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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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8th May 1959.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of distinguished service in Malaya for the period 1st July to 31st December 1958:

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

Major Leslie Reginald Claude WILD (2/37647), Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

WAR OFFICE

8th May 1959.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya for the period 1st July to 31st December 1958:

Military Cross

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) Claude Henry DUCKER (3/35075) 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

On the 3rd July 1958, Captain DUCKER was commanding his platoon in anti-terrorist operations in deep jungle when they were suddenly fired upon. He ordered an immediate assault which resulted in one terrorist being killed. Later he led his unit's tracking team on the trail of a group of terrorists for five days over very mountainous country in monsoonal conditions.

On the 20th November he came upon an occupied resting place. Placing six men in a stop position, Captain DUCKER, with four others, circled the enemy and crept to within twenty yards of them. Throwing a grenade DUCKER and his men charged forward in the face of heavy fire. The result of this spirited action was the death of three terrorists and the capture of important documents, equipment and a large quantity of food.

Military Medal

4/1859 (Lance Corporal (Temporary Corporal) Maxwell Powell HANLEY, 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

On the night of 27th July 1958, Lance Corporal HANLEY was the commander of an ambush party consisting of himself and two private soldiers set up in a shed on a rubber estate.

At 2145 hours footsteps were heard and four communist terrorists were seen approaching. HANLEY waited until the terrorists were five yards away before he sprang the ambush. Fire was continued until he saw one terrorist escaping. He then ordered fire to cease and, running out of the shed, fired at the terrorist, wounding him.

This action resulted in the death of three terrorists and was followed by the surrender of a further three including the wounded man.

Mentioned-in-Despatches

- 3/4629 Cpl. G. W. BROWN, 3 Bn. Royal Australian Regt.
1/3209 Pte. N. S. COLLINS, 3 Bn. Royal Australian Regt.
Maj. C. H. A. EAST, M.B.E., 1/7512, Royal Australian Infantry (Headquarters 28 Commonwealth Independent Brigade Group).
2/4002 Sgt. (temp. W.O. II) S. J. McLAUGHLIN, 3 Bn. Royal Australian Regt.
2/2261 W.O. II A. J. SNEDDEN, 100(A) Bty., Royal Australian Arty.
Lt. Col. J. F. WHITE, O.B.E., 2/180, 3rd Bn. Royal Australian Regt.

8th May 1959.

REGULAR ARMY

Brig. C. C. GRAHAM, C.B.E., D.S.O. (391327), late Inf., retires on retired pay, 7th May 1959. (Reserve Liability)*

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REGULAR ARMY

Capt. J. C. CUPPER (326841) retires, receiving a gratuity, 11th Apr. 1959. (Reserve Liability.)

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. D. S. SCHREIBER, M.V.O. (28133), having reached the age limit, ceases to belong to Res. of Offrs., 7th May 1959, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

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REGULAR ARMY

NATIONAL SERVICE LIST

2nd Lt. J. E. MARTIN (454681) to be Lt., 9th Apr. 1959.