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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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

25th March 1960.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

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

849574 Warrant Officer Class I Bert Frederick JESSUP, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Shortly after 10 p.m. on the 22nd November 1959 a small boat with seven men in it put out from the jetty at St. Kilda to collect mail from a trawler some 800 yards off shore. The night was very dark with strong winds and a heavy swell. Progress was slow and about seventy yards from shore the boat was shipping water rapidly. It became waterlogged and overturned.

Regimental Sergeant Major JESSUP at once took command of the situation improvising an orderly procedure for the inflation of life jackets and for each man's hold on the sides of the capsized boat. Under his direction the boat was manoeuvred some fifty yards to a buoy and each man was enabled to make his way ashore along the mooring chain.

By his cool courage he inspired his men to remain calm in circumstances fraught with danger and difficulties. It was as a result of his bravery, resource and leadership that no lives were lost.

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

23382367 Private (acting Lance Corporal) Dennis HODGSON, Royal Army Service Corps.

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In this emergency Lance Corporal HODGSON was of the greatest assistance to the Warrant Officer in command of the boat in maintaining calmness and good order. When all the men were accounted for, clinging to the sides of the boat, he attempted to swim ashore for help knowing the risks involved of death or injury on the rocks. The seas were too strong for him and, after fifteen minutes he was forced to return to the boat. Thereafter he was of further assistance in the manoeuvring of the boat to a buoy whence all the men were able to escape to safety along the mooring chain.

Throughout the incident HODGSON gave no thought to his own safety but acted with great gallantry. It was in no small measure due to his coolness and bravery that all the men were brought safely ashore.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal in recognition of gallant conduct to:

Major Arthur Bamford HARTLEY, M.B.E. (276453),
 Corps of Royal Engineers.

At 4.30 p.m. on the 1st July 1959 Major HARTLEY identified an unexploded 250 kilogramme bomb which had been found in a sewer in Putney.

The particular danger of the fuse which the bomb was likely to contain is that it is unpredictable, has usually stopped within a few ticks of firing and is liable to be re-started by any small movement or vibration. It does not deteriorate after years in the ground and is fitted with a booby-trap to prevent withdrawal.

Major HARTLEY applied an electric stethoscope to give warning if ticking should start. After careful digging round the bomb he discovered, at 9.15 p.m. that it contained not one but two clockwork fuses.

The bomb was lying awkwardly with the fuses underneath it. At 10.30 p.m. a start was made to move the bomb but this resulted in the blocked sewer releasing its contents into the shaft. From then on Major HARTLEY was severely hampered by the stench and fumes in the dark airless space at the bottom of