

## **RICHARD VAUGHAN-GRIFFITH MC (K60-64)**

On leaving Framlingham, Richard went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst from 1964-66. He was commissioned into the Queen's Own Hussars and served in Aden, Hong-Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Germany.

In 1967 during the Aden campaign, 2nd Lieutenant Vaughan-Griffith, Queens Own Hussars, won the Military Cross. The following is a description of how he came to win the MC :-

This young Officer was in charge of a troop of armoured cars sweeping the built-up area of Al Mansoura in Aden when he saw red smoke and a beret sticking out of a window on a stick. Later it transpired that a platoon of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment infantry had been cut off without communications.



He reversed his Saladin up to the house where a group of British soldiers was under fire from many points. He engaged the enemy in a heavy fire fight. This was a dangerous manoeuvre for static armoured vehicles in a built-up area where the buildings overlooked his exposed vehicles.

On his own initiative and himself under considerable fire in an area notorious for its terrorists, landmines and anti-tank weapons, he called up an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) and positioned his own vehicles between the soldiers and the terrorists to form a screen while the soldiers evacuated to the APC. During this two and a half hour battle, his armoured car crews are believed to have accounted for a considerable number of terrorists.

Richard Vaughan-Griffith repeated this tactic to rescue another group under similar intense fire at short range. By his bravery and initiative he saved the lives of many British soldiers while risking his own, and was awarded the MC.

He was appointed as an Instructor at the RMAS in 1970. After a period as Adjutant, The Royal Armoured Corps Centre at Bovington in Dorset, he retired to pursue a career in business.

In 1977 he joined Brinks-Mat Ltd, the international security group based in London, as International Operations Director. He was a Main Board member and fully participated in the international expansion of operations in Arabia and Asia. The Group served the requirements of the majority of banks and financial institutions worldwide. Brinks-Mat owned subsidiaries in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Richard formed his own company in 1982 and has worked as an international Risk Management consultant for Oil and Gas Exploration and Production companies since then in South East Asia, North Africa, Indian Sub Continent and The Arabian Gulf. He has taught at the Cranfield University Resilience Centre in England.

He represented Welsh Schoolboys at hockey in 1963 at the Edinburgh Hockey Festival.

Richard is also a co-founder of the Cock Up Club, along with another OF **Charles Blackmore (K70-75)**. See the following article in the Sunday Telegraph on 24 February 2007  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/02/25/nrcock25.xml>