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TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 1974

State Intelligence

Buckingham Palace.
14th November 1974.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London, SW1A 2AH.
19th November 1974.

This Day had Audience of The QUEEN:

His Excellency Admiral Ricardus Subono to present the Letter of Recall of his predecessor Mr. Roesmin Nurjadin, and his own Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia.

The QUEEN has been pleased to approve the award of the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry to Police Constable LAU Piu of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

On the 8th January 1974 Police Constable LAU Piu one of a party of plain clothes officers engaged in surveillance duties in an investigation involving gangs who were endeavouring to obtain a monopoly over building contractors working in the Lam Tin Low Cost Housing Estate by threatening violence.

At about 1300 hours on that day a building contractor, Mr. CHAN Kam-shing, and his staff left premises on the 4th floor of the Estate at which they had been working. As they approached the stairway and lift-hall a gang of 10 men, each holding a knife with a 10-inch blade, confronted them with the intent to attack them.

Detective Constable LAU Piu observed the incident and immediately placed himself between the gang and the building contractor's party. He identified himself as a police officer and as he was drawing his revolver was attacked by the gang with their knives and seriously wounded. He nevertheless maintained his position between the gang and the building contractor's party, arrested one of his assailants and fired his revolver, driving off the gang.

At this point a second constable, who was in the vicinity and alerted by the shouts of Detective Constable LAU Piu, came to his assistance—whereupon the attackers fled.

The injuries received by Detective Constable LAU Piu were as follows:

- 2½ inch long wound of the scalp above the left ear;
- the left ear cut longitudinally almost into two halves;
- 1-inch long superficial cut on left palm.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Home Office,
Whitehall, London, SW1A 2AP.
19th November 1974.

The QUEEN was pleased on Tuesday, 12th November 1974, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon:

Sir Darnley Arthur Raymond ALEXANDER, C.B.E., Chief Justice, South-Eastern State, Nigeria.

[Her Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on 1st January 1974.]

Sir Francis Alexander Lyle HARRISON, M.B.E., Q.C., D.L.

Sir Stanley HOLMES, D.L.

Sir Andrew Fielding HUXLEY, F.R.S., Royal Society Research Professor, University College, London.

Sir Frederick Walter SUTTON, O.B.E.

[Her Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on 15th June 1974.]