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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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17th November 1964.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of Gallant and Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories:

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

Lieutenant-Colonel James Alan Ingram FILLINGHAM (333876), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

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

Captain Michael Hugh Myers (430674), Royal Pioneer Corps.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Borneo Territories:

Distinguished Service Order

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward John Sidney BURNETT, M.B.E., M.C. (325908), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

On the 2nd January 1964, the 1st Battalion, 10th Gurkha Rifles, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Burnett, was flown from Malaya to Tawau to deal with the strongest and most threatening Indonesian incursion into Malaysia, up to that time.

Morale in the area had been badly shaken as the result of losses received in a strong enemy attack on Kalabakan, an important logging centre, and the presence of 16,000 Indonesian civilians in the Tawau District posed an ugly internal security problem. Lieutenant-Colonel Burnett very quickly deployed his battalion over a very large area to find the enemy and bring them to battle in the jungle and to deal with the internal security situation.

By his excellent tactical handling of his troops the enemy were found within 24 hours. They split into small parties which were relentlessly hunted. These parties, which included a strong element of well-trained marines showed plenty of fight, counter attacking and inflicting casualties on our troops. Throughout the period from January to June, Lieutenant-Colonel Burnett moved about his area energetically and fearlessly by land rover on rough tracks and by helicopter. He frequently faced the

danger of ambush by an ubiquitous enemy and on occasions personally took charge of the situation under enemy fire. During the months January and February his troops accounted for 93 enemy intruders.

As a result of Lieutenant-Colonel Burnett's efforts the dangerous situation threatening Tawau was overcome, the extremely low morale of the local people was restored and the large local Indonesian population was deterred from causing serious trouble. It was chiefly due to his energetic determination, fearlessness and fine leadership in the field that a large and dangerous enemy incursion was defeated.

Bar to Military Cross

Major Denis Oswald O'LEARY, M.B.E., M.C. (380903), 1st Battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

On the 7th January 1964, Major O'Leary, commanding A Company, led his platoons in a flotilla of river craft to attack a party of well armed intruders lying up on an island in an off-shoot of the Rajang River in Sarawak. He took his place in a launch which, although it was a vulnerable target, he used to reach a position whence he was able personally to direct effective fire against the enemy. When later the main attack was made Major O'Leary joined one of the assault platoons which had been held up and led it to within a few yards of the still invisible enemy. He personally captured a determined terrorist who had defended himself with automatic fire and hand grenades.

Major O'Leary then moved to join the other assault platoon which had come under heavy fire from four automatic weapons and gave orders for a change in the direction of attack. When a Gurkha rifleman was wounded and lay in an exposed position he bravely attempted to rescue him. Finally when the enemy had been attacked with grenades from their rear, Major O'Leary boldly went forward calling for their surrender.

Throughout this action fought in appalling difficult conditions, for a period of four hours, Major O'Leary showed a fine disregard for his own safety and inspired his men by his brave personal leadership.

Military Cross

2nd Lieutenant Michael John PEELE (472597), 4th (Leicestershire) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

On the 23rd January 1964, 2nd Lieutenant Peele was the commander of a patrol of 20 men flown into the jungle, in Sabah, to follow up a suspected band of 80 to 100 armed intruders. Early next morning he found the tracks of a large party and followed them up rigorously, even abandoning packs to enable his men to move faster. After five hours he sighted some terrorists in two shelters which were the beginning of an enemy camp. Although he believed himself to be outnumbered he at once planned a surprise