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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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

29th July, 1952.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division), in recognition of gallant and distinguished conduct during the disturbances which took place in the Bechuanaland Protectorate on 1st June, 1952, to the undermentioned:—

- No. 710 Constable Osemile RESHENG, Bechuanaland Protectorate Police.
- No. 696 Constable Radio OABILE, Bechuanaland Protectorate Police.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Philip Gordon BATHO, District Officer, Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Dennis Arthur Treves ATKINS, Assistant District Officer, Bechuanaland Protectorate.

For courage and devotion to duty during the disturbances in Serowe on 1st June, 1952.

To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Henry Gwynn WATKINS, Master, m.s. "Dromus", Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company. (Lampeter, Cardiganshire.)

Kenneth ARMSTRONG, Chief Engineer Officer, m.s. "Dromus", Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company. (Consett, Co. Durham.)

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Baharun bin Mat, Sergeant, Pulau Bukom Security and Fire Squad, Singapore.

Abdul Rahman bin Mohamed, Corporal, Pulau Bukom Fire Squad.

Mohamed Din bin Abdullah, Corporal, Pulau Bukom Fire Squad.

While the motor oil-tanker "Dromus" was loading oil at Pulau Bukom a violent explosion occurred on board which caused the forepart of the vessel and the wharf to be immediately enveloped in flames. Captain Watkins and Chief Engineer Officer Armstrong ran to the scene and boarded the vessel in an attempt to bring the fire under control and move the ship to a safe distance from the oil installation.

Corporal Abdul Rahman and Corporal Mohamed Din also helped to extinguish the flames and when the men at the wharf had succeeded in gaining some control of the fire, the two Corporals boarded the "Dromus". They joined the Captain and Chief Engineer in trying to put out the fire which had spread to the forepart of the ship.

The Captain and Corporal Abdul Rahman closed the valves which controlled the flow of oil into the vessel. They then tried in vain to put out the fire by means of extinguishers available on the "Dromus". In this task they were helped by the Chief Engineer and Corporal Din. A second explosion occurred which caused the superstructure amidships to

burst into flames. The wharf and the sea around also became engulfed in flames and it soon became apparent that very little more could be done. The Captain ordered the others to the stern of the vessel where they cut the after mooring ropes. The "Dromus" and the surrounding sea were a mass of flames but the four men remained on board doing all they could to check the fire.

It was after the second explosion that Sergeant Baharun, on board the fire-fighter "Naga" reached the scene of the fire. It seemed that nothing could save the "Dromus", but Sergeant Baharun, regardless of his own safety, boarded the vessel with a party of his men and directed the hazardous operation of getting the fire under control. Largely owing to his high qualities of leadership, outstanding courage and devotion to duty, the work of Sergeant Baharun's party saved the ship from total loss.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Lister ADDY, Deputy, Fryston Colliery, National Coal Board. (Townville, Yorkshire.)

A cage was raised unexpectedly from the bottom of a Colliery shaft, 555 yards in depth, and a man was trapped under a tub which was fast halfway inside the cage. As the cage went up the protruding tub fouled and damaged a shaft cable, causing all lights to be extinguished. The cage was stopped by signal after travelling about 75 yards. It was established by shouting that the man was pinned beneath the tub on the cage floor and unable to move and the tub was wedged inside the cage and against the shaft side. An attempt was made to climb up to him but this had to be abandoned as impossible and it was decided to attempt a rescue by lowering somebody into the shaft from an inset, 255 yards from the shaft bottom. Addy volunteered immediately. In complete darkness he was slowly lowered on the end of a rope to the top of the cage. He took off the rope, climbed down from the top deck into the third deck between the side of the shaft and the cage and, by a very great effort, lifted the tub off the injured man and pulled him out. He then wedged himself on the shaft side and helped the man to drop to the lower deck. Addy then crawled back on to the third deck and liberated the tub from the shaft side to enable the cage to be lowered. The cage jammed 15 feet from the bottom and Addy lowered the man with a rope to the pit bottom and slid down the cage guide rope himself.

Addy showed great courage and determination in effecting the rescue.

Oliver George COOPER, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Constable Cooper went to a block of flats to investigate a reported disturbance. He heard two shots inside the building and on reaching the top of the stairs saw a woman outside one of the flats. She was armed with a pistol and, after calling in a threatening manner to an occupant of the flat, fired two shots in the direction of the door.

Constable Cooper endeavoured to reach the woman unheard but she turned as he approached. He immediately rushed her and took possession of the pistol. At that moment

a shot was fired inside the flat, the bullet striking the wall near where the Constable and woman were standing. After moving the woman out of the line of fire Constable Cooper drew his pistol, knocked on the door and, announcing his identity, called upon the occupants of the flat to come out. The door was opened by a man and the Constable also saw a woman in the room. The man admitted firing the shot.

The three persons were arrested by the Constable and detained until the arrival of other Police.

Constable Cooper acted without thought of the danger to himself and there is little doubt that one or more of the arrested persons or some other person in the locality would have been killed or seriously wounded by the indiscriminate shooting had it not been for his intervention.

John Bryan GILES, Detective, Criminal Investigation Bureau, South Australia.

During a cricket match on the Railway Oval Cricket Ground, Adelaide, a man, who was evidently mentally defective, suddenly produced a rifle and fired several shots amongst the spectators and cricketers, killing one of the players outright and wounding another severely in the right arm. He also fired a number of other shots, one of which narrowly missed a passer-by.

Detective Giles, although unarmed, walked on to the Oval alone. He approached to within a short distance of the man, who pointed his rifle at Giles and threatened to shoot him. The Detective, however, held him in conversation for ten minutes until reinforcements arrived from the Police Barracks.

Detective Giles showed a very high standard of personal courage and by his total disregard of the consequences to himself prevented further loss of life.

Frederick Cecil Valentine HARRADINE, Assistant Rubber Estate Manager, Johore, Federation of Malaya.

A military armoured scout car was ambushed by bandits in the Tangkak area of Johore. Heavy fire was opened from the front and flank and the car was ditched. Harradine, who was seated next to the driver, helped him to close the front flaps and then crawled to the back of the car. The gunner had been killed and Harradine pulled him out of the seat and attempted to get the Bren gun into action but it would not fire. Heavy close-range rifle and automatic fire was directed at the car and the driver was wounded in the head. Hand grenades were also thrown and in the intervals of the firing the bandits were heard to be shouting close by. Two bandits then emerged on to the road to the rear and Harradine engaged them with his pistol.

After a struggle the driver managed to drive the car out of the ditch and Harradine again got to work on the Bren, this time with success, and covered their withdrawal by fire. He was hampered throughout by the fearful conditions both outside the scout car and inside, with the gunner killed and the driver and passenger wounded.

Harradine's coolness and presence of mind and his brave and vigorous action were major factors in saving the lives of the three survivors.

Ian Peter HYDE, Police Lieutenant, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

Police Lieutenant Hyde was leading a jungle squad patrol on the Badak Mati Hills in Province Wellesley when he encountered three armed bandits in a jungle clearing. The Lieutenant immediately opened fire with his carbine, killing one bandit outright and wounding the other two while they were running away.

The patrol went in pursuit of the two bandits and the Lieutenant, who was in the lead, saw one of the wounded bandits lying on the ground with a grenade in his hand, which he was about to throw at the patrol after having withdrawn the pin. With great presence of mind and complete disregard of his personal safety, Hyde threw himself on the man, closing his hand over that of the bandit, thus preventing the lever of the grenade from flying off. With his free hand he then unscrewed the base plug and removed the detonator and rendered the grenade harmless.

By his actions throughout the short engagement, Police Lieutenant Hyde set an outstanding example to his men and displayed cool, calculated courage.

Samion bin Abdullah, 2nd Class Police Constable, Federation of Malaya Police Force.

A Police Escort Section, consisting of ten men under the command of a Police Lieutenant, in two armoured police vehicles, was ambushed by a greatly superior number of bandits from prepared positions on the hillside overlooking the road near the village of Raub in the State of Pahang.

Constable Samion bin Abdullah was the Bren Gunner in the second vehicle which came to a standstill in the centre of the ambush positions, the driver having been wounded in the first outburst of fire. The stationary vehicle was subjected to concentrated fire and all the occupants, including Samion bin Abdullah, were wounded.

Constable Samion engaged the enemy with his Bren gun while the wounded left the vehicle and took shelter in the ditch by the roadside. He continued to fire his gun, even after his commanding officer had been killed by his side, until he had expended all his ammunition.

The Constable then took shelter in the ditch, armed with the pistol of the wounded driver. Together with his three wounded comrades, Samion resisted all demands by the bandits to surrender and kept up such a stubborn resistance until relief arrived that the bandits did not press home their attack.

By his courage and determination Constable Samion undoubtedly prevented further casualties and losses of arms.

Edward George WALTERS, Fuel Technician, Margam Works, Steel Company of Wales, Ltd. (Aberavon, Glamorganshire).

A fitter was working on a gas main four foot in diameter carried on steel structures thirty-five feet above ground level. His neck came in contact with a bare live electric wire from which he received a shock which so locked his muscles that he was unable to release himself.

Walters, climbing after him, saw the wires, realised what had happened and without a thought for his own safety immediately went to the man's aid and put his arms around him, claspng him firmly to the structure to prevent him falling to the road below. Walters received severe shocks while holding the weight of the man's body and was in continual danger of being thrown off the structure, but he retained his hold.

Two other men climbed up the structure and one succeeded in short circuiting the wires so that the circuit fuse was blown. The other helped Walters to hold the fitter who, released from the effects of the electric current, fought furiously in a semi-conscious condition and gave his helpers a dangerous task in keeping him from falling. Eventually he was lowered to the ground with ropes.

Walters acted with promptness and courage, risking electrocution and serious injury in his efforts to save his workmate.

William Arthur WATERTON, A.F.C., Chief Test Pilot, Gloster Aircraft Company, Ltd. (Gloucester).

Chief Test Pilot Waterton was making a test flight in a prototype jet all-purpose fighter and, whilst travelling at high speed at the height of about 3,000 feet, elevator flutter developed and both elevators became detached from the aircraft. This left the pilot with practically no control of his aircraft in pitch. Waterton climbed the aircraft to 10,000 feet and experimented with what was left of the control, the paramount factor in effecting a safe landing. He found that it was possible to retain some control down to a speed roughly half as fast again as the normal landing speed. Knowing that a crash would put back seriously the development and production he decided to land the aircraft despite having at his command an ejector seat and parachute. He landed the machine heavily owing to the lack of control and the undercarriage gave way.

After the crashed aircraft came to rest, fire broke out and Waterton found great difficulty in freeing himself owing to a jammed hood. Eventually he did get out of the wreck. By then the flames had reached the area of the cockpit but despite this he climbed back into the fuselage and salvaged the automatic records relating to the original aerodynamic and structural failures.

The behaviour of Chief Test Pilot Waterton was exemplary and beyond the call of duty and his courage was outstanding.

Ernest George WRIGHT, Assistant Superintendent, Kenya Police Force.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Wright, with 40 men was about to enter a tribal village in the Marsabit District to search for illegal firearms. His entry was repulsed with heavy rifle fire from the shelter of the village and an engagement was entered into with between 250 and 300 armed tribesmen. The engagement continued for seven hours and during this time Wright commanded his men with gallantry of the highest order. Although his Force was heavily outnumbered and its position had become most dangerous he continued the attack and courted extreme danger in order to rescue

a Section which had been cut off and surrounded. He skilfully withdrew this Section in the face of effective fire from numerically superior forces.

His leadership of his men throughout was exceptionally fine. He personally rendered first-aid to the wounded under heavy fire showing complete indifference to his own danger. His cool and excellent judgment and example of steadiness and courage undoubtedly enabled his Force to extricate itself from a position of extreme danger.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal
(Civil Division):—*

Frederick George Harold HAWKINS, Salesman, Woking.

Two men were on an enclosed mortar range at Chobham, gathering metal from exploded mortar bombs. There was an explosion and one of the men received serious injuries. His companion made his way out of the range to the road where he stopped a car driven by Hawkins and told him what had happened. Without hesitation Hawkins left his car, made his way through the barbed wire entanglement and went to the aid of the injured man across a dangerous piece of ground which is known to be littered with unexploded mortar bombs. He had to travel some three to four hundred yards before he reached the man. Hawkins at once rendered first-aid and then carried the casualty out of the range.

Hawkins acted courageously and promptly and took no account of the risk to himself.

Frederick William HIBBERT, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Constable Hibbert and another Police Officer were taking a criminal to the Police Station when the man suddenly produced an automatic pistol from his clothing and pointing it at the two Constables threatened to shoot them. He then backed away along a footpath and ran into the yard of some nearby premises. Constable Hibbert pursued him into the grounds of a house where the criminal stopped, faced Hibbert and again threatened to shoot him. He then ran to the rear of the grounds, turned and fired a shot at the Constable, climbed on to a wall and reached the street below. As the Policemen looked over the wall the criminal raised his pistol and pointed it at them but Hibbert fired at him and he fell to the footpath fatally wounded.

Constable Hibbert displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty by his actions when threatened and under fire, and there is little doubt members of the public would have been killed or injured during the desperate efforts of the criminal to escape had he not been shot by Constable Hibbert.

Robert George LEE, Manager, Western Fyne Cleaners, Ltd., Exeter.

A dry cleaning plant, containing 400 gallons of trichlorethylene, was working normally when a violent explosion suddenly occurred. The steam inlet to the plant was fractured and steam and trichlorethylene vapour filled the works. The blast blew out the outside galvanised sheeting walls of the building into a passage adjoining the works and two women who

were working on steam presses ten feet away were thrown to the ground and rendered unconscious. Lee was blown off his feet towards the door of the single storied building. He recovered himself and immediately went back into the fumes and steam to attempt to rescue the women. He managed to get one out and then went back for the other, who was still lying unconscious on the ground beside her press. He dragged her to within 3 feet of the open double door and then collapsed himself.

Lee was exposed to strong trichlorethylene fumes during the whole of his rescue work and acted with promptness and courage.

Anthony LOWNDES, Police Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Surbiton, Surrey.)

Police Sergeant Lowndes was on duty in plain clothes in a police car when a call was received for assistance at Wandsworth where two police officers had seen a man in the grounds of a private house. The Sergeant went in the car in the direction in which the man had made off and then left the car, ordering the driver to continue to patrol the area while he carried out a search on foot.

After searching for a short time he saw a man move from behind a tree. He walked towards him and the man started to walk away. He was quite near the man and he called to him to stop, saying he was a Police Officer, whereupon the man turned round, pulled a pistol from his pocket and pointing it at the Sergeant threatened to shoot him. Without hesitation the Sergeant jumped on the man and in the ensuing struggle the pistol fell to the ground. The man then ceased struggling and the Sergeant arrested him. The pistol was found to be an automatic weapon loaded with six rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber, with the safety catch off.

Police Sergeant Lowndes acted promptly and with great courage in face of a threat to shoot at close quarters.

Charles Frederick NOBLE, Sergeant, Second Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Sergeant Noble and a Constable were travelling in a Police motor cycle and side-car, when they overtook a man for whom they had been searching in connection with a vicious assault upon a woman. When the motor cycle was about three or four feet from the man he turned and faced the Police and as he did so he drew an automatic pistol from his overcoat and pointed it at them. Notwithstanding the fact that he could see that the pistol was in the firing position, Sergeant Noble immediately jumped from the side-car and, rushing the man, he placed his thumb between the hammer and firing pin of the pistol which was still pointed at his body. The Sergeant forced the man face downwards across the side-car of the motor cycle, keeping pressure on the man's hand, so that the pistol was pointed to the ground, until he disarmed him. The offender was then handcuffed and taken into custody.

Sergeant Noble displayed great courage and his quick thinking prevented murder or wounding at the hands of the armed offender who had previously endeavoured to shoot the woman whom he had assaulted.

**QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR
BRAVE CONDUCT.**

William James BRADLEY, Greaser, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board. (Liverpool.)
William Walter GREENWAY, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police.

For services when rescuing a mentally deranged woman from drowning.

Franks CHILDS, Electrician, Margam Works, Steel Company of Wales, Ltd. (Pyle, Glamorganshire.)

David Thomas HOWELLS, Fitter's Mate, Margam Works, Steel Company of Wales, Ltd. (Port Talbot, Glamorganshire.)

For services when a man, in danger of electrocution, was rescued from a pylon.

Lawrence Owen DOUGLAS, Commercial Traveller, Hastings.

Sidney Ernest John POWELL, Lorry Driver, Grayshott, Hampshire.

For services when rescuing the occupants of an overturned motor car.

Eric FORD, Telephone Tester, Streatham, S.W.16.

For assisting the Police in arresting two housebreakers.

Ernest Roy HUMPHRIES, Storesman, National Coal Board. (Tredegar, Monmouthshire.)

For attempting to rescue a man overcome by gas in a manhole.

Thomas Percy MILLER (deceased), Foreman, Brutton, Mitchell and Toms, Brewers, Chard, Somerset.

For services when attempting to rescue a workmate trapped in a cider vat.

Norman TIBBLE, Deputy, South Elmsall Colliery, National Coal Board. (Hemsworth, Yorkshire.)

For services when an accident occurred in a mine.

George William WILSON, Pin-setter, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

For services when a fire broke out in a dwelling house.

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