

CITATIONS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND
INSIGNIAS BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR, SIR ROBERT BLACK,
AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY,
JULY 20, 1957.

Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British
Empire - (O.B.E.)

Mrs. Ellice HANDY - Mrs. Handy has given distinguished service as Principal of the Methodist Girls' School both as an administrator and teacher, and her tireless energy has made possible the raising of considerable funds towards the new school buildings. In addition, her work and association with the York Hill Home, the After Care Association, the Gimson School Parole Board and the Teachers' Training College Advisory Committee have established Mrs. Handy as an outstanding worker for the good of the youth of Singapore.

Wing Commander Hugh Gordon OATES - For Distinguished Service. Wing Commander Oates saw active service with the Malayan Volunteer Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force from 1942 to 1945. In July 1952 he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Penang Wing of the Malayan Auxiliary Air Force and held that post until his transfer to Singapore. In January 1954 he assumed command of the Singapore Wing of the M.A.A.F. and since that date has effected a marked improvement in the organisation, morale and efficiency of the unit which has almost doubled in strength and has reached a degree of cohesion and unity which is most commendable in a volunteer force, especially one consisting of mixed races. Wing Commander Oates has shown himself to be a resourceful and inspired leader.

Lt.-Col. Reginald Winfrid STEPHENSON - For outstanding, efficient and sustained hard work whilst in charge of Staff Duties 4 Branch at the War Office. In this capacity he has been most successfully concerned with the detailed planning and future organisation of the Army and connected projects.

Mr. George Gray THOMSON - Mr. Thomson has shown unflinching devotion to duty over a long period. He performed outstanding service in connection with the 1955 elections and the assumption of office by Singapore's first elected government. He was largely responsible for determining the new electoral divisions of the Colony. As head of the Public Relations Department he did much to awaken electors, who had been automatically registered, to the importance of exercising their vote and to the secrecy of the ballot. He has established cordial relations with the English and vernacular newspapers of Singapore and overseas correspondents, and has won the confidence and respect of the leaders of all communities.

Wing Officer Constance Ellen WARREN - Wing Officer Warren has served in the Women's Royal Air Force for over 13 years. During this time she has been consistently well reported on and has filled a variety of appointments both Royal Air Force and Women's Royal Air Force which she has carried out in an exemplary manner. Until she was promoted in January 1956, she was Personal Staff Officer to the Director of the Women's Royal Air Force for two years, and since her promotion she has filled another post in the same Directorate. She performed both duties most efficiently and has given loyal and devoted service, displaying qualities of unselfishness and a sense of duty to the highest degree. As a Women's Royal Air Force officer, Wing Officer Warren is outstanding and by her example and bearing she brings great credit to her Service.

Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
(M.B.E.)

Mr. Alumootil Mathai CHERIAN - Mr. Cherian has been an active member and leader of the Boys' Brigade Movement in Singapore for 18 years. He rose from the ranks of the Boys' Brigade through exemplary enthusiasm and industry to be one of its most senior officers. He was a founder member of the Singapore Youth Council in 1948 and has remained its Vice-President since 1952. He is a very wellknown leader in youth work in Singapore and is held high in regard by all who work for and with youth in Singapore.

Major James Arthur HARRIS - For meritorious service, resourcefulness and the maintenance of a very high standard as Quartermaster of 27 Field Engineer Regiment in Germany. In spite of unfavourable conditions and many difficulties he was outstandingly successful in ensuring that the Regiment and its families were quickly and well quartered when they arrived in Germany.

Warrant Officer William Edward HUGHES - Warrant Officer Hughes served the Colours for 16 years. He saw active service in the Pacific theatre during the 1939-45 War and served in Malaya from December 1951 to December 1952, rejoining his Troop (F Troop, 101 Wireless Regiment) in March 1955. He has displayed powers of leadership, technical ability and zeal far beyond that normally expected of his rank. In recognition of his loyal and untiring service and his example of selfless devotion to duty over a long period.

Mr. William Thomas KNOTT - Mr. Knott has been associated with the confidential records of the Singapore Police Force since 1938 and it was largely as a result of his excellent work before the war that the internment of enemy nationals in Singapore was possible within a few hours of the outbreak of hostilities in December 1941. Since 1946, and particularly since the declaration of the Emergency, Mr. Knott has made a notable contribution to the security of Singapore through his diligence and capable organisation of the Registry of the Special Branch of the Police Force. Mr. Knott has also worked enthusiastically on behalf of the Boy Scout Movement of which he has been a member for 33 years.

Mr. TAN Siew Inn - For Public Service. Mr. Tan Siew Inn is an able and helpful leader of his community who has taken a keen interest in public welfare and is always willing to act as a mediator in any dispute. He has been a valuable member of the Chinese Advisory Board.

Major John THONG Sing Ching - Major Thong Sing Ching has been an active Volunteer since 1935 and has given, and continues to give, unstintingly of his spare time and his energy to the Singapore Military Forces and to the affairs of the School Cadet Corps. As a senior Volunteer Company Commander when the National Service scheme started he was responsible for much of the post-recruit training of the early intakes and the success of that training reflects his keenness, enthusiasm and organizing ability. By his calm, sensible and loyal outlook he sets an excellent example to less experienced officers, both in the Singapore Military Forces and School Cadets; his advice and guidance is highly valued by them and is always readily available.

R.A.F. Regiment

Flight Lieutenant George James THWAITES - For Meritorious Service. While in charge of the Demonstration Flight at the Royal Air Force Regiment Depot, Catterick, Flt.-Lt. Thwaites displayed exceptional skill and leadership. His enthusiasm, example, tact and attention to detail were an inspiration to his men and this was reflected in the smartness, keenness and discipline of the unit. In addition, this officer voluntarily devoted much of his spare time to assisting units of the Air

Training Corps.....3/-

M.B.E. (Continued) -

Training Corps, the Combined Cadet Force and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and has thereby helped to make a valuable contribution to the future recruitment to the Royal Air Force.

Mr. Richard Selvanayagam WILLIAMS - Mr. Williams is distinguished for his long and faithful service to the Government. Of his 44 years' work, all but six have been given as a Schoolmaster. Throughout this lengthy period, successive Headmasters of Victoria School have repeatedly commended Mr. Williams for his outstanding efficiency, devotion and loyalty. He is held in very high esteem by members of the teaching profession in Singapore.

Mrs. Lilyan May YUNG - Mrs. Yung has played a notable part in the development of welfare organisations in Singapore. Amongst other activities, she has been associated with the organisation of outings for children, bazaars, fetes, public appeals and other fund-raising activities on behalf of the Singapore Association for the Blind, St. Andrew's Mission Hospital, the Poppy Day Fund and the Family Planning Association. She has also been a tireless worker on behalf of the British Red Cross Society.

Mr. Matthew GEORGE - For Outstanding Public Service. Mr. George has worked in the Survey Department since 1928 during which time his ability and devotion to duty have been of the highest standard. His outstanding knowledge of the Land Office and Survey Office records and grasp of the laws relating to lands and surveys has been invaluable to his senior officers.

Mr. GOH Peck Yew - Mr. Goh Peck Yew has been associated with charitable organisations since 1944 and has been active in organising relief for thousands of victims of fires and floods by making arrangements for emergency feeding and distribution of household goods and also in appealing for funds. He has also been connected with the provision of free medical treatment of the poor and has been responsible for raising substantial sums of money for the St. Andrew's Mission Hospital, the Singapore School for the Blind and for orphanages in Singapore.

Military Medal (M.M.)

Sergeant Gore THAPA - On 9th December 1956, Sgt. Gore Thapa was leading a patrol of three Riflemen through an open rubber plantation towards a small hill when a Terrorist sentry was seen to run away shouting the alarm. Sgt. Gore Thapa, without hesitation, led his men at the run to the crest of the hill where he found himself confronted by upwards of 30 Terrorists who were resting and cooking. Seizing this opportunity of temporary confusion, Sgt. Gore Thapa engaged the Terrorists with the maximum but limited fire power at his command. He himself directed his fire at a Terrorist Light Automatic Gunner killing him and wounding a second Terrorist who attempted to man the gun. The Terrorists recovered quickly from their surprise and a heavy fire fight ensued in which another enemy automatic was in action. The patrol continued to engage the enemy who, doubtless realising that they were opposed by four men only, began an encircling movement on each flank. By now, the patrol's ammunition was almost exhausted. In face of the outflanking manoeuvre, Sgt. Gore Thapa, appreciating that to stand and fight was fruitless and that to sustain a casualty was to invite annihilation, ordered his party to withdraw. Using the little

ammunition that..... 4/-

Military Medal (Continued) -

ammunition that remained he broke off the engagement in two short bounds pursued by heavy rifle and automatic fire. Two Terrorist bodies were subsequently recovered and, from the bloodstains at the scene of the engagement, it is almost certain that three others were wounded.

British Empire Medal (B.E.M.)

Inche CHEE bin Mat - This officer, after serving 27 years in the Customs and Excise Department, has been re-engaged temporarily in an advisory capacity. He discharged his duties throughout his service in a highly meritorious manner and became one of the most outstanding ship rummagers ever to be produced by the Department. It was largely due to his uncanny skill in detecting contraband hidden in ships and to the calibre of the men whom he has trained that the Preventive Branch has contributed over \$3,750,000 to the Treasury since the war as proceeds of the sale of confiscated articles. It is due to this officer's leadership and bearing that for many years no serious injuries have befallen Customs ship-searchers working under his orders, despite the danger of this onerous work.

Chief Petty Officer MOHAMED Yassin bin Endot - Chief Petty Officer Mohamed Yassin has had a long and loyal service of over 20 years in the Malayan Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve marked by keenness, unflinching zeal in carrying out his duties and a readiness at all times to shoulder responsibility and give encouragement to those under his charge. He has been an example to the younger ratings in his attendance both at parades and training at sea; while the high standard of communications in the Division, which has been marked in Seaward Defence Exercises, has in no small measure been due to his efficiency and fine leadership.

(R.A.F.)

Sergeant Arthur Patrick SUMMERS - For Meritorious Service. Sgt. Summers was qualified as a Parachute Jumping Instructor in March 1952. Apart from a break of 2½ years he has served continuously since then in this capacity and during this time he has carried out 177 personal parachute descents. His experience as an Instructor is wide and varied and he is a valuable asset to any Parachute School. He is a conscientious instructor who also applies his knowledge in attempts to improve techniques and equipment. As a Non-Commissioned Officer he has on many occasions proved capable of responsibility very much above his rank.

Chief Technician Donald Thomas YULE (R.A.F.) - Chief Technician Yule was attached to the Aircraft Servicing Flight at the Royal Air Force Station, Wyton, during a period when the unit was engaged in the preparation of aircraft for a series of high priority operations which entailed long hours of work in adverse conditions. Due to his wide experience and great manual skill he was always selected to carry out difficult tasks in connection with these special operations and always showed himself ready to work all hours of the day and night in order that these tasks might be completed. During his whole service with this unit, Chief Technician Yule showed exceptional initiative and resourcefulness. His zeal, cheerful disposition and high standard of workmanship were a splendid example to all.

Fire Service Medal.....5/-

Queen's Fire Service Medal:

Mr. John ANGUS - For Distinguished Service. Mr. Angus has served in the Singapore Fire Brigade for 25 years with distinction and is now the Superintendent. His service has embraced not only fire duties but also the important work of Brigade Engineer. He is responsible for the high morale of the men of the Brigade as well as the excellent equipment they use.

Imperial Service Medal (I.S.M.)

Inche KARIM bin Omar - For Long and Meritorious Service. For 29 years this officer has been a faithful and reliable servant of the Postal Services Department and of the public by whom his polite and efficient manner has been particularly noted. His long service and the exemplary performance of his duties reflects great credit on him.

Inche PUTEH bin Mohamed Amin - Inche Puteh has served 39 years in the Survey Department and during that time, as a result of pertinacity, hard work and conscientiousness has been increasingly recognised as an outstanding draftsman. His painstaking care and diligence have been an example for many years to younger officers.

Inche TALIB bin Mat - For Long and Meritorious Service. Che Talib bin Mat has served in the Government Printing Department as a machine ruler for 34 years. During the whole of this time has borne an exemplary character, displaying great patience with involved difficulties encountered in his work. He has had to carry out his duties under stresses not normally met with and has had to work at times with unfamiliar materials. He has played his part in mastering new and modern machinery and in instructing his juniors in his skill and craft. Throughout his service he has maintained a record of punctual and regular attendance and in keeping with his nature he has worked assiduously and unobtrusively.

Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service (C.P.M.)

Sub-Officer ABDUL Rahman bin Sulaiman - Junior Sub-Officer Abdul Rahman joined the Singapore Fire Brigade in 1931 and reached the rank of Chief Foreman in 1946. He has been an officer since 1949. Throughout his service, Abdul Rahman has displayed courage and resource and his sense of discipline and his ability as an instructor have made him outstanding in the training of the younger members of the Brigade.

Singapore Certificate of Honour (S.C.H.)

Mr. Matthew Joseph CHANDY - For services to the Boy Scouts Movement.

Tuan Haji JAMALUDIN bin Allapitchay - For service to the Muslim community.

Madam LEE Siew Gim - For outstanding service to the welfare of under-privileged children.

Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Vellum

Police Constable ABDUL Rahman bin Hamid - For having on 9th September 1956 gone to the rescue of a boy who was in imminent danger of drowning in the Kallang River Basin and whose life he gallantly saved.

Royal Humane Society's Testimonial on Parchment

Mr. HENG Lim Seah - For having on 23rd April 1956 gone to the rescue of a woman who was in imminent danger of drowning in the mouth of the Singapore River near Anderson Bridge and whose life he gallantly assisted in saving.

Inche JAMIL bin Rais - For having on 23rd April 1956 gone to the rescue of a woman who was in imminent danger of drowning in the mouth of the Singapore River near Anderson Bridge and whose life he gallantly assisted in saving.

Police Constable VALLIPURAL Manikavasakar - For having on 21st August 1956 gone to the rescue of a man who was in imminent danger of drowning in the Rochore Canal south of Serangoon Road Bridge and whose life he gallantly saved.

Royal Humane Society's Resuscitation Certificate

Police Corporal JAFFAR bin Mohamed Salleh - For the humanity, promptitude and skill shown by him in having on 9th September 1956 restored a boy to life.

JULY 20, 1957.

(Time issued 1100 hours)