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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1. 17th November 1964.

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

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

Cyril BERRY, Technical Assistant, Public Works Department, Saint Christopher Nevis. Anguilla.

It became necessary for a demolition squad to blow up the old Government explosives store, situated in a residential part of Basseterre, which in addition to some explosives in good condition contained about 250 lbs. of old and highly dangerous gelignite. The Demolition Officer advised that the old gelignite could not be moved without grave risk but in order to lessen the force of the explosion, it was decided to remove several hundred pounds of the gelignite in good condition. This hazardous task was undertaken by Mr. Berry with great calmness, courage and efficiency. As a result of his action and of the skill of the Naval demolition team, the demolition of the store was carried out without loss of life or property.

Dennis Walter Burton, Cartage Contractor, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. Burton on entering his house heard someone jumping out of the window of the front bedroom. He immediately ran out of the house and saw two men run off into some long grass. Burton chased them and after travelling about one hundred yards heard the sound of a shot. Two constables then joined in the chase, led by Burton. One of the criminals turned and from a distance of about forty yards deliberately aimed and fired one shot at Burton. Burton then left the Constables in order to collect his

rifle and on his return fired one shot in the direction of the man with the pistol who then threw down the weapon and surrendered. The constables then arrested him and his companion.

Queen's Commendation for brave conduct:

Peter Gavin AARVOLD, Constable, Newcastleupon-Tyne Police Force. (Tynemouth.)

Kenneth Dodds, Constable, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Police Force. (Gateshead.)

For effecting the arrest of a criminal who had taken refuge on a roof top.

Douglas Adamson, Detective Constable, County Borough of Bolton Police Force.

Harry RIDYARD, Detective Constable, County Borough of Bolton Police Force.

For effecting the arrest of an armed and dangerous man.

David James KINNEAR, Constable, Portsmouth

City Police.
John TAMBLING, Constable, Portsmouth City Police.

For rescuing a man from a burning building.

Bernard James Powell, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Whetstone.)

Edwin Rex SARGENT, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London N.W.2.)

For tackling a criminal who used a bottle of corrosive liquid to effect his escape.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders as on the 23rd October 1964, for the undermentioned awards of the British Empire Medal.

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

Northern Paul Henry GILLIES, Inspector, Rhodesia Police Force. (Lundazi.)

Bennett MBEWE, Constable, Northern Rhodesia Police Force. (Lundazi.)

An unexpected and savage attack on Lundazi Township in the Eastern Province was carried out by about 200 frenzied members of the Lumpa Church. The attack was directed first at the police station and camp with the object of obtaining firearms and ammunition and killing police, and then at Lundazi Township itself. Inspector Gillies, who was in charge of the Lundazi police detachment, was told of the attack by Constable Mbewe whose wife and child had already been killed. Mr. Gillies, accompanied by Constable Mbewe, both unarmed, immediately drove to the Police Station. Here they saw about 150 armed Lenshina warriors completely berserk shouting war cries and rampaging through the police camp striking at every object within their path. Parts of the camp were on fire and there were screams from the women and children. The station was occupied by Lenshina supporters, the store and

armoury already having been forced and rifles and other weapons stolen. Gillies was attacked and being unable to protect himself drove to-wards the District Headquarters with Constable Mbewe: en route they were again attacked but managed to escape. Gillies and Mbewe were joined by four constables and the party of six marched to within 50 yards of the District Headquarters. They were confronted with a party of about 200 fanatics who immediately charged but the six stood firm and fired a volley. This had very little effect on these fanatical people and Gillies, realising that his party would be overrun, ordered an immediate withdrawal. Later he decided to make another attempt to retake the police station and gathered together about 20 men with an assortment of arms to support his own men with the shotguns. This . party advanced on the station but found it deserted except for a number of dead bodies. The area was then placed by Inspector Gillies in a state of defence in case of counter-attack.