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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
22nd June 1965.

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

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

Lieutenant-Colonel Dominic Fitzgerald NEILL, M.B.E., M.C. (391501), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Henry Graylen EGGLETON, M.B.E. (153925), The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

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

Major Vincent de Paul Charles JOHNSON (273669) The Royal Ulster Rifles.

Lieutenant (Technical Officer Telecommunications) Victor DE WITT (476695) Royal Corps of Signals.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned in recognition of Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories:

21188061 Staff Sergeant Joseph PRATT, Queen's Royal Irish Hussars.

23217853 Staff Sergeant Ralph Henry THOMPSON, Intelligence Corps.

22942277 Sergeant Leslie Edward STEPHENSON, Intelligence 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.

Military Cross

Major Jonathan James ASLETT (414796), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Major Aslett with his company was given the task of extensively ambushing a sector of the border area. In preparation he personally led nine long and arduous reconnaissance patrols.

On 29th August 1964, while returning from one such patrol Major Aslett and the two platoons he led were themselves ambushed by a superior force. Major Aslett and the point platoon were pinned down by heavy close range automatic fire. Despite the closeness of the enemy Major Aslett, moving in the open, deployed his force and conducted an outflanking manoeuvre which drove off the enemy. Two Gurkha other ranks were killed and three wounded in this action. Major Aslett's courage and leadership in a situation which completely favoured the enemy saved the day and prevented a disastrous defeat.

On 23rd October 1964, an enemy group, which in the end proved to be about seventy strong, approached a platoon ambush commanded by Major Aslett. He allowed three enemy to enter the ambush before he sprang it by shooting and killing the fourth man. While the fire fight between the ambushers and ambushed was going on the main bulk of the Indonesian force deployed and counter-attacked the right flank of our troops' position. Regardless of his own safety Major Aslett manoeuvred his force so as to break up the counter-attack. This encounter cost the enemy six killed and several wounded at the cost of only one Gurkha wounded.

Throughout both engagements Major Aslett's courage was of a very high order and an inspiration to his soldiers many of whom had never been under fire before. On both occasions his leadership and professional ability resulted in the defeat of numerically superior enemy forces.

Military Cross

Captain (temporary Major) Digby Jeremie WILLOUGHBY, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

On 6th September 1964, Major Willoughby, patrolling with a small company headquarters and two rifle platoons, contacted a heavily defended Indonesian position south of Pensiangan in Sabah. The position was well sited on hills with steep slopes, and was later calculated to have been manned by up to sixty regular enemy soldiers armed with mortars and machine guns as well as small arms.

Major Willoughby quickly made an excellent appreciation and plan, dividing the enemy position