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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1. 3rd July, 1956.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned 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.

Awarded the George Medal :--

Chew Kim CHUAN, Inspector, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

Loh Kwang SEANG, Inspector, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

Tong Song LING, Constable, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

Inspectors Chew Kim Chuan and Loh Kwang Seang and Constable Tong Song Ling have displayed outstanding gallantry in action against communist terrorists and have been responsible for the capture of the leaders of many of the gangs. On one occasion they undertook, unarmed, an operation which involved facing terrorists armed with sten guns, rifles and hand grenades and after a fierce hand to hand struggle succeeded in overcoming them and bringing them to justice.

The three police officers have acted in the highest tradition of the Police Service and with complete disregard of their own personal safety.

Richard Raylton JOICEY, Ship Manager, Walker Naval Yard, Newcastle on Tyne. (Ponteland.)

Some men were engaged in fixing steel racks in the forward magazine of a ship, the only access to which was a ladder from a small hatchway opening in the mess deck. An accident occurred, and a fire broke out. The main oxygen supply from ashore to the welding equipment on board ship was turned on, the magazine became rich in oxygen and an intense conflagration developed rapidly as cables and hoses caught fire.

Joicey immediately went on board and organised rescue operations. Protected only by his wet duffle coat and scarf wrapped over his mouth, he forced his way through dense smoke and flames to the mess deck. He attempted to go down into the magazine but half-way down was forced to turn back. His calls to the men in the magazine were unanswered and later they were found to have been burned to death. Joicey then went to the forward position of No. 2 deck and found four men cut off by flames and smoke. At the second attempt he succeeded in bringing them to safety through the flames. After pouring water over his clothing he returned to the mess deck and tried again to force his way into the magazine but was once more beaten back by the flames.

Joicey's rescue work was carried out in a cool and calculated manner, without any regard for the possible consequences to himself, and resulted in the saving of four lives.

John Henry MOFFATT, Cogging Helper, Middlesbrough.

A workman was engaged in a slag pit filling pans with molten slag for removal by crane. While being lifted, one of the pans, full of molten slag, tipped over and almost half of the contents, about one ton, spilled out. The workman was unable to get clear and was splashed by the molten slag which set fire to his clothes and severely burned him.

Moffatt was working some thirty yards away when he saw the pan start to spill its contents and heard a shout that some one was in the slag pit. Without hesitating he left his job and ran to the edge of the