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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments 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 :—

Frederick Arnold GOODLIFFE, Senior District Officer, Bamenda Province, Cameroons.

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

Richard ANGELONI, District Officer, Bamenda Province, Cameroons.

Albert SPRLYAN, Temporary Administrative Officer, Bamenda Province, Cameroons.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) :—

Chop BAFUM-BUM, Sergeant-Major, Nigeria Police.

Callistus NGANG, Police Constable, Nigeria Police.

For courage and devotion to duty during disturbances in Bamenda Province, Cameroons, during March, 1952.

Awarded the George Medal :—

William James ROBERTS, Lieutenant, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

Police Lieutenant Roberts took charge of a Division after his predecessor had been

ambushed and killed by bandits. While travelling with two companions in a jeep on the Chan Wing Estate the vehicle was halted by the explosion of a land mine and fire was opened at very close range by about twenty bandits. The occupants got out of the jeep under covering fire given by Police Lieutenant Roberts but during the ensuing fight at close quarters the two passengers were killed.

Roberts fought back single-handed with his carbine and wounded two bandits. He was himself wounded in the thigh but continued to fight on until his ammunition was exhausted. He then ran back under fire to an armoured vehicle which was about 300 yards down the road, rallied the Special Constables who had not been in a position to give him any support, and put down fire on the bandit position. After a short fight the bandits withdrew, but during the latter action a Special Constable was wounded.

Police Lieutenant Roberts displayed outstanding courage in engaging a number of bandits single-handed and fine leadership in driving off a bandit force superior in numbers.

Eric James WADGE, D.C.M., Police Lieutenant, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

SAMAD bin Baba, Special Constable, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

A Police party consisting of a Lance-Sergeant and five Special Constables under the command of Police Lieutenant Wadge was travelling from Kr. Pulai Police Station towards Ulu Choh Brickworks when it came under heavy fire from the side of the road. Police Lieutenant Wadge gave the order to debus, take cover and engage the enemy. The whole party took cover in a ditch and encouraged by the Police Lieutenant stood fast and engaged the bandits. In full view

of the enemy the Police Lieutenant threw two hand grenades and in doing so was wounded in the arm and face. Despite these wounds he very gallantly urged his men on to continue the fight. Samad bin Baba, the Police Bren Gunner, who was behind a high bank, was unable to see the enemy. With great gallantry he climbed on top of the bank and in full view of the bandits and under heavy fire, sprayed them with his Bren gun. Eventually this small Police party forced the bandits to withdraw. The offensive spirit displayed by all ranks was undoubtedly the result of the outstanding courage and excellent leadership of Lieutenant Wadge and the conduct of Samad bin Baba was an inspiring example of bravery and devotion to duty.

WAN HASSAN bin Wan Awang, Lance-Corporal, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

Wan Hassan received information that bandits were near Kampong Reka, to the North of Lubok Bongor, and at once set out in a motor boat with a force of five Constables and three Home Guards. When the party had gone some distance upstream they came under very heavy fire from the right bank. One Constable was badly wounded and fell overboard and two others were slightly wounded. The whole party, except Wan Hassan, left their arms and ammunition, took refuge in the river and retreated downstream. The engine of the boat failed and fire from the bandits prevented Wan Hassan from starting it again. He then jumped overboard and started to tow the boat which drifted on to a sandbank. Wan Hassan waded ashore and as he did so, a bandit came from an ambush position and called on him to surrender. He replied by opening fire with his Sten gun and the bandit fell badly wounded. Wan Hassan then jumped back into the river and although under heavy fire, pushed the boat off the sandbank and managed to tow it to a small island. He eventually reached the police station where he rallied 21 Home Guards and returned to the scene, rescued a wounded Constable and recovered from the river bed a rifle, fifty rounds of ammunition and three full Sten gun magazines.

Throughout the operation Lance-Corporal Wan Hassan displayed courage of a very high order in the face of overwhelming numbers and heavy fire power.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Anthony Hart PIERCY, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary (Horncastle).

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Walter SAVAGE, Sergeant, Lincolnshire Constabulary (Horncastle).

Jack Arthur MAYES, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary (Horncastle).

A man, who had threatened to shoot his wife, took his rifle and some ammunition and as his wife ran out of the house shot at her. The shot narrowly missed her face and struck the wall ahead of her. As she took cover behind a low wall another shot passed over her head and struck a wooden

door on the opposite side of the street. She then ran into the town and took refuge in another house.

The man made his way to the house and attempted to gain entry. He fired shots at the lock of the front door but, failing to gain access, went to the back of the house where he fired further shots at the lock of the back door. Sergeant Savage then arrived on the scene and tried to reason with the man but the latter pointed his rifle at the Sergeant and ordered him to keep back. The man then ran away and fired a shot at the Sergeant which missed him and struck the wall above his head.

Constable Mayes joined the Sergeant and the two police officers moved into the confined space between the outhouses and the rear of the houses, with a view to getting near enough to the man to restrain him. He again pointed the rifle in their direction however, and fired two more shots, one of which caught the Sergeant a glancing blow on his left thigh causing a superficial wound. The other shot hit Constable Mayes in the leg. The two officers continued to move forward and the man ran through the house into the street with the officers in pursuit.

Constable Piercy entered the street and saw the man approaching with the rifle held near his hip. He walked to within a few yards of the armed man, who then pointed the rifle towards him and threatened to shoot him. The Constable ignored the threat however and took two or three more paces towards the man, who then fired and the bullet passed over the Constable's left shoulder. As the man brought the rifle to bear again Piercy jumped forward, brought him to the ground and restrained him until assistance came.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Leslie Noel JENNINGS, Works Foreman, Stoke-on-Trent.

George Henry SMITH, Quarry Foreman, Stoke-on-Trent.

At a sand and gravel quarry where a hole 25 feet in depth and 3 feet in diameter had been sunk for well-blasting, a workman descended a ladder in order to receive canisters of Ammonal Explosive as they were being lowered to him by means of a rope from the surface. As soon as he had reached the bottom, the ladder was withdrawn and his mate began to lower the canisters. On receiving the second canister he collapsed at the bottom of the hole. His mate, after obtaining assistance, lowered the ladder and descended to his aid. Shortly afterwards he called for help and collapsed on top of the first man. An excavator driver then went down but soon felt the effects of the poisonous gas which had accumulated and tried to climb out. He was unable to reach the top and Smith helped him up the ladder and out of the hole. Smith then went back down the ladder and succeeded in getting a rope around the unconscious body of one of the men and guided him up the ladder as he was being hauled up and out of the shaft. By this time Jennings had arrived and he descended

the shaft to rescue the other victim. He managed to bring him up and after artificial respiration had been applied, both men recovered.

Jennings and Smith acted promptly and with courage and saved the lives of their fellow workmen.

Colin MARSHALL, Constable, City of Bradford Police.

Office premises had been broken into and Constable Marshall saw a man climb out of a side window of the premises on to the roof of an adjoining building. The Constable climbed 40 feet up a fallpipe in an unsuccessful attempt to reach the roof of the building. The Fire Brigade was summoned and Constable Marshall ascended to the roof by means of a ladder. The office-breaker had by this time crossed the roofs of other buildings to a warehouse and was tearing slates from the roof and throwing them at Police Officers in the street below. Repeated requests were made to the man to descend but without result. Constable Marshall then climbed on to the apex of the roof. When the man saw him he threw slates at him but the Constable climbed down the roof and closed with him. The Constable was struck with a slate and a struggle ensued. The man tried to swing the Constable round to the edge of the roof but Marshall maintained his position by anchoring himself with his feet through the hole formed by the removal of the slates. The Constable then tried to pull the man back from the edge of the roof for safety but he stood up, struggled away from the Constable and fell from the roof into the street.

Constable Marshall showed a tenacity of purpose and utter disregard of his own safety in attempting to bring the criminal from the roof unharmed, when the man himself was prepared to go to extreme lengths to resist arrest.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

Edward Gray ALLISON, Licensee, Lord Raglan Inn, Horncastle.

For services when helping the Police to arrest a man armed with a rifle.

Miss Ada BLACKMORE, Sub-Postmistress, St. Philip's Marsh Town Sub-Office, Bristol.

Miss Amy Hilda BLACKMORE, Assistant to Sub-Postmistress, St. Philip's Marsh Town Sub-Office, Bristol.

For services when two men attempted to rob a Post Office.

John Edward BOWMAN, Police Constable, "Z" Division, Metropolitan Police. (Thornton Heath, Surrey.)

For saving two children from serious injury when an accident occurred at a pedestrian crossing.

Mary Patricia, Mrs. FOWLER, Industrial Nursing Sister, Hackney Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Walthamstow, E.17.)

For services when an accident occurred at the Hackney Power Station.

Harry KIRBY, Purser, Continental Shipping Line. (Hampstead, N.W.3.)

For services when assisting the Police to arrest a man.

MWAMBUNGU (deceased), Group Village Headman, Karongo, Nyasaland.

For services when a girl was seized by a crocodile.

Peter John Harold PENROSE, Police Constable, "W" Division, Metropolitan Police. (Banstead, Surrey.)

For services when stopping a runaway horse.

Velagitham RENGASAMY, Maintenance Man, Department of Telecommunications, Federation of Malaya.

For rescue services following an attack by bandits in Johore.

John ROWBOTTOM, Machine Operator, Birmingham.

For rescuing a man from a burning house.

Percival Frank WALLACE, Coastguardsman, Swanage, Dorset.

For rescuing a girl from a cliff.

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