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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1. 24th April, 1951.

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 Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Charles Stanley Grisman, Divisional Officer (Rural), Serae Division, British Administration, Asmara, Eritrea.

Divisional Officer Grisman led with coolness and courage an attack on a force of some 40 brigands who were assembled under a notorious leader in the village of Adi Laghen.

On two previous occasions Divisional Officer Grisman has taken part in difficult and dangerous operations against brigands and distinguished himself by coolness, determination and sound judgment.

Awarded the George Medal.

Thomas Albert Charlton, Police Lieutenant, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

A well defended bandit camp which contained several important bandit leaders was located in the Muar Circle and an operation was launched against it with a Police jungle squad under Police Lieutenant Charlton and one military platoon.

The operation involved a difficult approach march through deep swamp and when the attack was made bandit reaction

was immediate and fierce. The small military and police force was quickly surrounded by a much larger number of the enemy armed with automatic weapons. The platoon commander and leading men became casualties in the first few minutes and the remainder were pinned to the ground by enemy fire.

On realising that the platoon commander was a casualty and the remainder of the platoon was in dire need of assistance, Police Lieutenant Charlton moved in from reserve under heavy fire and brought the men into action most effectively. Showing complete disregard of his personal safety and under still heavier fire he then moved up to the platoon commander and assisted the platoon sergeant in carrying out the commander's instructions. He remained in action with the platoon for the next three hours during which time he displayed the highest qualities of personal courage, determination and leadership.

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The conduct of Police Lieutenant
Charlton was an inspiration to all ranks of
the military and police force.

Robert Graver, Police Lieutenant, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

OSMAN bin ADAM, Corporal, Federation of Malaya Special Constabulary.

Police Lieutenant Graver and two subordinates were attacked by bandits on an old rubber estate road in the Kulai District of Johore. Lieutenant Graver and Osman engaged the bandits, who fled. One was wounded and brought down by a long shot from Osman's rifle but the other two took cover in a swamp overgrown with long grass.

Lieutenant Graver and the Corporal, ignoring the danger that a strong force of bandits was possibly lying in ambush, immediately pursued the two escaping bandits and re-engaged them. Osman