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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

8th May, 1934.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Medal of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to the under-mentioned:—

For Gallantry.

Major Douglas Alexander Brett, M.C., 1st Royal Battalion (Light Infantry), 9th Jat Regiment, Indian Army.

At Chittagong, Bengal, at about 5.30 p.m. on the 7th January, 1934, an attack was made by four Hindu youths (terrorists), on a group of 40 to 50 Europeans, including women and children, at the conclusion of a cricket match. The terrorists were armed between them, with one revolver and 7 bombs. The group of Europeans was collected under a shamiana on a hillock. Two of the assailants came out from behind a small bungalow and, running towards the Europeans, threw one bomb each. Both the bombs, fortunately, failed to explode. One of these assailants, who was armed with a revolver, ran on fast towards the Europeans, firing his revolver rapidly as he went. Major Brett, who at the time was unarmed, rushed at this man, grappled with him, and brought him to the ground, holding the man's right arm with the revolver firmly against the ground. Other Europeans came to his assistance, and the assailant was secured.

Major Brett displayed great gallantry and quickness in thus grappling, unarmed, with the terrorist.

Captain Richard Deedes, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry, Adjutant, The Assam-Bengal Railway Battalion, Auxiliary Force, India.

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Captain Deedes acted in a gallant manner in pursuing and tackling the terrorist, who still had a bomb on his person when captured.

Crown Office,

House of Lords, S.W.1.

5th May, 1934.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the 5th day of May, 1934, to appoint:—

Honorary Colonel the Right Honourable Douglas McGarel Viscount Hailsham, D.C.L., LL.D., President;