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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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

27th February 1959.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to:

23215325 Trooper (acting Corporal) Jeffrey David MARKLEW, Royal Horse Guards.

On the 8th December 1958, a light aircraft, after striking overhead power cables, crashed in flames some 30 yards from where Corporal MARKLEW was standing beside his vehicle. MARKLEW immediately ran into the flames to rescue the pilot but he could not open the door of the aircraft and was blown away from it by an explosion of burning petrol. Undaunted he again entered the blaze shouting encouragement to the pilot and tried to pull him out through a window. This he was unable to do because the pilot's clothing, drenched with burning petrol, came away in his hands.

Corporal MARKLEW then leaned into the cockpit through the window and took hold of the pilot under the arms and with Trooper BAXTER pulling behind him succeeded in dragging the pilot from the aircraft. The pilot slipped from his grasp and rolled under the burning fuselage. Although by now himself suffering from burns MARKLEW plunged under the tailplane and pulled the pilot out of the flames for a second time. He then continued to make every effort to tear off and extinguish the pilot's burning clothes until further assistance arrived.

Unfortunately the pilot died of his injuries a few days later.

Corporal MARKLEW's fortitude and bravery were an inspiration to those who witnessed his gallant actions.

WAR OFFICE

27th February 1959.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to:

23395741 Trooper David Nathaniel BAXTER, Royal Horse Guards.

On the 8th December 1958, a light aircraft crashed in flames near Trooper BAXTER who immediately ran to the scene, entered the flames and assisted Corporal MARKLEW in extricating the pilot from the blaze. Although blown back by an explosion of burning petrol he gallantly continued to assist in pulling the pilot out of the burning aircraft.

27th February 1959.

REGULAR ARMY

Brig. F. C. G. PAGE, D.S.O., O.B.E. (36741), late R.A., retires on retired pay, 27th Feb. 1959. (Reserve Liability.)

Col. K. H. COULTON (62228) late R.A.D.C., relinquishes his commn. on account of disability, 26th Feb. 1959.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj.-Gen. F. H. BROOKE, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (41079), late Inf., is appointed Director of Emergency Operations Federation of Malaya, and is granted the local rank of Lt.-Gen., 6th Jan. 1959.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

L.G.

REGULAR ARMY

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

23560531 Cadet James William McKinnon MANCLARK (458819) to be 2nd Lt., 13th Dec. 1958.

ROYAL ARMoured CORPS

Q.O.H.

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. J. CONGREVE, D.S.O., O.B.E. (58070), retires on retired pay, 27th Feb. 1959. (Reserve Liability.)*

13/18 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. R. S. BERESFORD, M.B.E. (346887), to be Maj., 26th Feb. 1959.

14/20 H.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. E. G. W. T. WALSH (380537) to be Lt.-Col., 1st Feb. 1959.

16/5 L.

REGULAR ARMY

Maj. E. W. M. MAITLAND (65426) retires on retired pay, 28th Feb. 1959. (Reserve Liability.)