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STATE INTELLIGENCE

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
16th June 1961.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

Chief Engine Room Artificer Raymond George BUTLER, O.N. R.27424, Royal Australian Navy.
Radio Operator Francis Edmund THOMPSON, O.N. R.50981, Royal Australian Navy.

On the 10th October 1960, H.M.A.S. WOOMERA, a wooden ship of 580 tons, was engaged in dumping overage ammunition in the sea 23 miles south-east of Sidney Heads when a fire started in the hold and spread to a stack of flares and ammunition. The ship herself quickly caught fire and after explosions sank within an hour.

Chief Engine Room Artificer Butler took a leading part in the attempts to extinguish the fire. When the fire extinguishers were exhausted he got a fearnought suit with the intention of throwing drums of foam down the hold. However due to the intense heat he could not get at the drums. He then obtained another fire extinguisher and played it on the fire in the hold. He left H.M.A.S. WOOMERA only when ordered to abandon ship by his Captain.

Radio Operator Thompson was ordered by the Captain to contact any ship in the vicinity and send an S.O.S. signal. The wireless office, a wooden structure erected on the boat deck, filled with smoke and caught fire but Radio Operator Thompson remained at his post until he heard that H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH had received his signal correctly and was aware of H.M.A.S. WOOMERA's position. He then left the wireless office, climbed on top of the structure which was on fire, passed down a number of lifebelts to the personnel remaining on board, and left H.M.A.S. WOOMERA only when ordered to abandon ship by his Captain.

COLONIAL OFFICE

Church House,
Gt. Smith Street, London S.W.1.
5th June 1961.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the immediate award of the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry to Police Constable No. 115 S.M. Alex Anthony Pierre, Seychelles Police Force.

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1.
16th June 1961.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 23rd June 1961, at 1 p.m. for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £260,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 26th June 1961, to Saturday, the 1st July 1961, inclusive, and will be due 91 days after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000, and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. Notification will be sent by post on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part and payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday, 11.30 a.m.) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under sections 9 and 13 of, and the Fifth Schedule to, the Import Duties Act, 1958, viz.:

The Import Duty Drawback (No. 5) Order, 1961.

This Order makes the amendments to existing Import Duty Drawback Orders which are required in consequence of the reduced rate, of duty applicable