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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
 ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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*12th February, 1952.*

The KING was graciously pleased on 4th February to approve the undermentioned awards of the George Medal and of the British Empire Medal and the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct:—

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Reginald Victor BOWDEN, Locomotive Fireman, Bricklayers Arms Depot, British Railways, Southern Region. (Bermondsey, S.E.1.)

Bowden and his driver were working a passenger train from London Bridge to Brighton when, without warning, a serious fracture occurred in a main steam pipe. As a result the cab and footplate were enveloped in steam and the greater part of the contents of the smokebox and live coals from the firebox were rapidly ejected by the escaping steam through the fire-hole door and into the cab.

The train at once began to lose speed and as Bowden was in the act of saving himself by leaving the footplate from his side of the cab, he saw that his driver, who had tried to close the regulator and apply the brake, was dazed and burnt and unable to open his cab door, which was preventing his escape from what had then become an inferno of smoke, fire and steam.

Bowden had the choice between saving himself by jumping from his side of the footplate at comparatively slight risk, or going to the aid of his driver in the certain

knowledge that in doing so he would expose himself to severe injuries. He unhesitatingly crossed the footplate, seized his driver around the legs and tipped him over the door and off the footplate. He then made one further unsuccessful attempt to apply the brake and, as the train had by then almost come to a standstill, he himself leapt from the engine and on to the permanent way.

Bowden who sustained burns of the face, hands and feet, behaved with gallantry and fortitude and saved the driver from further burns and injuries which would probably have proved fatal.

Frederick Mark STONE, B.E.M., Police Constable, Metropolitan Police (Kennington, S.E.11).

A man with a heavy iron bar smashed the window of a jeweller's shop and seized a valuable bracelet. At the same time a car with two men in it drew up by the shop and one of the men got out and threatened bystanders with a heavy instrument. The smash and grab incident was seen by Constable Stone, who was on duty in plain clothes and was walking on the opposite side of the street. He immediately ran across the road and as he did so he noticed a man threatening people with what appeared to be a stick with a large knob at the end. Constable Stone made straight for the man at the window who turned round and struck him on the arms and body with the iron bar. Stone, however, caught the man around the legs, throwing him on the ground. Stone was struggling with his opponent when he was attacked by the other man who hit him several times

on the head with his weapon, severely wounding him and causing serious bleeding.

In spite of his wounds, the Constable clung to his prisoner, who crawled towards the kerb near where the car was standing, but with the help of other police officers, who had now arrived, the man was overcome and taken into custody.

Although both men were armed Police Constable Stone did not hesitate in his duty and even when he had been severely wounded in the head he still clung tenaciously to his prisoner. By his courage and determination he secured the arrest of a dangerous criminal.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal  
(Civil Division):—*

**Herbert CARBINES**, Acting Assistant Foreman of Mainlayers, Beckton Works, North Thames Gas Board. (Dagenham, Essex.)

An excavation had been dug to expose gas mains in a main road and about a dozen men were working in or near it. Molten lead was being run in when there was an explosion, apparently inside the gas main, and the excavation became filled with dust and smoke. Carbines who realised that a large escape of gas was possible following the explosion, immediately went into the excavation to rescue any of his workmates who may have been injured. He called out to others to follow him and got down on his hands and knees to search for casualties. He was unable to see anyone and as he passed the open mouth of a pipe he could smell gas coming out in great volume. He told the other men to go back but before they were all clear the gas ignited and the whole excavation became enveloped in flames.

Carbines acted promptly and courageously without thought of self.

**Albert William FORMAN**, Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

A prisoner who was known to be given to violence against himself, made a sudden dash from the hospital exercise yard at Wandsworth prison, climbed on to the main roof of the hospital and then up to one of the air shafts. He got into the shaft and stood there with only his head and shoulders showing. He could not be persuaded to come down and attempted to push away the ladders which were set up to reach him. While the prisoner's attention was distracted, Officer Forman scaled a long ladder from the ground and, in spite of the difficulty of negotiating an over-hanging cornice, he managed to seize the prisoner around the body. After his safety hook had been released from the top rung of the ladder by another officer, Forman very coolly worked his body on to the cornice and finally succeeded in getting both legs inside the air shaft without releasing his hold on the prisoner. The operation took about ten minutes and a slip on Forman's part would have involved a drop of forty feet. The prisoner was then brought safely to the ground.

Forman displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

**Jackson s/o SAID**, Harbour Labourer, Mombasa, Kenya.

A small child fell into a waste water pit 45 feet deep and 6 feet in diameter. About 3 feet of water lay at the bottom and the child was in danger of drowning.

Jackson descended the pit by a rope made up of random lengths of one inch sisal rope of very poor quality and in most cases badly frayed. He held the child clear of the water until the fire brigade arrived and they were then both rescued by lifeline.

Jackson took a great risk in descending the pit by an improvised rope of such doubtful strength. His prompt action, taken with complete disregard of possible injury, resulted in the child's life being saved.

**Elizabeth, Mrs. JOHNSON**, Housewife, Marston Green, Birmingham.

A fire broke out in the kitchen of a prefabricated bungalow in which two young children were known to be. Mrs. Johnson, who lived nearby, ran to the back door of the building but could not gain access because a large armchair which was ablaze was obstructing the doorway. She then ran to the front door of the house, smashed the window with a brick and climbed through into the living room. She made her way to the kitchen which was burning fiercely and despite the smoke and flames managed to find one child and take him to the front window and hand him to a neighbour. The fire was now very severe and the heat almost unbearable but without a moment's hesitation Mrs. Johnson returned to the kitchen, found the other child, who was badly burned, and took him to safety.

Mrs. Johnson acted with no regard for her personal safety and with great presence of mind.

**Ernest Edmund NORRIS**, Aircraft Fitter, Greenford, Middlesex.

A fire broke out in a house and a crippled man was trapped in a ground floor room. Efforts to enter the room by the door were unsuccessful owing to the intense heat and dense smoke.

Norris saw the smoke issuing from the window and on being told that a helpless man was in the room he smashed a pane of glass, opened the window and jumped in. He was forced to the floor by the flames and smoke which singed his hair and burnt his hands, but he could just see the man lying on the floor and managed to drag him to the passage way and to safety.

Norris acted courageously and promptly and took no account of the risk to himself.

**Neville SEGRE**, Superintendent-in-charge, Fire Brigade, Savanna-la-mar, Jamaica.

Segre went with a party of firemen and special constables to a fire which had broken out in a canefield. They heard cries coming from the middle of the field which was fully ablaze. Segre attempted to enter but was beaten back by the flames. He again tried and succeeded in breaking his way through, to discover an old woman very badly burnt and in a state of panic. Although suffering from burns to his hands and face, Segre picked up the woman and carried her through the fire to safety. His gallant action saved the woman from being burnt to death.

Alec Dalton SENIOR, Semi-skilled Fitter, British Road Services Depot, Lincoln. (Binbrook, Lincolnshire.)

A serious fire broke out in a section of a workshop where tyres were stored. The fire gained ground quickly and there was danger of it spreading to surrounding property. Senior saw that a van was standing near the seat of the fire and he jumped on it and reversed it into the street. Having called the Fire Brigade, he immediately returned to salvage other vehicles. Within a few yards of the roaring flames and amid falling timbers from the blazing roof, Senior, ignoring the danger of petrol tanks exploding, persisted in the removal of the vehicles and his courage and leadership were undoubtedly instrumental in preventing serious damage to the extensive fleet of vans and other vehicles parked in the garage at the time.

Harold Frank WARE, Special Sergeant 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

A woman fell over the cliffs near Sydney and Special Sergeant Ware was put in charge of the rescue operations. It was quite dark, torrential rain was falling, a gale was blowing and mountainous seas were running on a rising tide. The dangerous, slippery and shaley surface precluded the erection of a special rescue derrick and Ware decided to make the descent by ropes alone. He reached the bottom, found the woman's body and made an effort to have it hauled to the top of the cliff but was unable to accomplish this owing to the difficult and dangerous conditions. He then lashed the body to himself and was hauled up with it. He was subject to very material risk throughout the whole of this operation by reason of the breaking seas which washed him against rocks, the fury of the wind when he was in mid-air, and the danger of the rope fraying on the rocks and breaking. Special Sergeant Ware worked under the most exhausting and dangerous conditions for more than three hours until the recovery of the body had been effected.

#### KING'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

Thomas BLACK, Lynemouth, Northumberland.  
For rescuing a child from drowning.

Harold Bertram CLARKE, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Merton Park, S.W.19.)

Harold WILLIAMS, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Upper Tooting Park, S.W.17.)  
For services when preventing the escape of an armed man.

James Walker CURRIE, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary: (Grimsby.)  
For services when arresting an armed man.

James Edward DOWNING, Labourer, British Electricity Authority, Greys Bridge Power Station, Mexborough, Yorkshire. (Denaby, Yorkshire.)

For rescuing a child from drowning.

Thomas William FLEMING, Omnibus Driver-Mechanic, Penrith, Cumberland.

For attempting to save a man from being knocked down by an omnibus.

Joseph GLAISTER, Constable, Liverpool City Police.

For rescuing a man from drowning.

Denis John Hamilton GOLBY, Manager, Harlesden, N.W.10.

Phyllis Holman, Mrs. RICHARDS, O.B.E., Housewife, Westminster, S.W.1.

For assisting the police when an armed criminal was arrested.

Grenville Henry HODGSON, Special Constable, Gwynedd Constabulary. (Penmaenmawr.)

David JONES, Constable, Caernarvonshire Constabulary. (Penmaenmawr.)

Alun ROBERTS, Station Officer, Caernarvon Fire Brigade. (Bangor.)

Hugh Lloyd ROBERTS, Fireman, Caernarvon Fire Brigade. (Llanfairfechan.)

Lefi WILLIAMS, Ambulance Driver, Caernarvon Ambulance Service. (Conway.)

For services when a railway accident occurred.

William LAKE, Mainlayer's Labourer, Beckton Works, North Thames Gas Board. (East Ham, E.6.)

For services when an explosion occurred at a gas works.

Yiannakis MICHAEL, Rural Constable, Palekythro, Cyprus.

For rescuing a man marooned on a flooded bridge.

Frederick Bowen OWEN, Jointer, British Electricity Authority, Greet Sub-Station, Birmingham.

For services when an explosion occurred in a power station.

John James PARTER (deceased), Labourer, Highways Department, County Borough of Eastbourne Council.

For services when attempting to rescue a workmate in difficulties in a sewer.

George WARBOYS, Farmer, Oakington Village, Cambridgeshire.

George Brian WARBOYS, Farmer, Oakington Village, Cambridgeshire.

For rescuing the pilot of an aircraft which crashed and caught fire.

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