

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
16th May 1967.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th June 1966 to 11th August 1966:

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

Major Stuart James BRYAN (335032), Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned in recognition of Distinguished Services in the Borneo Territories during the period 24th June 1966 to 11th August 1966:

13695 Corporal (temporary Sergeant) Edward Charles BLACKER, Royal Australian Signals (attached Royal Malaysian Police).

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 June 1966 to 11th August 1966.

Military Cross

Major Alan Middleton JENKINS (369289), 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

During one fortnight of this operational period Major Jenkins commanded a company in very high, cliff-strewn mountains covered in dense primary jungle, and in a period of extremely heavy rains which caused the streams and rivers to flood in their sheer gorges and ravines.

The company were following the tracks of an enemy incursion group led by a notorious leader. In this appallingly savage terrain and weather, movement at any pace was hazardous, but because the company had to move as fast as possible in order to catch up with the enemy, movement was even more dangerous and on many occasions men slipped and were nearly killed by the flooded rivers or stark, treacherous cliffs.

Under these conditions it was the grim determination, the gallant personal leadership and the great perseverance and initiative displayed by Major Jenkins that inspired his men to tremendous efforts, resulting in the elimination of all of the enemy group that they were following. The total number of enemy accounted for was twenty-four, including the leader.

Major Jenkins knowing that the capture of the enemy leader would provide extremely valuable information, was determined to take him alive. This he did at considerable risk to himself and his men. The subsequent interrogations proved the very great value of the captured enemy leader.

On this occasion, as on many occasions in the past two years when on operations in Borneo, Major Jenkins showed gallantry and leadership of a very high order. This officer has always been an inspiration to everyone.

Military Cross

Lieutenant (Q.G.O.) BHAGISOR LIMBU (477211), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

This officer has commanded his platoon in D Company on active operations along the Sarawak border. His platoon has killed a total of 27 enemy at a loss to themselves of 2 killed and Lieutenant Bhagisor Limbu has personally killed seven enemy. His greatest contribution to his platoon's success has been the aggressive and courageous leadership he has shown at all times. By his personal example and conduct he has instilled into every man under his

command the determination to seek out, bring to battle and destroy the enemy wherever and whenever he can be found.

In three separate attack operations he has shown personal gallantry of the highest order and his actions have contributed in large measure to the notable success achieved on each occasion.

In the Biawak battle he led a small group from his platoon into the very centre of the enemy position where they were able to annihilate with grenades and automatic fire an enemy strong point. Showing great courage this officer finally moved forward on his own to ensure that all the enemy had been killed and was able to claim six dead. His apparent indifference to the inherent dangers of his action gained the admiration of all who saw him. Later in an operation in the Serikin area, his platoon had the mission of attacking an entrenched enemy position while other platoons cordoned the escape routes. Despite two of his men being killed at the outset of the attack he led the remainder through the outer and inner defences and finally occupied the entire enemy position, counting twenty enemy dead before he withdrew. In both these major battles Lieutenant Bhagisor Limbu showed a complete disregard both for his own safety and of the intense enemy fire, inspiring his men by his example and ensuring success by his intrepid leadership.

In the action at Gumbang his professional skill and intimate knowledge of the enemy, gained by close reconnaissance of the enemy position, combined with his aggressive tactics resulted in another decisive defeat for the enemy and their complete withdrawal from the area.

Over a very long period he has proved beyond doubt that his justly earned and incomparable reputation for personal bravery and aggressive, determined leadership have been the decisive factors in his platoon's success.

Bar to Military Medal

21148605 Lance Corporal NAINABAHADUR RAI, M.M., 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

On 24th June during a search operation in thick secondary jungle Lance Corporal Nainabahadur with 3 men formed a small group the immediate task of which was to clear a particularly thickly overgrown gully. As Nainabahadur's group approached the gully 2 enemy cautiously emerged and on seeing the group darted back into the undergrowth.

Lance Corporal Nainabahadur shouted out that he had made contact and ordering two men of his group to cover him, he took the third rifleman and plunged in after the enemy. The undergrowth was so thick that visibility was reduced to a couple of yards and both soldiers had to crawl and push their way through the tangled brush. After about 15 yards one enemy was seen at about 3 yards distance burrowed into thick fern and scrub and Lance Corporal Nainabahadur called on him to surrender. The enemy opened fire at point blank range but, because of his awkward position missed Lance Corporal Nainabahadur. He and the rifleman with him opened fire and killed the enemy.

Knowing that another enemy was in the immediate area Lance Corporal Nainabahadur called up the other 2 riflemen of his group and organised a search that resulted in the second enemy being captured some 30 minutes later.

Throughout the action Lance Corporal Nainabahadur showed great coolness, initiative and leadership under fire far in excess of that expected of a junior Lance Corporal. His behaviour was an inspiration and example to the rest of his platoon.

Mentions in Despatches

Brigadier Horace Rollo Squarey PAIN, M.C. (262929), late Royal Armoured Corps.

Captain (Q.M.) Anthony CLARE (478061), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

22547888 Staff Sergeant (acting Warrant Officer Class II), John McCORMACK, Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major Peter Alan Charles BALDWIN (382117), Royal Corps of Signals.

23211740 Corporal Colin SHIELDS, Royal Corps of Signals.

Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Finlay Alexander WILSON (366796), The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

Captain John David Graham PANK (459052), The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Major William Charles Anthony BATTEY (431872), The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.