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#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1. 14th December 1965.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath for Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1964-23rd June 1965:

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companion of the said Most Honourable Order:

Major-General Peter Mervyn Hunt, D.S.O., O.B.E. (67201), late Infantry.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1. 14th December 1965.

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 Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1964-23rd June 1965:

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

Lieutenant-Colonel Blayney Gilbert HICKEY, M.C. (336714), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

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

Major George Denis Somerville Truell (365912), Royal Regiment of Artillery. Major Harold Roy Brooks (369581), Royal Corps

Transport. Major John Stream RIGGALL (408023), Royal Corps of Transport.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

the Borneo Territories during December 1964-23rd June 1965: Territories during the period 24th

Staff Sergeant (Local Warrant Officer Class II) Trevor DODRIDGE, Intelligence Corps.

## MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th December 1964 to 23rd June 1965:

Bar to Military Cross

aptain (Q.G.O.) DAMARBAHADUR GURUNG, M.C. (465477), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles. Captain

Captain Damarbahadur Gurung has commanded Company throughout the current operational period.

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On 15th February 1965, after a two day approach march through extremely difficult country, Captain Damarbahadur's force reached the selected ambush area overlooking a river. Accompanied only by his runner, he carried out a detailed reconnaissance of the area not far from a known enemy camp. Having selected the place he laid his ambush and waited. The enemy, 5 strong, eventually entered the killing zone without warning, in a boat. Due to the meticulous care taken by this officer to check his men's camouflage and fields of fire, the enemy failed to detect them. On the ambush being sprung all 5 of the enemy were killed.

On 22nd March 1965, this officer again led a force of Gurkhas to ambush a different stretch of

force of Gurkhas to ambush a different stretch of the same river, which the enemy were known to have been using as a supply line. Difficult terrain was again encountered during the long approach march, and surprise was lost when they were seen by a party of hostile locals. Captain Damarbahadur realised that the enemy, having been warned by the locals, might now surround him in greater strength and so cut off his line of withdrawal. Despite this

and so cut of his line of withdrawal. Despite this he persevered with his task, selected his ambush position on the river and waited.

A number of boats, some of which contained a mixture of civilians and armed terrorists, passed through the ambush position. The time factor was now against him but he kept calm and waited for a could be selected the second of the could be selected. target which he could eliminate without loss of life target which he could eliminate without loss of the to civilians. He eventually engaged a boatload of four enemy, killing them all. Heavy enemy fire was brought to bear on his position during this action but, with the aid of artillery fire support, he remained at the scene of action until he was certain there were no more terrorists in the killing zone.