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NEW YEAR HONOURS

I have the honour, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor-General to announce that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve twenty-five awards in the 1977 New Year Honours List.

The awards include one Knighthood, one Order of Companion of Honours, two Queen's Police Medal awards and four military awards. Those twenty-five honoured by the Queen are:—

CIVIL DIVISION

Created a Knight Bachelor

Sere Pitoi, C.B.E., of Port Moresby. For distinguished public service to Papua New Guinea.

Member, Public Services Commission (late Chairman).

Former teacher and served with the Education Department from 1955-1969. Later in administrative positions.

Appointed Chairman of the Public Services Board in 1971 for three years and same appointment renewed for 1974 and 1975. Term expired in 1976.

Appointed as C.B.E. in January, 1975.

Appointed Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George

Percy Chatterton, O.B.E., of Lancashire, England. For services to the community and to scouting.

Teacher and missionary for London Missionary Society since 1924.

Founder of first scout troop in 1926.

Retired from mission work in 1964.

Member of Parliament for four years.

His translation of the Bible into Motu was first published in 1974.

Appointed O.B.E. in January, 1972.

Appointed Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.)

Reuben Taureka, M.P., of Port Moresby. For political and public service.

Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

Member for Rigo-Abau Open Electorate.

Health Officer for twenty years.

Member of the Legislative Council from 1960-1964.

Founder and first president of Port Moresby Workers' Association.

Foundation member of the Pangu Pati in 1967.

Minister for Health in 1972.

Minister for Education in 1974.

New Year Honours—*continued*Civil Division—*continued*

Meriba Tomakala, of Korere Village, East New Britain Province. For services to the savings and loans societies movement and to the cocoa industry.

Planter and businessman.

Lately chairman of the board of directors of the Federation of Savings and Loan Society.

Executive member of:

Public Service Arbitration Tribunal.

Kokopo Town Advisory Council.

Central Bank Advisory Committee.

Chairman and founding member of New Guinea Islands Produce Company.

Appointed Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.)

James Lindsay Taylor, of Goroka. For public service, particularly in the exploration of the highlands.

Veteran of the two world wars.

Former Patrol Officer and served in the Police Force.

Outstanding Australian pioneer explorer in New Guinea.

Andrew Anda Wabiria, M.P., of Tari Village. For services to politics.

Member for Koroba/Kopiago Open Electorate since 1968.

Former President of Koroba Local Government from 1964-1969.

Shadow Minister for Mines and Energy.

Foundation member of the United Party.

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

(Miss) Nedulo Boko, of Motorina Island, Milne Bay Province. For Public Service in the field of maternal and child health.

Provincial Supervisor, Community Health Nursing Services, Milne Bay Province.

Commenced training in 1953 with the United Church at Salamo and graduated in 1959.

Worked in many centres throughout Papua New Guinea.

Holds a Diploma in Community Health.

Qualified in maternal and child health.

Sister Jean Henderson, of Australia. For services to health and to nursing training.

Presently working with the Victorian Department of Health.

Served as Nursing Sister with the Anglican Church since 1946.

Founder of St Margaret's Hospital at Oro Bay, Northern Province.

Served at St Barnabas' Hospital at Dogura as Matron.

Foundation member of the Papua New Guinea Nursing Council.

Raymond Ernest Lacey, of Anir Island, New Ireland Province. For services to the community.

Planter.

Member of Namatanai Local Government Council since 1961.

Representative of the council on the New Ireland Province Area Authority.

Active in improving communication, welfare, education, health and political development of the area.

Charles Geoffrey Littler, of Darwin, Australia. For public service.

Executive Director, Australian Red Cross (Northern Territory Region).

Served Patrol Officer from 1949-1956.

Assistant District Commissioner in 1960.

Deputy District Commissioner from 1968-1972.

Official Member of the House of Assembly.

Deputy Chairman of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development.

Member of Public Accounts Committee.

Served in Papua New Guinea for 27 years.

Matiabe Yuwi, M.P., of Kolea Village, Southern Highlands Province. For political and public service.

Member of Parliament for Tari/Komo Open Electorate since 1972.

Aid Post Orderly from 1955-1967.

Health Educator from 1967-1968.

He was a member of the Constitutional Planning Committee.

Member of Meat Industry Advisory Committee.

Clement Herbert Rich, of Australia. For services to the community.

Served with the Department of District Services and Native Affairs in August, 1924.

Patrol Officer and Assistant Resident Magistrate until 1940.

Acting District Officer at Kikori, Esa'ala and Tufi.

Retired from civil administration in June, 1951.

Worked with the Steamships Trading Company, Samarai.

Served in Papua New Guinea for twenty-five years.

New Year Honours—*continued*Civil Division—*continued*

Awarded the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.), Civil Division

Aehe Auri, of Lui Village, Gulf Province. For public service.

Gardener, Government House.

Commenced work as Gardener with Parks and Gardens Branch in Port Moresby on 8th March, 1947.

Transferred to Government House on 14th August, 1952 and has remained there to date.

Twenty-nine years of service (last 24 years at Government House.)

Mam Kamura of Oeresan Village, Northern Province. For services to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Former Sergeant (First Class).

Served during World War II.

Following decorations were awarded:

1939/45 Star

War Medal 1939/45

Australian Service Medal

Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Served at Sogeri, Kila, Bomana, Wewak, Woitape, Tapini, Port Moresby and Popondetta.

Retired on 12th November, 1974.

Aso'o Maure, of Boroko, Port Moresby. For service to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Sergeant Major with the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Joined the Constabulary on 1st August, 1957.

Continuous service in the Criminal Investigation Branch at Central Police Station, Boroko.

Simoi, of Bagabag Island, Madang Province. For service to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Retired Police Sergeant (Second Class).

Served in the Constabulary from 31st January, 1938 to 11th June, 1975.

Wide experience and service in the highlands.

War veteran.

Awarded three Constabulary Long Service Stars.

Pandana Tomda, of Wantuwat Village, Morobe Province. For public service.

Laundryman, Government House.

Served at Government House since 1958 until the present.

Served various Administrators, two High Commissioners and now the Governor-General.

Tokumura to Vangaga, of Malaguna, Rabaul. For service to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Formerly Sergeant.

Served in the Constabulary from 22nd March, 1943 to 23rd March, 1973.

Wide experience in the highlands.

Awarded the following medals:

1939/45 Star

Pacific Star

1939/45 War Medal

Australian Service Medal

Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Pisona Tubemang, of Sel Village, Madang Province. For public service.

Labour Foreman, Brown River Station.

Policeman from 1936-1949.

Transport in Rabaul.

Posted to Brown River as Transport Driver on the Forestry Project.

Labour Foreman.

Forty years' service to the Government.

Awarded the Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (Q.P.M.)

Assistant Commissioner Sarry Onamaisa Mesa, of Police Headquarters, Konedobu. For distinguished service to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Assistant Commissioner of Police responsible for Works and Logistics.

Last two postings were Officer Commanding, Police District, Bougainville and Director of the Islands Division.

Howard Swinford Thomas, of Loganholme, Queensland. For distinguished service to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

Formerly Senior Superintendent of Police.

Previously served in the British army and British police.

Served Victoria Police Force in 1949.

Joined the Constabulary in November, 1952.

Served in Port Moresby, Madang and the highlands.

Retired on 29th May, 1974.

New Year Honours—continued

MILITARY DIVISION

Created an Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.)

Lt-Col. David Allen, of the Royal Australian Infantry. For service to the Papua New Guinea Defence Force.

Enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in 1951.

Active service in Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam.

First posting to P.N.G.D.F. in 1964 as D.A.Q.M.G. and Second-in-Command of the Second Battalion Pacific Islands Regiment.

Second posting in April, 1973 as Director of Personnel Services at Headquarters.

Present appointment as Colonel Co-ordination.

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

Warrant Officer John Francis Vicary Lovegrove, of the Royal Australian Air Force. For service to the Papua New Guinea Defence Force.

Enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force in 1952.

Has served for twenty-five years.

Active service in Vietnam.

Arrived Papua New Guinea 1974.

Responsible for re-supply, supervision of aircraft, documentation, loading, unloading freight and passenger movement in the Defence Force.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) Military Division

Sergeant (Provisional Warrant Officer) William Impopo Deklin, of Papua New Guinea Defence Force. For service to the Papua New Guinea Force.

Company Sergeant Major.

Enlisted in 1966.

Served continuously in the First Battalion, Pacific Islands Regiment.

L/Cpl (Temp. Cpl) Wali Nokuan, of Papua New Guinea Defence Force. For service to the Papua New Guinea Defence Force.

Plant Operator.

Enlisted in 1965.

Attended School of Military Engineering in Australia and qualified as Plant Operator.

Participated in most civic action projects.

Serving with the P.N.G.D.F. Engineering Battalion.

CHRISTOPHER TALIE,
Official Secretary.