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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
 28th September, 1954.*

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:—

George Ricarde Hodgson GRIBBLE, Assistant Commissioner, Kenya Police Force.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Ian Stewart MacWalter HENDERSON, Superintendent, Kenya Police Force.

Lionel Martin BRANS, M.B.E., Acting Assistant Superintendent, Kenya Police Force.

Bernard Edward RUCK, Assistant Superintendent, Kenya Police Force.

During the attempted negotiations with Mau Mau terrorists in the Mount Kenya area, conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a series of incidents over a long period were displayed by the members of the Kenya Police Force who made contact with the Mau Mau leaders.

Assistant Commissioner Gribble was responsible for the organisation and direction of the attempt to arrange a mass surrender of terrorists and during the course of difficult and dangerous negotiations he showed personal bravery and performed tasks in exposed operational areas when his life was in constant danger.

Superintendent Henderson was in immediate command of a detachment which was assigned the duty of attempting to bring about a meeting between Government representatives and those of the terrorists. The nature of this assignment made it necessary for Superintendent Henderson to travel frequently, and at great risk, into the forests and parts of the reserves occupied by terrorists in order to achieve the objective. Throughout this period the Superintendent displayed intelligence, zeal and courage of the very highest order and on no less than ten occasions, as he well knew, his life was in jeopardy. When the final meeting was arranged it was suspected that any of the terrorists who attended would do so with murderous intent. Nevertheless the appointment had to be kept. Superintendent Henderson went to keep it with five other officers. The approach to the meeting place was in thick wood and bush, and because visibility was reduced to a few yards by mist, the Superintendent left the remainder of the party outside the dangerous area and reconnoitred it himself on foot, remaining at the actual meeting place for half an hour before returning to base.

Assistant Superintendent Ruck and Assistant Superintendent Brans accompanied Superintendent Henderson during the operations and undertook numerous journeys to the Mount Kenya area in the furtherance of their objectives. Both men displayed great devotion to duty and a contempt for the obvious dangers involved.

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

Stephen Glaister ROBINSON, Chief Officer, Troopship "Empire Windrush," New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd. (Cullercoats, Northumberland.)

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

James Frederick BIRCH, Boatswain, Troopship "Empire Windrush," New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd. (Southampton.)

Arthur Thomas RYAN, Bedroom Steward, Troopship "Empire Windrush," New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd. (Dagenham.)

In the early hours of the morning, fire broke out in the engine room of the Troopship "Empire Windrush" when the vessel, homeward bound with over 1,500 passengers and crew aboard, was approximately 30 miles off the Algerian coast.

The fire was of great intensity and rapidly became a conflagration, the ship's decks and alleyways being filled with heavy smoke. The loud hailer system and the emergency alarm bells and whistles were put out of action.

Mr. Robinson was on watch when the fire broke out and took immediate action to combat it. This proved impossible as owing to the intensity and rapid spread of the fire, the water supply failed within a few minutes. He then took control of the operations preparatory to abandoning ship, ensuring that all passengers were at their emergency stations.

When the order to abandon ship was given he organised the lowering of the boats and showed great resource in carrying out the unorthodox method of tumbling the boats into the water to speed up the operation. He then joined the Master on the bridge and remained until it became untenable, when he went aft to take charge there. Communication being cut off, Mr. Robinson supervised the evacuation of the section of the ship now under his control and when certain that everybody was off he himself went over the side and swam to a lifeboat.

Mr. Robinson's conduct throughout was courageous and resourceful and his prompt and efficient execution of his duties inspired confidence and was an important factor in maintaining discipline and preventing loss of life.

Mr. Birch took charge of the fire-fighting squad until the water supply failed. He then went to his boat station and led his party of seamen in getting the lifeboats away. It was largely due to his seaman-like ability that the unorthodox operation of tumbling the boats into the water was successfully carried out. He went down into his own boat and embarked passengers by rope ladder and picked others up from the water.

His outstanding qualities of leadership were of immense value towards ensuring that the operation of abandoning ship was carried out rapidly and safely.

Mr. Ryan was in charge of bedrooms situated close to the engine room and he immediately got the passengers from the cabins under his charge on deck to their emergency stations. He accomplished this in difficult and dangerous conditions which were rapidly deteriorating due to dense smoke and increasing heat. After ensuring

that all the cabins were empty he went to his boat station and assisted in embarking his passengers and getting the boats away. He finally jumped into the water and was picked up by one of the rescue ships.

Mr. Ryan's conduct throughout was exemplary, and his disregard for his own safety was the means of preventing loss of life.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Leonard Geoffrey BOCKING, Police Constable, Metropolitan Police. (St. Pancras, N.W.1.)

George Alexander SINCLAIR, Police Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Walworth, S.E.17.)

Police were called to a jeweller's shop where they found the door locked but all the lights on. Three of the officers ran down a passageway at the side of the adjoining premises while another remained at the shop entrance to prevent anyone leaving. Constables Bocking and Sinclair entered the workroom at the back of the jeweller's shop and found two men lying in a pool of blood. One appeared to be dead and the other was unconscious with his hands tied behind him with a necktie. Sinclair searched the premises and Bocking went to the yard at the back.

When he reached an area basement Bocking looked down and saw a man crouched in a doorway. He shouted to the man as he made his way down the area steps and saw him bring his right arm from under the raincoat he was carrying. As the officer drew near he saw the man was holding a pistol. Bocking immediately jumped on him and grabbed at his right wrist in an effort to get the pistol away.

By this time Constable Sinclair had come to the back of the shop and hearing a noise from the area he looked down and saw Bocking grappling with the man from behind and trying to prevent him moving his arms and hands. Sinclair could see the pistol which was being waved from side to side in front of the man in the violent struggle that was taking place and ran down the steps to help. Just before he reached the Constable and his captive the pistol went off, but disregarding this Sinclair grabbed it and after a tussle wrenched it from the man's grasp. The man then collapsed and it was discovered he had shot himself in the struggle.

The weapon taken from the prisoner was an automatic pistol in good working order, from which three bullets had apparently been fired.

Awarded the George Medal:—

John Richard Thomas BAILEY, Detective Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Battersea, S.W.11.)

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Cyril Charles NICHOLLS, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Tooting, S.W.17.)

A man who had been arrested for being a deserter and a suspected criminal broke away from his escort, pulled a revolver from his pocket and ran off at a fast speed.

Detective Sergeant Nicholls and Detective Constable Bailey immediately gave chase and

a police dog was released and sent after the criminal. The man turned and fired at the dog but missed. Detective Bailey was then a few yards behind him, followed by Sergeant Nicholls who was three or four yards to the rear of Bailey. Bailey had almost caught up with the criminal when the latter spun round, pointed the revolver at him and pulled the trigger, but there was only a click and no explosion. The man continued running along the road and Bailey threw his truncheon at him but missed. The gunman then fired a second time at the police dog but the shot went wide. Bailey had continued the chase and when a few yards away was again fired at but not hit. The dog then tackled the man who fired another shot at him, but the dog was jumping about and the shot missed the target.

Detective Bailey had meanwhile caught up to the man and, although threatened with the revolver, closed with the criminal and threw him to the ground. Within a matter of seconds Sergeant Nicholls arrived on the scene and assisted in making the arrest.

Awarded the George Medal :—

Harry WRIGHT, Manager, Markham No. 2 Colliery, National Coal Board. (Duckmanton, Derbyshire.)

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) :—

Reginald HINGLEY, Face Worker, Markham No. 2 Colliery, National Coal Board. (Mastin Moor, Derbyshire.)

Edgar WOODWARD, Face Worker, Markham No. 2 Colliery, National Coal Board. (Newbold Moor, Derbyshire.)

A packer was trapped by a fall of roof in the right hand pack hole of the Ell Coal Seam, and was completely buried except for his head and right arm. The fallen stone had shattered and the main body of the fall was sustained by a heap of debris.

Attempts to release the man were made by the remaining nine men in the district but they were unable to make progress and a further fall appeared to be imminent.

Mr. Wright, the Manager, then arrived on the scene and assumed control of the position. The trapped man was fully conscious and in good spirits and was given a morphia injection. Wright established himself in the fallen pack hole and began removing stones and applying necessary struts to enable the victim to be released. He was ably assisted in this work by Hingley and Woodward who passed the stones back and relayed the timber struts cut to the Manager's requirements. Wright exposed himself to the risk of personal injury from further falls for the best part of two hours and eventually sufficient debris was removed from the trapped man to enable him to be drawn through a hole 11 inches high and 16 inches wide from under the fall.

Wright displayed initiative, outstanding leadership and courage in the face of grave personal danger, and was supported by Hingley and Woodward who showed courage and fortitude in an effort of common endeavour in the face of grave personal danger.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) :—

Abdulla Ahmed 'AULAQI, Lance Corporal, Aden Government Guards.

Lance Corporal 'Aulaqi displayed a high degree of loyalty and devotion to duty during an attack on the Government Guard fort at Robat. Whilst manning an advanced position outside the fort, he was subjected to concentrated rifle fire from 40 hostile tribesmen and although wounded continued to defend his post until ordered to retire to the main fort. He immediately took up a defensive position in the fort and not until the attack ceased did he report that he had been wounded and ask for medical treatment. His conduct set a very fine example to the remainder of the Government Guards in the fort.

Alfred Henry CHANDLER, Officer, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

Joseph Henry NEWMAN, Officer Instructor, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

John TOPP, Officer, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

During a disturbance in the mailbag shop of Wandsworth Prison, rioting prisoners barricaded themselves in the workshop store and armed themselves with all manner of offensive weapons. Officer Chandler attempted to force the barricade and when eventually an entry was made he was the first to enter, knowing full well that the prisoners were armed with weapons which at least could cause him very serious injury. Nevertheless he went in and was largely instrumental in disarming the rioters and thus settling the disturbance. During the course of his attempt to gain entry and disarm the prisoners he received a stab in the face with a knife and an injury to his arm caused by an iron bar. Despite these injuries he continued his efforts until the rioters had been overcome.

During the riot an officer was attacked by two prisoners armed with hammers. Officer Topp immediately went to his assistance and was himself attacked from behind. He was struck to the ground by a blow from a marlin spike on the back of the head. He got up and again tackled the two prisoners. He was again knocked to the floor, a marlin spike was driven through his hand and he received more blows from hammers and other weapons. Although badly injured he persisted in his efforts to restrain the prisoners and Officer Newman rushed to his assistance forcing his way through a number of prisoners who tried to obstruct him. He managed to reach his brother officer whom he placed behind him to protect him from further injury, being attacked himself by prisoners armed with hammers. He endeavoured to restrain the riotous prisoners and eventually managed to get the injured officer out of the workshop.

William Thomas JONES, Colliery Under-manager, Eastern United Colliery, National Coal Board. (Cinderford, Gloucestershire.)

A deputy was ascending a rise in a seam in the Eastern United Colliery when a fall of fireclay occurred above him. He managed to take refuge in a shallow recess in

the side and escaped injury, but found himself trapped between two blockages formed by the fallen fireclay.

The alarm was raised immediately and Jones was quickly on the scene and took charge. He made an attempt to reach the trapped man from above but found that the fall completely blocked progress.

He returned to the bottom and climbed up the debris. About 15 yards up he found the fallen fireclay forming a complete blockage held by displaced props which had become loosely wedged across the face of the recess. In spite of the obvious risk involved, he decided to attempt to release this blockage from below and by means of chains and wire ropes was able to dislodge some of the props. This brought about a run of debris and cleared the blockage so that the deputy could descend to safety.

While the blockage was being cleared the props might have given way at any time and had they done so while the under-manager was beneath them he would have been most fortunate to escape with his life. He must have realised full well the grave risk he was running in his gallant efforts to save the deputy.

Frederick George LANE, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade. (Twickenham.)

Station Officer Lane was in charge of a pump-escape and pump which attended a fire in a three-storied terrace house in Paddington. Flames and smoke were coming from the house and he was informed that a baby was inside. Lane entered the building and heard screaming coming from above. He ran up the stairs through the heat and smoke and discovered an elderly man on the half-landing between the first and second floors. The smoke was so dense that it was impossible to see, but, by groping around, Lane was able to grasp the man who had partially collapsed. The man struggled violently and Lane had to remove him forcibly from the house.

Station Officer Lane then made two separate attempts to enter the front room where the baby was believed to be but was unable to effect an entry. Under cover of a hose reel jet he made a further attempt without success. He then had a ladder pitched to the first floor window and managed to enter the room, followed by a fireman. The room was hot and very smoky and at the first attempt Station Officer Lane did not find the child and had to withdraw to the window for fresh air. He then renewed the search and found the baby unconscious in its cot. He took it to the window and handed it over to a fireman. Both the rescued persons recovered, but there is little doubt that but for the promptitude with which Station Officer Lane acted, working under conditions of great heat and smoke, both these lives would have been lost.

Edward Brian MILLER, Salsman, Exeter.

While on patrol duties a Police Constable was informed that something had happened to a man in a sewer. The Constable immediately took off his helmet and tunic and went down into the sewer. He moved along it for a distance of about 40 yards and was then unable to see any further owing to the

darkness. He returned to the bottom of the manhole by which he had entered and called for a lamp. Miller heard the call and went into a nearby shop, obtained a torch and entered the sewer. The Constable then retraced his steps and had gone about 20 yards when he felt himself being overcome with gas and went down on his hands and knees and crawled back to the manhole.

Meanwhile Miller had passed the Constable and travelled about 70 yards along from the manhole, climbing over a service pipe which runs at right angles across the sewer, en route. He eventually found a man lying face downwards in the sludge at the bottom of the sewer. He turned him over and dragged him back to the bottom of the manhole where he was hauled up and artificial respiration applied.

Miller displayed determination and courage and persisted in his efforts although he knew the Constable had been affected by the gas.

Charles MUNENE, Headman, Kenya.

Headman Charles Munene, armed with a shot-gun, was living in his post with ten Home Guards armed only with spears and simis. A gang of approximately 30 terrorists with fire-arms attacked the post at about 10 o'clock at night, and set fire to it. The Home Guards sought refuge in the bush, but Headman Charles stood his ground in one of the houses, despite the fact that it was burning, and killed two of the terrorists and wounded others before making his own escape from the burning house to better cover nearby.

In the morning about a mile and a half away four other terrorists were found dead obviously as a result of wounds inflicted by the Headman. By his bravery Headman Charles Munene saved the lives of all his Home Guards and prevented the loss of any weapons.

MUTETI s/o Nzioka, Sergeant-Major, Kikuyu Guard, Kenya.

Sergeant-Major Muteti s/o Nzioka has been an outstanding force against Mau Mau from the early days of the Emergency and has always been a strong supporter of the Government.

Early in 1954, Muteti was moved to the notorious Rwathia area of Location 12. It was here that a Headman was killed in 1953 whilst trying to establish a Kikuyu Guard post. In this area also a District Officer, a Sergeant and four privates of the Kenya Regiment had been killed. The terrorist gangs have been most active and the whole local population have been infected heavily with the Mau Mau doctrine.

The situation was bad when Muteti arrived in the area but by his unbounded energy and courage two strong Kikuyu Guard posts were formed and maintained and are now both actively engaged in stamping out Mau Mau. The morale of the whole area has improved beyond all expectations.

Muteti has shown great courage in all his actions which have been carried out with complete disregard of danger. He was particularly outstanding in a recent action when his untried and newly formed Kikuyu Guards tracked a large and well armed gang

through the Rwathia area to the Forest edge at the abandoned Tusso Catholic Mission, where a battle developed. Muteti and his guards not only accounted for seven dead terrorists, including their leader, but also recovered many weapons.

William PHILLIPS, Collier, Nantgarw Colliery (No. 5 Area), National Coal Board. (Trealaw, Glamorganshire.)

As workmen were making their way into the Coal Face of No. 4 District, Nantgarw Colliery, an area of roof measuring approximately 16 yards by 5 yards, collapsed and an employee was trapped by the debris.

Phillips, who was a little in front of the man, narrowly escaped being buried himself, but upon hearing a cry for help, he turned back and without hesitation and regardless of the great risk to his own life, burrowed down beneath large stones in order to free the man whose legs were beneath the debris.

Phillips, during his self-appointed task, calmly and resolutely continued his efforts despite the fact that further roof falls were imminent, and after freeing the man assisted him from the danger zone and dragged him to safety. Shortly afterwards a further roof collapse occurred which completely buried the place where the man had been.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

Bertrand BRIDGE, Constable, Devon Constabulary. (Exmouth.)

Alfred Redvers GRIFFITHS, General Foreman, Exmouth Urban District Council.

Arthur Thomas STUART, Lorry Driver, Exmouth Urban District Council.

For services when a man was overcome by fumes in a sewer.

Jeffrey CARTER, Telephone Engineer, General Post Office. (West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.)

For rescuing a man attacked by a bull.

Thomas Robert CRANE, Postman, General Post Office. (Bermondsey, S.E.1.)

For services when an armed man attempted to rob a shop.

Paddy DORAN, Farm Worker, Denham, Buckinghamshire.

For rescuing a man attacked by a bull.

Arthur FOX, Leading Fireman, West Riding of Yorkshire Fire Brigade. (Bradford.)

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

Peter George GEESING, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Dalston, E.8.)

For services when tackling three men who were acting suspiciously.

GICHURI s/o Kanyora, Constable, Tribal Police, Kenya.

For services during operations against Mau Mau terrorists.

Isaac HERDMAN, Nursing Officer, Markham No. 2 Colliery, National Coal Board. (Duckmanton, Derbyshire.)

For services when an accident occurred in a mine.

KAMSAM bin Asimin, Fireman, Singapore City Fire Brigade.

For services at a fire on Robertson Quay, Singapore.

James LAMBERT, Leading Fireman, City of Sheffield Fire Brigade.

Colin RYALLS, Fireman, City of Sheffield Fire Brigade.

Robert SMITH, Fireman, City of Sheffield Fire Brigade.

For rescuing a boy gassed in a disused mine.

Wilfred Maurice LENTON, Farmer, Thorpe St. Peters, Lincolnshire.

For rescuing a man attacked by a bull.

John Hardie LESLIE, Constable, City of Glasgow Police Force.

For rescuing a man from drowning.

MUTHURA s/o Githaiga, Constable, Tribal Police, Kenya.

For services during an action against a Mau Mau terrorist gang.

Captain William WILSON, Master, Troopship "Empire Windrush," New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd. (Ringwood, Hampshire.)

For services when the Troopship "Empire Windrush" caught fire and sank.

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