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STATE INTELLIGENCE

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
1st August, 1961.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and for the undermentioned award of the George Medal.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry:

Barrie Clanke FLATHER, M.D., Newton, British Columbia.

Awarded the George Medal:

George Juergen PRIESSLER, Miner, Newton, British Columbia.

A rock blast at the Howe Sound Company mine caused a rock fall of 6,000 tons to cave in the mining floor and the mucking floor of the 49018 foot stope. A man was trapped in a small pocket of rock and broken timber below the caved-in mining floor. Rescue operations were commenced immediately. Two hours later, George Priessler found an aperture approximately 16 inches square leading underneath the caved stope, and managed to crawl through the hole a distance of 42 feet and establish contact at a point 12 feet below the trapped man who told Priessler that his arm was almost completely shattered at the elbow, and that it was bleeding profusely. Priessler crawled back to the east manway safely and reported his findings. After consultation among the miners, it was decided to widen the tunnel Priessler had found and brace it with timber. A natural hole was located leading up through the fallen rock, and it was believed that the man was at the far end of this hole. Priessler entered the hole and found him. Dr. Barrie Flather was brought into the rescue tunnel. After having been warned of the danger of a second rock fall, particularly in the area where the man was trapped, the doctor gave Priessler morphine tablets to take to the casualty. Priessler returned to the tunnel, obtained a lamp and climbed back into the hole for the third time. Dr. Flather then entered the hole. Using a pair of surgical scissors passed up to him, he cut off the injured arm. The operation was performed under very trying conditions. The doctor could not get in beside the trapped man, and was therefore forced to reach in to him. Despite the foul air and the danger of a second rock fall, Dr. Flather entered the tunnel unhesitatingly. He performed an operation under trying and hazardous conditions. Priessler risked his life several times during rescue operations, and displayed outstanding courage and endurance.

COLONIAL OFFICE

The Church House,
Great Smith Street, London S.W.1.
25th July 1961.

The QUEEN has been pleased to give directions for the re-appointment of D. A. Lucie-Smith, Esq., as a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Barbados.

SCOTTISH HOME DEPARTMENT

St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1.
31st July 1961.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrants under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 27th July 1961. to make the following appointments:

Mr. Stewart Edward Bell, Advocate, to be Sheriff Substitute of Lanark at Glasgow as from the 14th August 1961, in the room of Mr. Edwyn Oswald Inglis, Advocate, who is to retire on 12th August 1961;

Mr. Alistair Archibald Macdonald, Advocate, to be Sheriff Substitute of Caithness, Sutherland, Orkney and Zetland at Lerwick as from the 1st August 1961, in the room of Mr. Robert Johnston Wallace, Advocate, who is to retire on 31st July 1961;

Charles Campbell Ross of that ilk, Younger, Advocate, presently Sheriff Substitute of Inverness, Moray, Nairn and Ross and Cromarty at Stornoway and Lochmaddy, to be Sheriff Substitute of the said Sheriffdom at Elgin and Nairn as from the 1st October 1961, in the room of the late Mr. David Alexander Guild, Advocate;

Mr. John Allan, Advocate, to be Sheriff Substitute of Inverness, Moray, Nairn and Ross and Cromarty at Stornoway and Lochmaddy as from the 1st October 1961, in the room of Charles Campbell Ross of that ilk, Younger, Advocate;

Mr. Robert Reid Kerr, Advocate, present Sheriff Substitute of Inverness, Moray, Nairn and Ross and Cromarty at Fort William and Portree, to be Sheriff Substitute of Aberdeen, Kincardine and Banff at Banff as from the 1st October 1961, in the room of Mr. William Robert Walker, Advocate, who is to retire on 30th September 1961; and

Mr. John Bowman Patrick, Advocate, to be Sheriff Substitute of Inverness, Moray, Nairn and Ross and Cromarty at Fort William and Portree as from the 1st October 1961, in the room of Mr. Robert Reid Kerr.