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

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

16th December, 1952.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the undermentioned award:—

GEORGE CROSS.

John BAMFORD, Colliery Worker, Newthorpe, Nottingham.

A fire broke out in a house occupied by a man, his wife and six children, and in a very short time was burning fiercely. John Bamford and his father went downstairs and upon opening the living room door at the foot of the stairs the interior of the room burst into flames. Owing to the intense heat they were unable to get back upstairs to the rest of the family. They ran out through the front door, climbed on to the top of a bay window which gave access to a bedroom, opened the window and helped three of the children and the mother on to the flat roof. John Bamford and his father then climbed into the bedroom where they could hear the two remaining children, aged 4 and 6, shouting in the back bedroom, situated immediately above the seat of the fire. The bedroom doors at the head of the stairs were enveloped by flames. The father draped a blanket around himself and attempted to reach the children but the blanket caught fire and he was driven back. John Bamford then told his father to go to the back of the house while he got down on his hands and knees and crawled through the flames into the bedroom.

His shirt was completely burned upon him but nevertheless he snatched the two young boys from the bed and managed to get them to the window. He dropped the younger boy from the window into his father's arms but the elder boy struggled from his grasp.

Bamford could then have got out himself but he left the window and chased the screaming child through the flames across the room. He eventually managed to catch him and throw him from the window.

By this time Bamford was fast losing consciousness. He was terribly burned on the face, neck, chest, back, arms and hands but he managed to get one leg over the window sill and then fell to the ground.

John Bamford displayed courage of the highest order, and in spite of excruciating pain succeeded in rescuing his two brothers.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Anthony Serle PUDNER, Manager, Cable and Wireless Telecommunications Unit, Korea. (Ewell, Surrey.)

Pudner has been in command of the Cable and Wireless Telecommunications Unit in Korea, since November, 1950.

In his capacity as Manager, he has most loyally carried out his tasks in the battle area in a manner at times far beyond the call of duty. He also undertook a hazardous mission by sea with valuable wireless equipment.

Pudner has at all times put service before self. His organising ability, calmness and courage in times of stress were an inspiration to the unit under his management.

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

Albert Arthur Victor BARKER, Foreman, Grade II, Royal Ordnance Factory, Swynner-ton. (Walton, Staffordshire.)

An accident occurred during the pressing of high explosives into pellets in a mechanical press. A pellet took fire and exploded causing damage to the press, roof and wall and the resultant fire spread immediately to other pressed pellets and to the conveyor belt bringing these from the machine to the packing table outside the cubicle.

Barker and four other people were in the building at the time of the explosion. Barker ordered the others to leave the building and, collecting two fire buckets which were about 10 feet away, clambered over the gate and extinguished the fire at the press and the burning pellets on the conveyor belt inside the cubicle. Using water from other buckets he then dealt with the fire outside the cubicle. Barker would have been killed or seriously injured if another explosion had taken place while he was fighting the fires. The other workers, who were still near the building, would probably have been injured.

Barker's prompt and courageous action prevented a major fire and further serious explosions.

John Simpson BURKE, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Bermondsey, S.E.1.)

Police Constable Burke and another Constable went to a flat to arrest a woman. A man answered the door but he refused to give any information, was abusive to the officers and threatened them with violence. Shortly afterwards he left the flat and the officers followed him. He saw them and producing a revolver he pointed it at them, threatening to shoot. Police Constable Burke then told the other Constable to get assistance while he followed the man as the latter backed away. Burke drew closer and the man again threatened to shoot but Constable Burke tackled him and brought him to the ground. There was a violent struggle, but the other Constable returned and the man was disarmed and overpowered.

George CHESHIRE, Motor Driver, Road Haulage Executive, Liverpool.

A vehicle driven by Cheshire was in collision with a lorry which was travelling in the opposite direction. Both fuel tanks were smashed and the petrol exploded. The cab of the lorry was distorted by the collision and the driver was trapped. Although Cheshire had been injured in the crash, he immediately went to the aid of the other man. The flames from the petrol fire were 30 feet high and both vehicles were burning. Cheshire smashed the rear window of the cab and pulled the driver out through an aperture, about 12 inches by 18 inches. Cheshire, who showed complete disregard of self, was severely burned whilst effecting the rescue.

Charles HILL, Constable, City of Glasgow Police Force.

Thomas MACDONALD, Constable, City of Glasgow Police Force.

Constable MacDonald and another Constable, on duty in plain clothes, were looking for a youth wanted for stealing money from the bank where he was employed. In the course of their search they saw him walking alone on the opposite pavement and crossed the road towards him. The youth stepped backwards, produced two guns and fired at the Constables. MacDonald's fellow officer collapsed, mortally wounded. Without hesitation MacDonald dived at the gunman but was hit by a bullet on the inside of the left elbow. The impact threw him down on the road. He rose up to make another attempt but a further shot hit him in the side and he fell to the pavement where he lost consciousness.

Constable Hill, on his beat nearby, heard the shooting and ran to the spot. He saw the two Constables lying on the ground and recognised their assailant, who was walking quickly away, as a wanted man. He gave chase and was fired at twice. He then took cover against a garden wall and was fired at again at a range of about 15 yards. To get the youth to use his ammunition Hill held his cap around the corner and two or three shots were fired at it. The Constable then arranged for a wireless message to be put out and for police help to come in from the rear. A few minutes later the youth shot himself.

Nathan HYAMS, Wholesale Fruit Salesman, St. John's Wood, N.W.8.

A small dinghy capsized when about 100 yards from the shore and the two occupants, a man and a woman, were thrown into the sea. They clung to the side of the dinghy but were in danger of being swept away and drowned. Hyams, although not a strong swimmer obtained a lifebelt, plunged into the sea and swam out to the dinghy. On reaching the dinghy he placed the lifebelt over the head of the man, who appeared to be unconscious, and told the woman to cling to the lifebelt while he guided them towards the shore. After travelling some distance they were then joined by another man who helped the party to the beach. The sea was very choppy and running high and Hyams showed complete disregard of his own safety in effecting the rescue.

Che MAN bin Ibrahim, Principal Officer, Grade I, Pudu Prison, Federation of Malaya.

The Superintendent of Prisons, Kuala Lumpur, was savagely attacked by a prisoner armed with an axe and severely injured. Che Man, although unarmed, grappled with the man as he was about to strike the Superintendent for a second time. Many prisoners saw the attack but made no effort to prevent it or to assist Che Man during his desperate struggle with the prisoner. Che Man disregarded his own personal safety and by his prompt action saved the life of the Superintendent.

William MARTIN, Fitter's Labourer, Grimsby.

The steam trawler "Glen Kidston" was undergoing repairs in Dry Dock at Grimsby. While riveting was taking place nine Signal Rockets and one Daylight Distress Signal were accidentally set off in the aft cabin where a man was working. Martin heard explosions and saw smoke. He ran to the alley-way above the aft cabin, from which dense orange smoke was pouring. Several men tried to go down into the cabin but could get no further than the second or third rung of the vertical steel ladder down the companionway. Martin then made an attempt and reached the cabin but was driven back by the dense smoke. With a line attached to him he made a second attempt and was successful in entering the cabin. He found the man, who was unconscious, and managed to drag him through the cabin and then up the ladder to the alley-way above.

James Albert PENWARDEN, Sales Representative, Leeds.

An empty tram, which had run down hill out of control, collided at about 45 m.p.h. with a second tram, which was moving slowly forward. The rear end of this tram was swept away by the force of the collision and the conductor, who was standing on the platform, was thrown on to the roadway. The driver was forced backwards through the door between his compartment and the passenger saloon, and fractured his skull. All the passengers were injured, some of them seriously. The vehicle gathered speed rapidly on the steep descending gradient and reached a speed of about 50 m.p.h.

Penwarden, who was travelling with his wife and son in the lower saloon, was thrown on to the floor and badly shaken. He picked himself up quickly and, after rescuing his son who was in danger of falling through the broken flooring, went forward to help the driver. Finding the driver lying unconscious on the floor, Penwarden promptly entered the forward compartment and seized the controls, first of all shutting off power and then applying the electric and hand brakes. He brought the tram to a stop near a busy roundabout, where it would certainly have been derailed and might well have collided with other traffic and caused further heavy casualties.

Albert Frank WELLS, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Balham, S.W.12.)

John FOSTER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Deptford, S.E.8.)

Sydney FURNER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Deptford, S.E.8.)

A man entered a Post Office and, threatening the counter clerks with a revolver, seized a bundle of postal orders and made off. The alarm was given and the police summoned. Detective Sergeant Wells and Police Constable Furner searched for the man and when they caught up with him he immediately stepped back a few paces, drew a revolver from his pocket and pointed it at the Sergeant. The weapon was open-chambered, with what appeared to be a bullet in one of the chambers. Meanwhile

P.C. Furner was trying to get behind the man, but the latter saw him and ran off. The Constable and the Sergeant pursued him but he dodged into a large block of flats. A few minutes later Wells saw the man coming towards him from the back of the building. The Sergeant challenged him and although threatened with the revolver, tried to reason with him, at the same time moving closer. Furner also closed in but the man, still pointing the revolver at the officers, ran into a garage yard. P.C. Foster then arrived and with P.C. Furner entered the yard, followed by Sergeant Wells. The man was standing with his back to a wall pointing the revolver at them. He threatened to shoot but the two Constables rushed at him together, whereupon he threw the weapon at them. There was a violent struggle but the man was overpowered.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Derrick Edgar Theodore BULL, Constable, Wiltshire Constabulary.

Victor Hall OXFORD, Bricklayer, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

George DONALDSON, Shift Control Engineer, Kilmarnock Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Ardrossan, Ayrshire.)

Neil Dempsey THOM, Electrician, Kilmarnock Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Prestwick, Ayrshire.)

For services when an accident occurred at Kilmarnock Power Station.

Ronald Arthur Jesse DUBERY, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Chelsea, S.W.3.)

For rescuing a woman from drowning.

Edith Annie, Mrs. FOSTER, Housewife, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

For rescuing a man from a lorry which overturned and caught fire.

Wilfred GARDNER, Sub-Postmaster, Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

For services when an attempt was made to rob a Post Office.

Robert HAMILTON, Glasgow.

For services when an armed man was arrested.

Frank HILTON, Divisional Officer, Grade III, Birkenhead Fire Brigade.

For services when a street gas main caught fire.

Edwin HOUGH (deceased), Game Ranger, Department of Game and Tsetse Control, Northern Rhodesia.

For services when attempting to rescue a man from drowning.

Joseph KAY, Aircraft Fitter, Handley Page Ltd. (Purford, Yorkshire.)

For helping to rescue a pilot from a blazing aircraft.

John MACLEOD (deceased), Constable, City of Glasgow Police Force.

For services when attempting to arrest an armed man.

Joseph PARRY, Colliery Shotfirer, Llay Main Colliery, National Coal Board. (Llay, nr. Wrexham.)

William PARTINGTON, Colliery Deputy, Llay Main Colliery, National Coal Board. (Cymmau, nr. Wrexham.)

For services when an accident occurred in a mine.

Eric Harold POWELL, Caterer, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

Denis SMITH, Representative, Birtley, Durham.

For rescuing a woman from drowning.

Stanley George SAYERS, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Southwark, S.E.1.)

For services when arresting an armed man.

Ada, Mrs. SPILLET, Housewife, Golders Green, N.W.11.

For services when a man was arrested.

Ivor William THOMPSON, Student, Westcliff-on-Sea.

For services when two people were rescued from drowning.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR

Raymond Colin Oswald LOVELOCK, D.F.C., Captain, Civil Aircraft, Airwork Ltd. (Fleet, Hampshire.)

For selfless devotion to the safety of his passengers when making a forced landing.

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