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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1
13th December 1966

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 support of operations in East and West Malaysia during the period 24th December 1965 to 23rd June 1966.

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

Lieutenant Commander John Trevor RAWLINS, Royal Navy.
Electrical Lieutenant (AL) Peter John PEARSON, Royal Navy.
Acting Supply Lieutenant Commander (S) John Edward James AVEY, Royal Navy.

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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 support of operations in East and West Malaysia during the period 24th December 1965 to 23rd June 1966 to the undermentioned:

Petty Officer (FCI) Arthur Leslie CRANE, P/JX 896590.
Aircraft Artificer (A/E) (1st Class) Roy William HIPKEN, FX 888797.
Mechanician (1st Class) Stuart WHITE, P/KX 864874.
Petty Officer (GAI) Edwin Roy Joseph MORRIS, P/JX 630240.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(NAVY DEPARTMENT)

Whitehall, London S.W.1.
13th December 1966.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for distinguished services in support of Operations in East and West Malaysia during the period 24th December 1965 to 23rd June 1966.

Distinguished Service Cross

Lieutenant Commander Peter Norman WRIGHT, Royal New Zealand Navy.

Distinguished Service Medal

Able Seaman Charles Kenneth TAYLOR, N.Z. 17786, Royal New Zealand Navy.

The Military Medal

Corporal Richard James VARLEY, RM 13875, Royal Marines.

Corporal Varley has commanded his section in a series of successful operations in Borneo.

On the 16th March 1966, he took part in an attack on a strong base position set up by part of an infiltrating enemy company. During the night Corporal Varley skilfully moved his section to within twelve yards of the position, and lay there undetected until dawn. He then opened fire on the position, controlling the fire of his section in the face of accurate enemy retaliation. At a crucial stage the section general purpose machine gun jammed and the section was in danger of losing the initiative to an enemy Browning machine gunner who now became active at very close range. Corporal Varley at once threw smoke grenades and withdrew his section to a bank about fifteen yards to his rear, and from there gave new fire control orders to win back the fire fight knowing that he had to keep the enemy engaged for a further fifteen minutes to enable other parts of the overall plan to succeed. Corporal Varley succeeded in his mission and was finally ordered to withdraw. It was largely due to his courage, coolness under fire, and tenacity that this part of the plan succeeded and the platoon was finally able to break off contact after inflicting heavy losses on the enemy at the cost of only two casualties.

Mention in Despatches (Posthumous)

Lieutenant Ian Campbell CLARK, Royal Marines.

Mention in Despatches

Colonel Peter John Frederick WHITELEY, O.B.E., Royal Marines.

Captain (Local Major) Timothy William Sydney DOWNS, Royal Marines.

Second Lieutenant Nicholas Mathew WASTNAGE, Royal Marines.

Quartermaster Sergeant Arthur HILL, PLY/X 5755, Royal Marines.

Leading Engineering Mechanic Wilfred Trevor ROBERTS, P. 054592.

Marine Graham George PRICE, R.M. 22359, Royal Marines.