

- 21139222 Sergeant BHIMBAHADUR RAI, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 21147235 Corporal DHANE GHALE, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).
 21139437 Corporal PARTABAHADUR THAPA, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).
 21138450 Corporal DALBAHADUR GURUNG, 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 21139210 Corporal GANESHBHADUR LIMBU, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 21138997 Corporal BIRBAHADUR RAI, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 21150401 Rifleman NARBAHADUR GURUNG, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).
 21155706 Rifleman GANGABHADUR LIMBU, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 21155173 Rifleman AMRITBAHADUR LIMBU, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.
 Captain (Q.G.O.) HARKABHADUR GURUNG (457901), Gurkha Engineers.
 21147877 Signalman HIRASING RANA, Gurkha Signals.
 Major James Langdon DAWSON (390457), Army Air Corps.
 Major Richard Oswald Ivor WOODBRIDGE, D.F.C. (393330), Army Air Corps.
 Major Allan Wilson BLACKMORE (379280), Royal Corps of Transport.
 T/23897245 Driver Michael Anthony WALTON, Royal Corps of Transport.
 Captain Bernard Barry TRINKWON (457294) Royal Corps of Transport.
 22343177 Private James Thomas LEEMING, Royal Army Medical Corps.
 Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Michael Drummond HALL (458126), Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1964 to 23rd June 1965.

Military Cross

Lieutenant Patrick Wald BEALE (42042), Australian Staff Corps, Royal Australian Infantry.

Acting upon unconfirmed intelligence, Lieutenant Beale led his platoon through difficult and poorly mapped country to ambush a likely enemy supply route in the Bau District, Sarawak.

On 26th May 1965, leaving the remainder of his patrol in a defensive area, he led a small reconnaissance party of three men to establish the location of the ambush. During this reconnaissance, which lasted for six hours, he had to avoid enemy parties heard in the area and thereby was prevented from setting the ambush that day.

Together with twelve members of his platoon, Lieutenant Beale entered the same area on the 27th May and successfully laid out the ambush, undaunted by the presence of the enemy in the area.

Shortly afterwards, he ordered the ambush to open fire on a large enemy party approaching the area, killing at least fifteen of the party. Having achieved his mission, Lieutenant Beale coolly ordered the withdrawal of the ambush party, notwithstanding the heavy volume of enemy small arms fire which was being directed at it, without loss.

By his personal bravery, inspiring leadership, judgment and skill, Lieutenant Beale caused the enemy to be dealt a severe reverse and earned for him the highest respect of his platoon.

Military Cross

2nd Lieutenant Douglas Roy BYERS (43248), Australian Staff Corps, Royal Australian Infantry.

On 12th June 1965, Second Lieutenant D. R. Byers positioned his platoon in an ambush on a track that had recently been used by an enemy force in the Bau District of Sarawak. The ambush was to remain in position for at least four days.

At 1320 hours on 15th June 1965, a large party of Indonesians was heard by the ambush to be approaching their position. When approximately 25 members of the enemy were within the ambush zone, Second Lieutenant Byers triggered the ambush.

In the initial fusillade of fire, at least 17 of the enemy were killed and the remainder wounded. Enemy elements who were following behind deployed and retaliated at the ambush with machine

gun and rifle fire. During the ensuing battle, which lasted for ten minutes, many more of the enemy were engaged by the ambush and by artillery fire which was promptly and accurately brought down on the confused enemy. Two members of the ambush were wounded at this time.

Although heavily outnumbered, Second Lieutenant Byers coolly and in complete control of the situation planned the evacuation of the wounded and the withdrawal of the ambush force to the patrol base. Finally, he moved his force to a landing pad from which the wounded were evacuated by helicopter.

The manner in which the ambush was laid, the patient control exercised during the waiting period and the final successful contact with the enemy was due to the outstanding ability, resourcefulness, leadership, control and initiative shown by Second Lieutenant Byers.

Military Medal

5411139 Private Lawrence JACKSON, Royal Australian Infantry.

On 27th May 1965, Private L. Jackson displayed exceptional courage and initiative while a member of an ambush established by Third Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, along a river line in the Bau District of Sarawak.

Private Jackson, who was the right flank member of the ambush party, observed a large party of Indonesian infiltrators approaching the ambush site in two boats. He carefully alerted the ambush.

Just prior to the ambush being triggered, Private Jackson saw a further two boats approaching, but could not attract the attention of the ambush commander. Finding that he was the only man who could observe these latter two craft, he killed all persons, numbering five, in the third boat. Meanwhile the fourth craft had pulled to the near bank out of view of both Private Jackson and the remainder of the ambush. He threw grenades in the direction of this boat and then, ignoring Indonesian small arms fire from near and far sides of the river, he proceeded to climb to a higher position from which he could effectively engage the occupants of the last boat with rifle fire.

Private Jackson's actions, and complete disregard for his own safety, prevented the Indonesians from landing on the near bank and attacking the other members of the ambush. He contributed much to the overwhelming success of the engagement.

Mention in Despatches

15636 Lance Corporal Trevor William BYNG, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of Her Majesty's New Zealand Ministers to approve the following award in recognition of gallant conduct in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1964-23rd June 1965.

Military Cross

Lieutenant Eru Ihaka MANUERA (304479) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

On 19th April 1965, Lieutenant Manuera's four man Special Air Service patrol was sent to locate an enemy camp in Sarawak. They located the camp and by careful movement were able to approach to within 50 yards of the camp and observe it for six hours. The patrol returned to base with valuable information about the location and layout of the camp, enemy strength and equipment.

On 16th May 1965, he returned with his patrol to ambush this enemy camp. Before first light on the 20th May, Lieutenant Manuera moved his patrol to within 50 yards of the camp and set up his ambush position on a river which ran alongside the camp. Shortly after first light the patrol saw four enemy soldiers enter a longboat and move upstream toward the ambush position. When the boat was opposite the ambush position Lieutenant Manuera sprang the ambush. He killed one enemy soldier himself and two others were killed and one wounded by the remainder of the patrol. Another enemy soldier, who was bathing near the far bank, was also killed.

When the patrol came under fire from enemy in the camp it withdrew from the ambush position. On the way out it ran into an enemy force, about section strength, which had set up a quick ambush on the patrol's escape route. The patrol was fired