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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

20th November, 1951.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the undermentioned awards:—

GEORGE CROSS.

George Campbell HENDERSON (deceased), Sub-Officer, Gibraltar Dockyard Fire Service.

Sub-Officer Henderson was in charge of the first fire appliance sent to fight an ammunition fire on board a lighter alongside the naval armament vessel "Bedenham". In spite of the great heat and intensity of the fire which, he must have realised, was virtually out of control and would cause a violent explosion of ammunition at any moment, Sub-Officer Henderson managed single-handed to direct a jet of water into the lighter from a position on board "Bedenham", immediately alongside and above the blazing lighter. "Bedenham" had by this time been abandoned but Henderson remained at his place of duty alone doing what he could to prevent the explosion although he must have known that his chance of survival was slight. He was killed when the ammunition blew up.

Sub-Officer Henderson displayed courage of the highest order in the face of almost certain death.

AWANG anak RAWANG, Iban Tracker, Johore, Federation of Malaya.

During operations against the bandits in Malaya a section of a platoon of the Worcestershire Regiment was ambushed by about 50 of the enemy. The leading scout was killed instantly and the Section Commander fatally wounded. Awang anak Rawang was hit through the thigh bone and at the same time a soldier, moving behind him, was hit

below the knee, the bullet completely shattering the bone. Awang anak Rawang, although wounded and lying exposed under heavy rifle and automatic fire, collected his own weapons and that of the soldier and dragged him into the cover of the jungle. In view of the impending bandit attack Awang, completely disregarding his own wound, took up a position to defend the injured man. There he remained, firing on every attempt made by the bandits to approach, and successfully drove off several attacks. Ultimately Awang was again wounded, the bullet shattering his right arm and rendering further use of his rifle or parang impossible. Despite loss of blood from his undressed wounds, he dragged himself over to the wounded soldier and took a grenade from the man's pouch. He resumed his position on guard, pulled out the pin of the grenade with his teeth and with the missile in his left hand defied the bandits to approach. So resolute was his demeanour that the bandits, who had maintained their attacks for some forty minutes, and who were now threatened by the other sections, withdrew.

The coolness, fortitude and offensive spirit displayed by Awang anak Rawang were of the highest order. Despite being twice severely wounded he showed the utmost courage and resolution to continue the fight and protect the injured soldier.

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