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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
28th May 1963.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the *London Gazette* of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

*To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry :*

Michael Shiu Ching MAR, Senior Communications Engineer, Brunei Shell Petroleum Company, Seria.

Erskine Henry MUTON, Marine Officer, State Marine Department, Brunei.

Cyril Edward Bodley PARROTT, Assistant Controller of Telecommunications, Brunei.

John Pierce Martin PARRY, Assistant District Officer, Sipitang.

Miss Jean SCOTT, Health Visitor, Brunei State Medical Department.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

BAYA Malang, Penghulu, Sarawak.

Nicholas Rodney COYSH, Rubber Development Officer, Fourth Division (Marudi), Sarawak Government Service.

Mohamad EDEN bin Abdullah, Senior Hospital Assistant, Limbang, Sarawak.

David St. John FERRER, Assistant Commissioner, Brunei State Police.

Joseph KING shih Fan, Divisional Engineer, Fifth Division, Sarawak.

Alan Charles MACLEAN, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Practitioner, Seria.

MULING anak Kasau, Constable, Sarawak Constabulary.

Abang OMAR bin Abang Samaudin, Senior Clerk Operator, Posts and Telegraphs Department, Sarawak.

PASANG anak Batoh, Tuai Rumah, Sarawak.

Derrick REDDISH, Mercantile Assistant, Borneo Company Ltd., Kuching. (Since deceased ; award dated 3rd May 1963.)

Stewart McLennan STEPHENS, Aircraft Engineer, Brunei State and Labuan.

For courage and devotion to duty during the Brunei Operations in December 1962.

*Awarded the George Medal :*

William Jebet WALKER, Supervising Bailiff, Nottingham County Court. (Redhill, Arnold.)

When Mr. Walker went to a dwelling house to execute a Warrant of Eviction he was well aware that there would probably be trouble as the former owner of the premises had become aggressive and threatening and was mentally unstable. Walker entered the house and with the female occupier went into the front downstairs room. The former owner suddenly came into the room holding a revolver with both hands. He pointed the gun at the woman and pressed the trigger, but the gun did not fire. The man spun the revolver chamber and again pointed the gun at the woman. Walker pushed her out of the line of fire and ducked. The gun was fired once or twice but did not hit either of them. Walker then jumped at the gunman who was still in the doorway of the room and struggled with him in order to let the woman make her escape from the house. Walker continued struggling with the man who fired the revolver again and shot him in the head. Walker fell to the ground bleeding profusely. He managed to regain his feet, knocked the man out of the house and then collapsed. As a result of the wound inflicted upon him Walker lost the sight of his right eye.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal for  
Gallantry (Civil Division) :*

Ronald Albert James COLMAN, Constable, Norfolk Constabulary. (King's Lynn.)

While on patrol at night Constable Colman saw the beam of a torch light inside a cricket pavilion some 250 yards away. He went to the front of the Pavilion, heard voices inside and saw that a window was smashed. He made his way to the rear where he discovered a small window which was slightly open. He opened this fully and looking in saw the silhouettes of the heads of two persons on the far side of a couch about 20 feet away from him. As he flashed the beam of his torch in that direction one of the persons aimed a rifle, the barrel of which was resting on the back of the couch, and fired at him. The bullet just missed the Constable's head but he immediately jumped through the window and rushed towards the couch and the rifle. As he did so the holder of the rifle dropped his weapon, pushed open the window behind him and attempted to jump out. The Constable grabbed him by the shoulder and dragged him back into the pavilion. At that moment he noticed another person crouching down on the seat of the couch. It was at this point that he realised the two intruders were both boys. A rifle was lying on the seat of the couch and another rifle lying on the floor beside the couch. The Constable searched both boys and one was found to have 181 live rounds of ammunition in his possession. Colman then took the boys into custody.

Harry Brindley FISHER, Field Assistant, Department of Internal Affairs, Southern Rhodesia.

At about 5.30 p.m. three young men stationed at Nkai went boating on the Shangani River, each in his own canoe. The river was running strongly at the time and on arriving at the causeway, some five miles below their starting point, the men found that they were unable to control their canoes and they were carried over the causeway and thrown into the turbulent water below. They were unable to get out of the river because of the force of the water. They then attempted to climb back on to the causeway, which is made of concrete and has no guard-rails but were thrown back into the water. By this time two of the canoes had sunk and all three men were left holding onto the third canoe. Realising that they could not get out they concentrated on remaining afloat. At 9 p.m. that evening a search party including Fisher found them. They were trapped in the centre about 100 feet from the bank and were unable to move in any direction. The water was 2 feet 6 inches deep over the causeway, still rising, and running very strongly. Fisher realised that there was no time to waste and insisted on taking out a rope to assist the three men. He was able with great effort to reach a point above the three men. He then tied the end of the rope to one of the concrete markers and allowed the slack to wash over to the men. The first man attempted to pull himself up the rope but was unable to do so. Fisher pulled him to safety. Fisher helped the other two men to get on to the causeway and then returned to the bank supporting two of the men. The rescue was accomplished by lights of a car parked on the bank. The time was then 11 p.m. and Fisher had been in the water for over half an hour.

Robert HUNTLEY, Detective Inspector, Metropolitan Police. (London W.6.)

John George RUSSELL, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London S.W.15.)

Detective Inspector Huntley and Police Constable Russell, together with other police officers, went to a gaming club to arrest a man who had fired a gun in another club a few hours earlier. It was anticipated that the man would not hesitate to use the gun to resist arrest. On arrival at the club, Constable Russell entered the gaming room which led off the front room by way of two steps and a small archway, followed closely by Detective Inspector Huntley. Huntley approached the suspect who was sitting at a table with several other men and warned him whereupon he produced a revolver which he pointed at the officers and threatened to shoot. Immediately both officers rushed at him and while Russell threw himself across the table and grasped the man's right wrist Huntley grasped the man's right arm, and both tried to disarm him. A furious struggle ensued during which the gunman tried to point the revolver at the officers but Russell managed to force down his arm. Eventually with the assistance of other police officers the man was overpowered and disarmed. The revolver was found to contain three spent cartridge cases and three live rounds of ammunition.

Valda, Mrs. SHARPE, Housewife, Tallarook, Victoria.

A mentally unbalanced prisoner escaped from gaol and armed with a double barrel shotgun, a small bore rifle and some ammunition, held up two farmers, struck both on the head with the gun, fired two shots and fled. All residents in the area were warned to keep a look-out for the escapee. That night the man broke into the Sharpes' home and forced his way into their bedroom. Mrs. Sharpe's husband was struck a severe blow on the head and fell to the floor. Mrs. Sharpe immediately switched off the bedroom light, rushed at the man, grabbed the gun with both hands and struggled with him while holding on to the weapon. Her husband recovered and joined in the struggle. Mrs. Sharpe wrested the gun from the man's hands, ran out into the darkness and hid it. She then returned to the room and having helped her husband to overpower the assailant, went for the police who took the man into custody.

David Hutchison SUTHERLAND, Sergeant, Edinburgh City Police.

The police were summoned to a house where a man had been firing revolver shots causing his family to flee into the street. When Sergeant Sutherland, with another Sergeant and two constables, arrived on the scene the man was alone in the house in possession of the revolver and ammunition. As the officers approached, they could hear the man shouting very loudly and excitedly, threatening to kill the first person who came into the house. Sutherland and the constable tried to carry on a conversation with the man and when he opened the door Sutherland saw that he had the gun in his hand. He was still repeating his threat to shoot the first officer who came near but Sutherland continued to talk to him until he retreated into the lobby and slammed the door. Sutherland then moved forward, turned the handle of the door and pushed it wide open. He could now see the man

standing at the kitchen door, approximately 14 feet away. He was holding the revolver in his right hand and from his appearance and actions, appeared to be mentally unbalanced. Sutherland began to speak to the man again and at the same time walked slowly into the house followed by his colleagues. The kitchen was situated about 9 feet from the front door and was reached by means of a passageway  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide. As Sutherland advanced at the head of the group of police officers, the man stood in the kitchen facing them with the revolver in his hand and his finger on the trigger. On reaching the man, Sutherland gripped his hand and forced the revolver toward the floor. The other sergeant came to his assistance and removed the weapon from the man's grip. The man was arrested and was later certified insane.

Robert William Fleming THOMPSON, Sergeant,  
Royal Ulster Constabulary, County Fermanagh.  
(Tempo.)

A fire broke out in premises containing a business on the ground floor and living apartments for the family on the first floor. An aged invalid man occupied a bedroom on the first floor. The electric light had fused and the place was in darkness. The police and fire brigade were summoned and Sergeant Thompson arrived and was quickly followed by a Constable. The Sergeant rushed upstairs and found the landing shrouded in dense smoke. Smoke and flames were billowing from the bedroom. The Sergeant made an effort to enter but was overcome by fire and smoke and fell to the floor. He returned to the landing, organised a bucket chain water system, and made another unsuccessful attempt to enter the bedroom. He then crawled on his hands and knees through the sitting room and into the bedroom. On entering the bedroom he could see the bed was burning fiercely and the body of the occupant was on fire. The Sergeant crawled towards the bed, caught hold of it and tried to drag it to the door but the bed broke in half and collapsed. The heat and smoke were so intense that the Sergeant was forced to withdraw. He crawled back to the landing as

the burning ceiling collapsed. The body of the dead man was recovered by the fire brigade.

Francis Arthur WEBB, Radiator Specialist,  
Burnie, Tasmania.

A criminal who had escaped from custody entered a sports store and whilst the salesman's attention was diverted picked up a shotgun, placed a cartridge in the chamber of the gun, closed the breach and pointed the gun at the salesman at the same time ordering him to back against the wall. Webb and a typist clerk who were in the shop were also covered by the gun. The criminal stated the gun was loaded and placed four more cartridges in the magazine. He menaced each individual in turn and then ordered the salesman and the girl out of the shop, turning the gun on the girl who was on his left. As they went out of the shop he lifted the barrel of the gun slightly towards the ceiling. Webb saw his opportunity and immediately jumped at the gunman and caught hold of the barrel and stock of the gun which discharged and blew a hole in the ceiling. Webb scuffled with the man and succeeded in obtaining possession of the gun which he threw aside. Webb then floored the man and others, who had heard the shot from outside the shop rushed in, tackled the criminal and held him down until the Police arrived and handcuffed him. Webb took a tremendous risk in disarming the gunman.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

John BICKERSTAFF, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, County Fermanagh. (Tempo.)

For services when fighting a fire and attempting to save life in a burning house.

Thomas Kipsangarap CHEPKWONY, Constable,  
Kenya Police.

For services when a tribal clash between rival political and tribal factions was imminent.

LAU Cheung, Locomotive Inspector, Kowloon  
Canton Railway (British Section), Hong Kong.

For services when an oil fired locomotive burst into flames near oil storage tanks.

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