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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

16th March, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal, for brave conduct.

Captain Francis George Leopold Holland, O.B.E. (award dated 15th May, 1942), Director of Education, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

Reginald George Morgan (award dated 15th May, 1942) (since deceased), Wireless Operator, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

On the outbreak of war with Japan, Captain Holland and Mr. Morgan organised a system for maintaining wireless communication with the outside world in the event of a Japanese invasion of the Islands. On 10th December, 1941, the Japanese attacked Tarawa, putting the main transmitting station out of commission. From this time onward continuous communication was maintained by means of a portable transmitter concealed in a remote village. In spite of repeated Japanese landings on Tarawa and direct threats on his life, should he continue to transmit messages, Captain Holland remained in the danger zone, collecting information regarding the enemy movements which he relayed to Morgan by a system of runners established by himself. Although in imminent danger and despite numerous Japanese threats and warnings, Mr. Morgan, in his turn, transmitted the information to Allied authorities outside the zone of occupation.

When it was finally decided to evacuate the civil population of Tarawa, it was again due to the leadership assumed at a critical moment by Captain Holland that the party succeeded in leaving the Island in time to connect with the rescuing vessel at Nonouti.

But for Captain Holland's work in maintaining communication, for which he would almost certainly have been put to death had he been detected, the rescue of Tarawa residents could not have been achieved and

much important information concerning enemy movements would have been missed.

Morgan volunteered to remain in order to report Japanese movements by means of his secret transmitter, and for many months sent information of the greatest value to the Allied naval authorities.

When the Japanese re-occupied Tarawa in October, 1942, Mr. Morgan and 21 others who were held prisoner were shot.

Both men showed great gallantry and fortitude in maintaining communication in the face of the utmost danger.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 23rd March, 1945, at 1 p.m., for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Acts, 1939 to 1944, to the amount of £110,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 26th March, 1945, to Saturday, the 31st March, 1945, inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of Cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday 12 noon) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.
Treasury Chambers,
16th March, 1945.