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FRIDAY, 14TH JULY 1972

State Intelligence

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

14th July 1972.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 13th July 1972)

4410899 Staff Sergeant Bryan Thomas MATTHEWS,
Royal Australian Army Service Corps.

On the afternoon of 24th December 1971, following cyclone "Althea", a vehicle convoy was ordered to proceed from Townsville to Macrossan to collect urgently needed civil aid stores. Staff Sergeant Matthews was second in command of the convoy.

At 1600 hours the convoy reached Reid River, some 35 miles from Townsville, which was in high flood with water flowing over the bridge at an estimated eight knots. However, after making a reconnaissance and instituting safety precautions, the convoy commander decided to attempt a crossing.

A vehicle driven by Private M. J. Duggan began to cross but was washed off the bridge. Private Duggan abandoned the vehicle and was swept downstream to a tree some 40 yards from the bank.

After attempts to throw a rope to Private Duggan were unsuccessful, Staff Sergeant Matthews swam out into the river, which was fouled by fast moving debris, and tied a rope to Private Duggan, who was then pulled to the river bank.

Private Duggan's rescue from the flooded river called for strength, great determination, courage and resourcefulness on the part of Staff Sergeant Matthews, who acted promptly and without regard for his own safety, setting a fine example to all members of his unit.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers,
London, SW1P 3AG.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under sections 1, 2 and 13 of the Import Duties Act 1958. Viz.

The Import Duties (General) (No. 2) Order 1972.

This Order removes the import duty on essential oil, not terpenaceous, of citronella. The Order comes into operation on 3rd August 1972 and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1972 No. 1021.

Copies of the Order may be purchased (price 2p net) direct from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the addresses shown on the last page of this Gazette or from any bookseller.

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street,
London, SW1P 3AG.

NORTHERN IRELAND LAND ACT 1925

Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Northern Ireland Land (Finance) Rules 1926 relating to the drawing of Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds issued under the Northern Ireland Land Act 1925, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that the sum of £113,595 has been certified by the National Debt Commissioners for the next drawing of these Bonds, in accordance with the certificates contained in the Schedule hereto, and that the next drawing of these Bonds will take place on 15th August 1972.

A list of the Bonds drawn will be published in the *London Gazette* as soon afterwards as possible and in any case not later than 1st September 1972.

NORTHERN IRELAND LAND ACT 1925 (15 and 16 Geo. V. Cap. 34)

Certificate of the amount available for the drawing of Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds for repayment on