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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
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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 Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Peter Archibald Falcon AYLETT, Superintendent, Fao Terminal, Basra Petroleum Company, Iraq.

As a result of a violent electric storm, six of the twelve storage tanks in the Basra Petroleum Company's Terminal became ignited. Each of these tanks holds 17,000 tons of highly inflammable petroleum and with six of them on fire there was every possibility of a major disaster and considerable loss of life.

Mr. Aylett was the Superintendent in charge of the Terminal at the time. He immediately took charge of the situation, organised the men who were available and issued decisive orders which went far to calm their fears. He then personally led the assault on the first tank. Mr. Aylett, by his presence of mind, leadership, splendid example and complete disregard of his personal safety averted what might well have been a tragedy.

Neville Alastair POWELL, District Officer, Kenya.

Mr. Powell and a section of the Embu Guard Combat Unit were following up a gang in the Mt. Kenya Forest and, after

discovering a hide, saw several terrorists taking cover behind a fallen tree. The gang opened fire on the patrol which was caught in a small clearing. The Guard took cover but the terrorists were armed with precision weapons and Mr. Powell realised that if the patrol was pinned down for any length of time, considerable casualties would be inflicted upon them. He therefore made his way round the fallen tree and attacked the enemy from a flank. He killed one immediately whereupon the terrorists turned their fire upon him. A second terrorist was then killed by Mr. Powell and the remainder fled. Both Mau Mau killed were in possession of 303 rifles and both were subsequently recognised as leading terrorists. By his action Mr. Powell was responsible not only for saving the patrol from further casualties but for the recovery of two precision weapons, two home made guns and a quantity of ammunition.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Allan Leslie PAMPLING, Motor Driver, R.A.F. Station, Horsham St. Faith. (Norwich.)

Pampling was working on a 2,000 gallon aircraft refueller in the garage at the R.A.F. Station, Horsham St. Faith. He was under the vehicle, which was standing over an inspection pit, when there was a violent explosion and the tanker burst into flames. He was badly burnt and his clothing caught fire. He scrambled out of the pit and attempted to extinguish his burning clothing. In the meantime the tanker wheels caught alight. In the same garage were five similar tankers filled with jet aviation fuel and Pampling knew that these might explode if the fire spread. Although his clothes were still burning and he was suffering excruciating agony from burns on his legs, Pampling jumped into the cab of the blazing vehicle and drove it out of the garage to a piece of waste ground where he unhooked the prime mover from the blazing tanker and drove