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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
 10th July, 1956.*

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

22168179 Serjeant (Acting) Harold William BAXTER, Royal Army Medical Corps att. 22 "Special Air Service Regiment."

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
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 10th July, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division), in recognition of brave conduct, to:—

1/3324 Sapper (temporary Corporal) Haydon Barry BLYTH, Royal Australian Engineers.

The War Office, 10th July, 1956.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya:—

Military Cross.

Lieutenant Peter Hugh SURTEES (440174), The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment.

On the 8th May, Lieutenant SURTEES set out with his Platoon to lay an ambush in the area to the south-west of Pertang. Early on the following morning, after a long and arduous approach march through mountainous country, he located a small camp on the side of a steep hill in which he saw that there were five terrorists. His approach to the camp over the mountain behind it enabled the platoon to avoid the terrorists' sentry but Lieutenant SURTEES could see that the Communist terrorists were making preparations to leave. He rapidly made his plan, placing two sections on the flanks of the camp and prepared to assault with the remainder. The re-allocation of weapons and the preliminary moves were skilfully carried out in complete silence. Although the terrorists had a dog with them they were not alerted.

Lieutenant SURTEES led the assault on the camp with complete disregard for his own safety. His gallantry and determination were an inspiration to his men. The assault was successfully pressed home with the result that one terrorist was killed and two others wounded and captured. Thus a severe blow was dealt to the terrorist organisation in this part of Negri Sembilan.

The complete success of this operation, skilfully carried out over difficult mountainous country was mainly due to the resourcefulness and inspiring leadership of Lieutenant SURTEES.

The War Office, 10th July, 1956.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award, in recognition of brave conduct during a fire to a vehicle at Bielefeld, Germany:—

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

23036647 Private Matthew SUMNER, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

The War Office, 10th July, 1956.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Malaya:—

Bar to Military Cross.

Captain (G.C.O.) HARKASING RAI, M.C., I.D.S.M., M.M. (401269), 6th Gurkha Rifles.

The War Office, 10th July, 1956.

Col. (Temp. Brig.) John Andrew MARSHALL, O.B.E., B.Sc. (Eng.), M.I.Mech.E. (47695), R.E.M.E., is appointed Aide-de Camp to The QUEEN 9th July 1956, vice Brig. (Luther Gladstone SMITH, C.B.E., M.I.Mech.E. (31321), retired.

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS.

13/18 H.

REGULAR ARMY.

Capt. H. S. R. WATSON, M.B.E. (255211), to be Maj., 9th July 1956.

R.A.C.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Class III.

Lt. A. C. F. THOMSON (417927) from T.A. Nat. Serv. List, F.F. Yeo, to be Lt., 8th July 1956, retaining his present seniority.

Lt. T. A. D. SAINSBURY (417993) from T.A. Nat. Serv. List, F.F. Yeo, to be Lt., 8th July 1956, retaining his present seniority.