who, as it happened, were studying the whole question of British Army liaison with units of Commonwealth and foreign armies. The outcome is that the Ministry of Defence consider that any TAVR links with the U.S. National Guard should be limited to what they have styled "Bonds of Friendship". Such arrangements are defined as being informal, not officially recognised or gazetted, and form a loose link between the units concerned. There are no conditions laid down, and the development of the friendship will stem from the units' own initiative and self-help. There will be no public funds allocated for these relationships, so that the arrangements cannot extend quite as far as the U.S. National Guard had originally proposed.

Nevertheless, the Ministry of Defence are encouraging a pilot scheme limited to a few selected units and, if successful, the scheme could be extended to others. The U.S. National Guard have enthusiastically welcomed this proposal, even though it is somewhat less ambitious than they had originally hoped. In spite of the difficulties of distance and finance, the 7th (V) Bn. The Queen's Regt. have

already established links with the 2nd Bn. 159th Infantry, and some exchange visits have taken place; their Commanding Officer has offered to give other TAVR units the benefit of this experience in helping them to decide whether or not to join the scheme.

RFA's principal contacts have necessarily been concentrated on our NATO Allies on the Continent, but we welcome this opportunity for our members to increase their contacts with members of the U.S. Reserve Forces; while few TAVR members may have the chance of a trip to the U.S.A., the Americans are strongly represented at international events in Europe, and would certainly welcome established contacts in the U.K.

The pilot scheme is now being launched, and the following "Bonds of Friendship" are being established; we wish them all possible success.

2nd Bn. The Yorkshire Volunteers  
2nd Bn. 175th Infantry, Maryland

The Queen's Own Yeomanry  
1st Bn. 296th Infantry, Puerto Rico

37 (Welsh & Wessex) Sigs. Regt. (V)  
140th Signal Bn., Colorado

7th (V) Bn. The Queen's Regt.  
2nd Bn. 159th Infantry, California

7th (V) Bn. The Royal Anglian Regt.  
3rd Bn. 116th Infantry, Virginia

253 Force Provost Coy. RMP (V)  
HQ 213th Military Police Group, Pennsylvania

A Coy., 2nd Bn. The Wessex Volunteers  
197th Artillery Unit

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