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Schedule No. Unit South Wales Borderers
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Army No. and Rank 36876 WS/Major (Temp/Lt-Col)

Name KENNETH BOWES INMAN SMYTH
(Christian names must be stated)

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Honour or Reward

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Lt-Col Kenneth Bowes Inman SMYTH, South Wales Borderers, held the position of GSO.I, Airborne Forces, GHQ MEF from 23 Mar 42 until assuming Command of 10 Bn.; the Parachute Regt on 6 Dec 1942. During that time, with painstaking care and much foresight, he did almost unaided the preliminary work necessary for the formation of 4 Parachute Bde in Jan '43. This involved not only care and forethought in the planning for the provision of equipment, whether from U.K. or manufactured locally, but much experimental work on the modification of aircraft and existing equipment. When experiments on live dropping were in progress, Lt-Col SMYTH usually made the first jumps himself. It would have been scarcely possible to constitute a parachute formation in the Middle East with such speed without the devoted preliminary work of Lt-Col SMYTH.

Lt-Gen Ronald M. SCOBIE
C.G.S.

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Ronald M. Scobie

Lt-Gen C.G.S.

for General, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces.

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