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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

15th March, 1949.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Hugh McINTYRE, lately Osteopath and Radiologist, Singapore. (London, S.W.1.)

For services to fellow internees in Singapore during the enemy occupation.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Harold Boyden RYLETT, Foreman, Colliery Explosive Co. Ltd., Earlestown, Lancashire.

An explosion occurred in a hut in which there were approximately 1,000 detonators. The wooden roof was set alight and there was great danger of further explosions.

Rylett immediately ran to the hut and saw three girls lying injured on the floor and two others staggering out of the door. He assisted the latter two into the yard and returned in an attempt to rescue the other girls. Although fully aware of its dangerous contents he entered the hut and brought out two of the injured girls. Rylett then went back for the third girl but before he could reach her a second explosion occurred, the blast of which dazed him and injured his left leg. In spite of his injuries he was able to reach the girl and move her to a place of safety.

Refusing medical attention until all the injured had been treated, Rylett threw water over the fire until it was finally extinguished. He was then taken to hospital.

Rylett displayed complete disregard of his own safety and risked his life in his efforts to effect the rescue of those injured in the explosion.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal
 (Civil Division):—*

William Henry John BUDGEN, Constable, Oxfordshire Constabulary. (Banbury.)

Four men were seen to enter the railway sidings at Banbury late at night and the police were notified. Police Constable Budgen, who was off duty and in plain clothes, went to the scene with another officer and saw three men, two of whom were carrying large cartons. Upon seeing the officers the men dropped the cartons and ran off, one going to the left and the other two to the right. The other officer followed the two men who jumped into a river and disappeared into the darkness. Constable Budgen pursued the other man for some distance when he suddenly turned and struck the Constable across the head with what afterwards was found to be a police truncheon. The Constable closed with the man who struggled violently. He broke away on three occasions and repeatedly hit the Constable on the head with the truncheon. Eventually Budgen, notwithstanding that he was in a condition bordering upon exhaustion through loss of blood, brought the man to the ground and was able to secure his legs with a belt and his hands with a tie. At this stage the other officer arrived on the scene and the man's arrest was finally effected. Police Constable Budgen displayed courage and devotion to duty in effecting the arrest of a desperate and dangerous criminal.