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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1
 31st March, 1953.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned promotion in, and 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 Additional Officers of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—

John William Winfield HALLAM, M.B.E.,
 Labour Relations Officer, Public Works
 Department, Nigeria.

Edgar Harold SHERBURN, Mechanical Engineer,
 Public Works Department, Nigeria.

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

James Edwin PENROSE, Inspector of Works,
 Public Works Department, Nigeria.

Douglas Charles PITCHER, Inspector of Works,
 Public Works Department, Nigeria.

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

George Nelson GROUT, Foreman Diver, Marine
 Department, Nigeria.

A serious breach occurred in the Ibadan reservoir, Western Region of Nigeria. The reservoir was breached owing to the rupture of a 24 inch Scour Pipe which passes through a 330 foot tunnel below the dam. There was, at the time, a head of water of some 40 feet above the scour, under tremendous pressure to escape, and causing

a loss of water estimated at 70 million gallons a day. Coming as it did at the beginning of the dry season, the accident made it vitally necessary to plug the leak at the earliest possible moment, if the water supply to the town of Ibadan was to be saved.

Mr. Sherburn was put in charge of operations and for two weeks he worked for between 15 and 20 hours a day, most of the time at the foot of the valve chamber or in the scour tunnel some 40 feet below water level. On a number of occasions he entered the swirling water in an attempt to place struts at the foot of the valve. The whole operation was extremely hazardous, and more than once Mr. Sherburn knowingly risked his life. He was admitted to hospital owing to exhaustion and injuries which he had received while at work and Mr. Hallam then took charge of operations. It had proved possible to block temporarily the up-stream end of the tunnel but, owing to the pressure of water, it was impossible to inspect this temporary blockage, or to make sure that the blockage would hold. For 24 hours a team, led by Mr. Hallam and consisting of Mr. Penrose, Mr. Pitcher and Mr. Grout, who had also shared in previous operations with Mr. Sherburn, worked in the tunnel and the valve chamber, fitting a new flange and valve in the full knowledge that, if the temporary blockage should be carried away, they must inevitably be drowned.

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

Dorothy Maude Campbell, Mrs. MEIKLEJOHN,
 M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Practitioner,
 Leshau Ward, Aberdare District Council
 Area, Kenya.

On an isolated farm Mrs. Meiklejohn and her husband were in their sitting-room when,