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

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

12th March, 1957.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approved the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned in recognition of gallantry in Cyprus:—

22881897 Sergeant Anthony Trevor TAYLOR, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

At 0900 hours on 7th October, 1956, Sergeant TAYLOR, R.A.O.C., the Ammunition Examiner attached to an infantry brigade, was called out to deal with time bombs located in a practically completed new Police Station.

On arrival he was informed that three bombs had already exploded, the last of which had gone off some ten minutes before, doing considerable damage, and that it was thought there might be others.

Sergeant TAYLOR at once entered the building and, regardless of his own safety, searched the various rooms, eventually finding a fourth bomb concealed in the wall beneath the stairs. A time pencil protruded from this bomb but Sergeant TAYLOR, although he knew it might go off at any moment, removed the pencil, and, having great difficulty in getting it out, broke the end off the detonator in the process. He then removed the bomb and while he was doing so the striker in the time pencil operated harmlessly in his hand.

Had it not been for his extreme devotion to duty and his prompt and unhesitant action, not only Sergeant TAYLOR himself, but several others, would have been blown up and considerable damage would have been caused to the building.

During the past six months Sergeant TAYLOR has dealt with no less than ten similar time bombs and many home made bombs and grenades which he has been called out to examine and render safe.

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12th March, 1957.

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

23100845 Fusilier James GALLACHER, The Royal Scots Fusiliers.

On 23rd November, 1956, an aircraft, attempting to drop supplies, crashed near Sungei Perolak.

The crash was seen by the Mortar Platoon Sergeant, 1st Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers, who was in command of a detachment nearby. He, together with two members of the detachment rushed to the scene of the crash, where they found the forward end of the aircraft burning furiously.

Fusilier GALLACHER, a member of the detachment, immediately tried to get into the fuselage of the aircraft. He found a hole near the tail, through which he made an entry in spite of the intense heat and the small arms ammunition which was exploding inside and around the half buried nose of the aircraft. On finding no signs of life, he began to salvage the ammunition and equipment which was inside and which had piled up at the front of the fuselage as a result of the crash. Whilst the aircraft continued to burn and the ammunition to explode, Fusilier GALLACHER made numerous journeys up and down the fuselage, salvaging all he could and throwing it out through the hole in the wall.

It was then discovered that part of the load consisted of 4.2 inch mortar ammunition, and the Sergeant consequently warned everyone including Fusilier GALLACHER, to stand clear, lest it should explode. GALLACHER however continued the task he had set himself, although by this time the size of the fire had increased and the heat was now intense. Finally, he had to be given an order to leave the aircraft.

The War Office, 12th March, 1957.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Military Medal to the undermentioned, in recognition of gallant conduct in Malaya:—

21132166 Corporal (acting Sergeant) Gore THAPA, 2nd King Edward VIII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

On 9th December, 1956, Sergeant Gore THAPA was leading a patrol of three riflemen through an open rubber plantation, towards a small hill, when a Terrorist sentry was seen to run away shouting the alarm. Sergeant Gore THAPA without hesitation led his men at the run to the crest of the hill where he found himself confronted by upwards of 30 Terrorists who were resting and cooking. Seizing this opportunity of temporary confusion Sergeant Gore THAPA engaged the Terrorists with the maximum but limited fire power at his command. He himself directed his fire at a Terrorist Light Automatic Gunner killing him and wounding a second Terrorist who attempted to man the gun. The Terrorists recovered quickly from their sur-