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State Intelligence

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE

12th July 1963.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be a Member of the First Class, or Knight Grand Cross, of the said Most Distinguished Order:

The Right Honourable Antony Henry, Viscount Head, (K.C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., British High Commissioner (Designate) in the Federation of Malaysia.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

12th July 1963.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards.

Awarded the George Medal:

Johnstone Ronald Linthwaite, Detective Senior Constable, Queensland Police Force.

A young man, whose appearance and behaviour were suspicious was stopped by a Police Sergeant. The man immediately produced a revolver which he pointed at the Sergeant, warning him to stand back. The Sergeant sprang at the man, who fired at him. The bullet struck the Officer in the knee and he fell to the ground. Detective Constable Linthwaite, who was nearby, rushed to the scene but before he could intervene the man fired another shot at the Sergeant as he lay on the ground, causing a flesh wound in his neck. Linthwaite ran straight at the armed man who was moving backwards with the revolver pointing at him. The man then ran off with the detective in pursuit. After running a few paces the man turned and fired, narrowly missing the detective's leg. Linthwaite continued the pursuit and when nearing the man the latter turned again and fired a shot at a distance of about six feet. Linthwaite, who was not hit, seized a bus waiting-seat and hurled it at the man who fired another shot, fortunately missing the detective. The gunman then made off but was arrested a few hours later. Detective Constable Linthwaite displayed a very high order of bravery and devotion to duty in pursuing an armed man who repeatedly fired at him from close range.

John Joseph Ryan, Detective Sergeant, 1st Class, Queensland Police Force.

A party of five police went to the outskirts of Brisbane with the object of arresting a young man who was known to be a violent criminal and believed to be armed with a firearm. Shortly before 1 a.m., the wanted man was located in the back seat of a stolen car, in an isolated spot surrounded by thick brush. When the police attempted to arrest the criminal he resisted fiercely, struggled free from the two detectives who had grappled with him and produced a sawn-off rifle. He pointed the weapon at the detectives and threatened to kill them. Ryan instructed the detectives to get out of the car and then attempted to persuade the wanted man to throw away his firearm. The man continued his threats to shoot and kept the weapon pointed at Ryan's head. Undeterred, the Sergeant entered the vehicle and seizing the man's right hand forced the weapon away from himself. The man transferred the weapon to his left hand and fired at Ryan but missed. A struggle then ensued for possession of the firearm. Another police officer went to Ryan's assistance and wrenched the weapon from the gunman's hand. The violently struggling man was then quickly overpowered. Detective Sergeant Ryan displayed bravery of a very high order in grappling with and attempting to disarm a man who was known to be a desperate criminal and who was prepared to kill in order to avoid arrest.

HOME OFFICE

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

12th July 1963.

The QUEEN has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen Her Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear Decorations which have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Sweden, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:

ORDER OF VASA

Insignia of Chevalier (First Class)

Alan John Skelton, Esq., honorary Consul of Sweden at Manchester.

Insignia of Chevalier

Andrew Bell, Esq., honorary Vice-Consul of Sweden at Blyth.

William John Edward Harvey, Esq., honorary Vice-Consul of Sweden at Plymouth.

Wilfred Rutley Mowll, Esq., honorary Vice-Consul of Sweden at Dover.

John Hocken Samuel, Esq., honorary Vice-Consul of Sweden at Fowey.