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State Intelligence

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
6th June 1969.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Paul Henry GORE-BOOTH, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., to be Registrar of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. (To be dated 15th May 1969.)

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
6th June 1969.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:

To be a Knight Commander :
(To be dated 10th May 1969)

Sir Horace Anthony Claude RUMBOLD, Bt.,
K.C.M.G., C.B.

To be a Commander :
(To be dated 10th May 1969)

Colonel William Douglas Mackenzie WEBB,
O.B.E.

To be Members of the Fourth Class :
(To be dated 10th May 1969)

Derek James COUVELL, Esq.
John Adrian GRANT, Esq.
Edward Emmerson KEY, Esq.
Alan Henry Spencer LINTON, Esq.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

6th June 1969.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 29th May 1969)

Sergeant (Temporary) Raymond Thomas McGRATH,
5411331, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

On the 25th January 1969, Sergeant R. T. McGrath was acting as an assistant instructor whilst students of 113/69 Battle Efficiency Course were undergoing live grenade-throwing practice on the grenade assault range at the Jungle Training Centre, Canungra.

Sergeant McGrath was required to supervise students whilst they moved to, and threw grenades from, operational-type throwing pits.

At one of these throwing points, Sergeant McGrath was in a revetted slit trench with Private G. L. Moss. Private Moss, after pulling the pin from a grenade, accidentally dropped the grenade into the trench and was momentarily shocked into immobility.

In the ensuing seconds before the grenade exploded, Sergeant McGrath, without hesitation or thought for his own safety, threw Private Moss from the trench and then attempted to get clear himself. Unfortunately he did not have time to leave the pit completely, and when the grenade exploded, he sustained multiple light shrapnel wounds to the left leg.

Sergeant McGrath, by his bravery, undoubtedly saved Private Moss from serious injury and probable death. In so doing, he placed his own life in jeopardy.

This unselfish act of courage, together with his stoical indifference to pain during his subsequent evacuation, reflects great credit on Sergeant McGrath. His actions and conduct were in keeping with the highest ideals of service life.