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TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 1972

State Intelligence

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

1st February 1972.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the posthumous award of the George Cross to the under-mentioned:

(To be dated 27th January 1972)

Errol John EMANUEL, formerly District Commissioner for the East New Britain District of Papua New Guinea.

Errol John Emanuel was posted to Rabaul, East New Britain, in July 1969, on special duties with the objective of bringing mutual understanding and peace to deeply hostile indigenous groups, and restoring in the Gazelle Peninsula a system of local government. He was appointed District Commissioner for the East New Britain District in March 1971, continuing to give priority to the special task which he had undertaken since July 1969.

Over a period of two years, Mr. Emanuel was engaged in the dangerous and difficult role of influencing more than 70,000 Tolai people to discuss their problems in a peaceful and tolerant atmosphere. To this end he visited villages constantly at night, in the early morning, and almost always alone, to talk to leaders of all factions in order to gain their confidence and trust. He continued to make these visits undeterred by specific threats against his life.

On a number of occasions involving public confrontations and imminent violence between police parties and large groups of people, Mr. Emanuel deliberately left the cover of police protection and, without regard for his own safety, moved among dissidents in order to pacify them. Each time he was personally responsible for averting bloodshed and loss of life on both sides. He knew that he was risking his life every time he went alone into crowds such as these but he never wavered from his task,

choosing to expose himself to danger rather than risk the lives of his fellow officers and the police.

On 19th August 1971, at a plantation on the Gazelle Peninsula, Mr. Emanuel again undertook the role of peaceful negotiator during a confrontation with a group of hostile people. Despite recent threats to his life and the fact that some of the Tolai people were in war paint, he left the protection of the police at the invitation of one of the group of dissidents, and went alone down a bush track to negotiate quietly and personally in an endeavour to quell the disturbance and prevent bloodshed. He was then mortally struck down.

Mr. Emanuel's continued acts of the most conspicuous courage over a long period of time in circumstances of extreme danger, and in complete disregard of threats against his life, were in the highest traditions of bravery and sacrifice carried out beyond the call of duty.

HOME OFFICE

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

1st February 1972.

Under authority of a Royal Warrant, the Governor-General of New Zealand, at Government House, Wellington, on 19th November 1971, conferred the honour of Knighthood upon—

Sir Walter Neville NORWOOD.

(Her Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 12th June 1971.)

TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, London S.W.1.

28th January 1972.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

1. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of