

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE

Maj Gen Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard KCVO CB CBE MC DL (71887) is appointed Colonel The Life Guards in succession to the late Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma KG GCB OM GCST GCVO DSO ADC (231518).

Lt Col George Torquil Gage Williams DL (95617) is appointed Deputy Hon Colonel 6th Bn The Light Infantry (V) TA 22 November 1979 in succession to Col Peter Carstairs Buchanan OBE MC TD DL (66802) tenure expired.

Maj Richard Francis Abel Smith (433034) is appointed Hon Colonel B Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Sqn The Royal Yeomanry TA 1 October 1979 in succession to Lt Col (Bt Col) Patrick James Danvers McCraith MC TD DL (64032) tenure expired.

Lt (A/Col) Michael Frederick Robert Bullock DL (343600) is appointed Col The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment 1 December 1979 in succession to Gen Sir John Archer KCB OBE (323707) tenure expired.

Maj Gen Peter Charles Shapland CBE MBE (320366) is appointed Hon Colonel 73 Engr Regt (V) TA 26 November 1979 in succession to Col George William Wallis OBE TD DL (249552) tenure expired.

Lt Col A D Bremner (481539) is granted acting rank of Colonel 2 November 1979.

Lt Col John Stirling TD DL (410797) is appointed Hon Col 3rd Bn 51st Highland (V) TA 29 June 1979 in succession to Col Kenneth Mowbray Burnett TD (75693) tenure expired.

Lt Col K R Buglass (407776) Wessex (V) to be Col 1 October 1979.

Lt Col TCB Swayne TD (411292) R Anglian (V) to be Col, 1 October 1979.

LORD LIEUTENANT'S CERTIFICATES

In a special ceremony in the County Hall, Manchester, Sir William Downyard, Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, presented certificates to 10 TA members serving with units in the area. After paying tribute to the recipients, Sir William thanked the wives, saying 'they understand that the frequent absences from home their men are really making a contribution.'

Awards went to:

Capt J Houldsworth — 209 AD Bty, 103 AD Regt RA (V)

WO2 (RQMS) J Grocott — 75 Eng Regt RE (V)

SQMS R Smith — ACC, attached D Coy, 5th Bn, RRF

Cpl J Carberry — ACC attached D Coy, 5th Bn, RRF

S/Sgt C Farrow — 236 Sqn, 156 Tpt Regt RCT (V)

Sgt A Simmons — 236 Sqn, 156 Tpt Regt, RCT (V)

Sgt T George Busby — 236 Sqn, 156 Tpt Regt RCT (V)

Cpl H Westwell — 207 (Manchester) Gen Hosp RAMC (V)

Cpl B J Ward — 207 (Manchester) Gen Hosp RAMC (V)

2Lt J H Partington — 207 (Manchester) Gen Hosp RAMC (V)

MBE FOR 37 YEARS' SERVICE



Among the new MBEs is Maj Albert J Price-Howells, above with pipe, a non-medical officer with 222 Field Ambulance at Leicester.

Albert joined the army way back in 1943 as a cadet with the City of Leicester Battalion of the Army Cadet Force. At seventeen he was promoted to Sergeant Major.

Leaving the cadets Major Price-Howells joined the regular army and served with his father's regiment The Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, and by the age of 21 was one of the youngest Sergeants.

Leaving the Regular Army in 1952 Albert joined the 5th Bn Royal Leicestershire Regiment, starting from the bottom again as a private soldier, within a year he was back to the rank of Sergeant Major, being a cadet sergeant major, a regular army sergeant and later a territorial sergeant major is quite a record.

When the TA re-organised in 1968 Major Price-Howells was expecting to hand in his kit and call it a day, but an opportunity arose for him to transfer to the Royal Army Medical Corps as a non-medical officer, his task to teach basic military skills to the non-RAMC soldiers of the unit. Over the past twelve years Albert has trained all arms that have passed through his unit QARANC, RAMC, RCT, ACC, REME, RE, RAPC, and RADC.



Cpl Carberry receives his certificate from Sir William Downyard.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS 1980

Military List

CBE Col C J Baines MC TD ADC DL — TA Colonel — West Midlands District.

OBE Lt Col K D Brown TD — R Signals (V).
Lt Col R E Dale TD — R Irish (V)
Col W A Pledger — Derbyshire ACF

MBE Bt Lt Col D B Martin TD — RE (V)
Bt Maj A J J Pruce-Howells TD — RAMC (V).
Bt Lt Col J M Steele TD — RA (V).

Maj (QM) F Webb — Queens (V).

Capt E F Williamson — Cambridgeshire ACF.
Flt Lt F P Le Duc — RAFVR (T).

BEM S/Sgt G Clarke — Mercian (V).

Sgt G H Collins — RWF (V).
Cpl B W Johnsn — Mercian (V).

S/Sgt J Lannie — RCT (V).
Cpl D Lefebvre — RAPC (V).

S/Sgt J A Le Feuvre — RA (V).

S/Sgt B J Newland — RE (V).

S/Sgt W W Redmond — RY (V).

S/Sgt J R reed — SAS (V).
Bdr D I Smylie — RA (V).

RRC Maj M S Ferguson TD — QARANC (V).

Civil List

CBE Col H E Hunter Jones MC TD JP DL — Chairman, East Anglia TAVR Association.

MBE Maj J H East — ACFA.

BEM Mr W Bingley — East Midlands TAVR Association.

Regretfully, some contributions have had to be held over until a later issue. Even more regretfully (indeed, almost sorrowfully), the Editor pleads again for photographs submitted to be sharp black and white and not, repeat not, colour.

QUEENS MAN GOES AFTER 34 YEARS



Maj Reggie Morgan MC, Adjutant of 6/7 Queens who retires this month after 34 years service. Born at Ramsgate he served in the 2nd world war with the Buffs into which regiment he was commissioned in 1941 after a spell in the ranks. He was awarded the MC at Alamein and was wounded at Tarhuna in 1943. On release from the Army after the war he returned to civilian employment with the Kent Education Committee, joined 4 Buffs (TA) and became CO HQ Coy 5 Buffs (TA) on their formation in 1956.

The call of service life proved too much. He left his civilian job and was appointed Admin Officer 5 Buffs (TA). In 1959 he took over as full time Adjutant. On disbandment in 1967 he went on in the same role to form 7 Queens (TA) at Broadstairs, Deal and Folkestone, only to face disbandment of that TAVR (111) battalion in 1969. He then formed 7 Queens (T) Cadre at Folkestone and on retirement was appointed Knight of Dranebog. He again returned to a civilian job but in 1971 became Adjutant of the newly formed 7 Queens (V) at Horsham remaining after the amalgamation of 6 and 7 Queens.

1/51st's YOUNGEST LT COL SIM TAKES OVER

At the age of 36, Lt Col Ian Sim has become the first and youngest TA Officer to command 1/51 Highland which has companies in Perth, Dundee, Kirkcaldy, Stirling, Liverpool and London.

The Bn which is unique in the TA with its presence on each side of the border, has since its inception in 1967, only been commanded by a Regular Army Officer. Col Sim whose CCF, ACF, and TA service spans some 23 years, was awarded the TD in 1975 and took up his command in October 1979.

A banker by profession he manages a Glasgow Branch of the Co-operative Bank.



TA GIRL TRAINS WITH REGULARS



Pte Foster of 4 King's Own Border Regt camouflaging a 4-tonner which was used as the Command Post during an exercise. There isn't much of the 4-tonner visible but that in no way detracts from the picture. She has just finished a hectic two weeks course at Guildford, where, in a fortnight, those taking part had to learn what the regulars did in six weeks. Mixing regulars with TA on the course gave opportunity for comparison and Pte Foster found that at the beginning the regulars tended to treat the TA as 'second class'. As the TA caught up with them in their standard of drill and then went on to excel them in outdoor pursuits this attitude changed to respect at times tinged with a little envy due to the fact that in many cases once the regulars have their trade and posting it is goodbye to the outside life, and they don't get anywhere near the number of camps, exercises and competitions that the TA do.

NORTHERN IRELAND TA OFFICERS GIVE SSAFA £1,000

IRELAND HIGH ON FUND RAISING LIST

The picture on the right shows Lord Caledon, President of SSAFA for Northern Ireland, receiving a cheque for £1,000 from Colonel Edgar Nicholl, the Province's TA Colonel.

This sum represents the profit on the sale of tickets for a ball held in Belfast's City Hall and organised by TA officers.

Despite the tragic circumstances which exist in the Province, the people there are not slow when it comes to dipping their hands into their pockets to help unfortunates wherever they may be, as this donation to SSAFA shows. It is not generally known that Northern Ireland ranks as one of the highest fund raising areas, particularly for service charities.

