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

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

12th February, 1957.

The QUEEN 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 :

George Albert SCHOFIELD, Colliery Manager, Walsall Wood Colliery, Cannock Chase.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) :—

George BYWATER, Overman, Walsall Wood Colliery, Cannock Chase.

William Henry JOINER, Acting Overman, Walsall Wood Colliery, Cannock Chase.

A fall of roof occurred at the Walsall Wood Colliery, at a point where two roads in a seam cross at right angles. Four men were killed outright and a fifth was imprisoned under the stones and inside a cavity about 3 ft. square and 2 ft. 6 ins. high. Mr. Schofield immediately went to the scene of the accident and Mr. Joiner who had been in another part of the underground workings, joined him. They found that the three approaches to the fall each about 12 ft. wide and 4 ft. high, were completely blocked by fallen stone and they decided to go over the top to inspect the fourth side, which was in a fast end, a cul-de-sac. They were able to move enough stones to allow Schofield to squeeze through into a space

about 12 ft. square and 6 ft. high above the fallen stone. He sent Joiner for props to support the roof and disregarding the possibility of further falls, started to make a way into the fast end. He was by this time able to talk to the man trapped under the fall. About ten minutes later Joiner got to the top of the fall and set props to the roof and sides. He noticed that a triangular stone, 8 ft. wide, 12 ft. long and 2½ ft. high was gradually lowering and, in an attempt to prevent it falling, he built a pack under it with the stones that Schofield was removing to make a hole into the fast end. At about this time, Bywater arrived. He took charge in the approach road to the fall. Schofield and Joiner, located the imprisoned man, made a passage towards him through the stones and eventually were able to release him.

Awarded the George Medal :—

Augustus James Voisey FLETCHER, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Area Special Branch Officer, Kuala Pilah and Bahau Districts, Negri Sembilan, Federation of Malaya.

Goh Chin Hee, Inspector of Police, District Special Branch Officer, Kuala Pilah, Negri Sembilan, Federation of Malaya.

A series of highly successful and interconnected operations were carried out by a combined Police and Military Unit against Communist Terrorists in the Kuala Pilah and Bahau Police Districts of Negri Sembilan. These operations, which included assaults on two occupied Terrorist camps, were carried out by night with great daring and determination under hazardous conditions and in extremely difficult terrain. They culminated in the surrender of three, the capture of four, and the killing of three Communist Terrorists. A quantity of arms,