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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

11th October, 1955.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Malaya:—

To be Additional Officers in the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Wing Commander Bertram BARTHOLD (33218), Royal Air Force.

Wing Commander Derek Price MARVIN, D.F.C. (39238), Royal Air Force.

Wing Commander Roy Arthur Lushington MORANT (33504), Royal Air Force.

Wing Commander George Henry WHERRY, D.F.C. (39624), Royal Air Force.

Wing Commander Alan Gatenby WILSON, D.F.C. (70831), Royal Air Force.

Squadron Leader Ronald George MILTON, A.F.C. (123196), Royal Air Force.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of distinguished service in Malaya, to the undermentioned:—

564129 Flight Sergeant William Valentine BURNS, Royal Air Force.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished service in Kenya:—

To be Additional Officers in the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Wing Commander Charles Philip Nelson NEWMAN, D.F.C. (41453), Royal Air Force.

Squadron Leader Norman KIRBY (138009), Royal Air Force.

Squadron Leader Kenneth Reginald BOWHILL (141454), Royal Air Force.

To be an Additional Member in the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Flight Lieutenant William Tunnard KITCHEN (52262), Royal Air Force.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of distinguished service in Kenya, to the undermentioned:—

546890 Flight Sergeant Basil Maurice TURNER, Royal Air Force.

584229 Corporal Walter BUTLER, Royal Air Force.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

4007494 Acting Corporal Myles O'CONNOR, Royal Air Force, No. 264 Signals Unit.

On 19th June, 1955, at about 21.30 hours, a hand-grenade was thrown through the window into the "Palms Bar," Famagusta. At that time, about ten British Service personnel were seated at the bar, among them being Corporal O'Connor. The grenade struck the corporal on the left shoulder. Turning, he saw the grenade lying on the floor near the bar, a short length of ignited safety fuse protruding from it. Corporal O'Connor shouted to everyone to take cover, picked up the grenade and attempted to throw it out of the window. Unfortunately, it hit the window sill, fell to the floor and exploded. After the incident, evidence showed the missile to have been a No. 36 M.H.E. Mills hand-grenade. The walls of the room in the vicinity of the explosion were badly pitted by splinters from the grenade but everyone had been able to take cover and no one was injured. In endeavouring to dispose of the grenade whilst the fuse was burning, Corporal O'Connor acted with commendable courage and great presence of mind. His prompt action undoubtedly averted grave injury, or possibly loss of life, among those who were near the point where the grenade first fell.