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FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST 1970

State Intelligence

Buckingham Palace,
London, S.W.1.

The DUKE OF EDINBURGH has been pleased to make the following appointment to His Royal Highness's Household:

To be an Extra Equerry

Captain Michael Paul Reveley Barnes, Welsh Guards, in the room of Captain William John Hodsoll Moss, Welsh Guards, who relinquishes the appointment on completion of his tour of duty.

The appointment to date from 10th August 1970.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
14th August 1970.

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

(To be dated 6th August 1970)

*Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry
(Civil Division)*

Mr. Arthur Joseph PARR, of Narrabundah, Australian Capital Territory.

At about 1 a.m. on Friday, 13th February 1970, Mr. Parr was awakened by the sound of shattering glass. He walked to the front door of his home and noticed that the house opposite was on fire. He then woke the other occupants of his home and asked his wife to go to a neighbour's home to ring the fire brigade and the police.

Mr. Parr, together with a boarder, Mr. P. N. McIlhaton, ran across to the burning house but was unable to open the front door. He then went round to the back door and found it open, entered, and heard the weak voice of the elderly woman occupant calling out to him. He was forced back after a brief period by the smoke and heat. He then returned with a garden hose and re-entered the house playing water on the seat of the fire in the lounge room.

On again being forced to leave the house by the denseness of the smoke and heat Mr. Parr was relieved

briefly by his boarder. On returning to the house with a torch Mr. Parr entered the burning lounge room of the house and with the aid of his boarder moved the elderly woman from the house across the road to his own home before the fire brigade, ambulance and police arrived.

The fire was finally extinguished by the fire brigade. The elderly woman died fifteen days later in hospital as the result of burns which covered about seventy-five per cent. of the surface of her body.

Mr. Parr, an untrained fire fighter, displayed considerable courage, alertness of mind and disregard for his own safety in rescuing the elderly woman from her burning home.

*Awarded The Queen's Commendation for
Brave Conduct*

Mr. Patrick Neil McILLHATON, of Narrabundah, Australian Capital Territory.

At about 1 a.m. on Friday, 13th February 1970, Mr. McIlhaton was awakened by Mr. Parr, his landlord, who informed him that the house opposite was on fire.

He accompanied Mr. Parr to the scene of the fire and when his landlord was forced temporarily to leave the burning house because of the smoke and heat Mr. McIlhaton took over a garden hose and continued to play water on the seat of the fire. When Mr. Parr re-entered the house with a torch Mr. McIlhaton assisted him and carried an elderly woman occupant from the burning bedroom of the house across to his landlord's home.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under section 1 (11) of the Customs (Import Deposits) Act 1968, viz.:

The Customs (Import Deposits) (No. 2) Order 1970.

This Order reduces to 20 per cent. the amount of import deposit payable on imported goods entered with the Customs on or after 1st September 1970.