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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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20th December 1963.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

23474643 Guardsman David Samuel BARKER, 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

For his courage and determination as a member of a patrol called to a disturbance in British Guiana on the 6th July 1963. The brave conduct of this young soldier contributed to the restoration of order and the prevention of further violence.

WAR OFFICE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Borneo Territories.

Military Cross

Major David John CUTFIELD (378705), 2nd Battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Major Cutfield, commanding B Company, conducted a highly successful operation near Serdang on the north bank of the Brunei River. It was the culmination of seven weeks of skilful operations under unusual and often hazardous circumstances, involving the use of small boats in the rivers, swamps, and coastal waters around Brunei Bay.

At dawn on the 18th May 1963, he deployed his company around a deep swamp. He placed an assault party of ten men in canoes with himself in the leading one. After a gruelling four hours of casting and searching, partly in canoes and partly by wading through streams, mud and mangrove, a guide at last indicated that they were only a few minutes from the rebel camp. The canoes were abandoned and the assault party led by Major Cutfield waded very carefully through the swamp, which was chest deep, in the direction indicated by the guide. After a short time a towel hanging on a tree and the outline of shelters could be seen. Major Cutfield led the assault on the camp, firing as he went forward. Ten rebels, all armed, fled but Major Cutfield was able to overtake one and force his surrender.

In a short space of time another eight rebels had been accounted for, four being captured by the follow up party, two killed and two wounded and then captured by riflemen in ambush on the landward side. Only one rebel escaped, and he surrendered on the following day. Our troops suffered no casualties.

Major Cutfield's fearless leadership, tenacity and skill resulted in the removal of a dangerous threat to the security of the adjacent territories.

Military Cross

Captain John Frederick Hayden GREGORY (411955), The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's).

Captain Gregory took part in the fighting in Brunei in December 1962. Thereafter he personally led Police Teams in house searches and was responsible for the arrest of nearly seventy members of the rebel military organisation. This was a hazardous task at times made difficult by severe floods.

He missed no opportunity of accompanying patrols seeking terrorists hiding in the jungle. Regardless of discomfort and danger he spent night after night searching and patrolling. The team of Brunei Malays which he led have, many times, testified to his bravery and leadership. On one occasion Captain Gregory enabled them to cross a river at night by standing up to his shoulders in flood water and assisting each man. On the 18th May 1963, he led a patrol which eliminated a party of ten rebels including their military leader.

Captain Gregory has demonstrated his courage, initiative and skill on numerous occasions thereby winning the warm regard of both soldiers and policemen with whom he has served.

Mentioned in Despatches

Lieutenant-Colonel John Eric HEELIS, M.B.E. (112981), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Nott SEAGRIM, M.B.E. (380824), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Major Michael John TOMLINSON (403706), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major Thomas LEASK (397422), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major Patrick Henry Fane WEBB, M.B.E. (373207), Royal Corps of Signals.

Major James Malcolm Stuart THAIN (368882), The Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry.

Captain Stephen Thomas George MORGAN (443513), Royal Regiment of Artillery.