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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
 31st January, 1956.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal and 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 for their brave conduct.

*Awarded the George Medal :—*

Keith Trevor BURDETT, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Brixton Hill, S.W.2.)

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

George Henry FRAMPTON, Police Sergeant,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Paddington, W.2.)

Robert Neville GREEN, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Sydenham, S.E.26.)

John Atkinson LEWIS, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Clapham, S.W.4.)

Wyndham David MORGAN, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Battersea, S.W.11.)

While on night duty Constable Burdett saw two men near an unattended saloon motor car, one of whom was attempting to open the rear door. He saw also a third man standing nearby. The officer walked towards the men who ran off. He gave chase and heard a noise coming from behind the wall of a bombed site. Burdett telephoned for assistance and, shortly afterwards, Constable Lewis and other officers arrived by car. Constables Burdett and Lewis went to a wall by the bombed site. Lewis helped Burdett to climb the wall, and as the latter was reaching the top, shots were fired from a point five or six feet in front of him. He felt blast on the

right side of his face and at the same time something struck his helmet. He dropped from the wall and crouched for a moment, when a man on the other side shouted that he would kill anyone who came over the wall. Constable Burdett, however, started to climb the wall again and had his hands on the top, levering himself up, when two more shots were fired, the second striking the officer's left index finger and causing him to fall from the wall. Between the shots Burdett saw a man crouching in the yard, about 4 feet from the wall. Constable Lewis quickly went to his colleague's assistance, and both officers looked over the wall and saw a man climbing into the next yard. Burdett was taken to hospital and in the meantime Constable Lewis, who had climbed the wall in pursuit of the man, was joined by Detective Sergeant Frampton and Constables Green and Morgan. Eventually Constable Green shone his torch from the roof of a lean-to shed and through a crack in the door saw a movement. He shouted to Detective Sergeant Frampton, who, followed by Constable Lewis, jumped into the yard and pushed back the door. A shot was fired in Detective Sergeant Frampton's direction. The officer jumped back and the door was slammed shut. He called on the man to come out, but was answered with more threats. Another shot was fired from a hole in the top of the door and Frampton and the Constables charged the door and broke the bottom part. A leg came through the opening and Frampton grasped it and pulled hard, causing the man inside to slip. As the other officers broke down the remainder of the door a pistol fell to the ground. After a struggle the man was arrested.

Constable Burdett acted with very great gallantry in persisting, under fire, in his attempt to climb the wall to apprehend a dangerous criminal, and the other four officers also displayed great courage and

tenacity in effecting the arrest of the armed man who had already shot and wounded one of their colleagues.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Osmund Ertman CISLOWSKI, Constable 1st Class, Queensland Police Force.

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

Earle Leonard NEEDHAM, Constable 1st Class, Queensland Police Force.

Constable Cislowski and Constable Needham were called to some premises where a prowler had been seen on the roof. Needham went to the side of the premises while Cislowski went to the rear where he saw a man about to jump from an iron fence. He called to him to stop, but the man ran up a track closely pursued by the Constable and, stopping in a galvanised iron shed, he faced the Constable and threatened him. Cislowski, however, moved towards the man who drew a gun and shot the Constable in the chest. A struggle ensued, but the Constable could not hold the man, who broke away and ran down the track. Despite his injuries Cislowski continued the chase and caught hold of the man by the trouser leg, which tore away. The man then started to run down the track again but the Constable again grappled with him. The man fired several shots and broke away but was chased and caught by Cislowski who threw him to the ground face downwards.

Constable Needham arrived on the scene at this point and both Constables grappled with the man, who then fired two shots, one of which struck Cislowski near the left hip. Another Constable then arrived and the man was overpowered. Constable Cislowski was taken to hospital with three bullet wounds in his body and other injuries. Despite his serious wounds Constable Cislowski was prepared to do his duty no matter what the cost to himself might be.

Constable Needham displayed great devotion to duty and courage and gave no thought for his personal safety.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

William Robert MORROW, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary. (Rosslea, County Fermanagh.)

An attack was made by armed criminals on the Royal Ulster Constabulary Station, Rosslea. Sergeant Morrow was asleep in a bedroom on the first floor. A Constable was resting in the guardroom on the ground floor and three others were asleep in cubicles on the first floor. The criminals placed a charge of gelignite in a gutter beneath and outside the guardroom window and detonated it electrically, blowing a hole in the wall measuring 4 feet 4 inches by 2 feet 6 inches, and causing much other damage. The Constable was blown from his camp bed and partially buried under the debris. The criminals entered the guardroom through the hole made by the explosion and fired seven bullets from automatic weapons into the Constable's body.

Sergeant Morrow, awakened by the explosion, dashed out of his quarters into the main building and there obtained a Sten gun. Calling to one of the Constables to

send out a radio message for help and to the others to take up defensive positions, he ran to a landing giving access to the staircase, up which the criminals were then firing and calling on the garrison to surrender. From his position on the landing the Sergeant opened fire on the criminals and after an exchange of shots the criminals fled, leaving behind them a sub-machine gun, an American automatic rifle, a gas pistol, hand grenades and other articles.

Sergeant Morrow followed up his attack into the open, but the criminals had come in three cars, which they had left close to the Station during the attack, and they succeeded in making their escape in these and in reaching the Irish Republic. One of the criminals was killed and one wounded.

Sergeant Morrow's coolness in giving instructions to his party and in taking on himself the task of repelling those of the criminals who had entered the building and his complete disregard of his personal safety, showed courage of an extremely high order.

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

Jane Frances, Mrs. BOYCE, Housewife, Ruislip, Middlesex.

Mrs. Boyce was walking on the outskirts of a wood with her husband and their dog when she heard screams and shouts for help. Having previously seen a man with an animal, which she had taken to be a cow, she seized her husband's walking stick and ran into the wood. She found a bull mauling a man on the ground. The man, who had just been thrown, was dazed, defenceless and badly injured. Mrs. Boyce broke the walking stick over the animal's head, and drove it back by shouting and waving her arms. While her husband was getting help she remained alone for fifteen to twenty minutes between the injured man and the bull with no weapon other than the broken walking stick. During this time the bull was still threatening to attack.

Eventually help arrived and the bull was led away. Mrs. Boyce acted with sustained courage. Her only weapon was a walking stick which broke at the first blow. Nevertheless, she continued to protect the injured man for a relatively long time and he undoubtedly owes his life to her.

Morgan Franklyn CLARK, Detective Senior Constable, Queensland Police Force.

Wesley John COOKE, Constable 1st Class, Queensland Police Force.

The Police were called to a house where a man had fired shots at his father from a rifle. The father was hiding in some bushes and the son had taken cover in the house and threatened to shoot anyone who approached. While a Policeman engaged the man in conversation Constables Clark and Cooke gained entry to the house through a window. They were seen by the man who came towards them carrying a .22 calibre rifle in both hands and pointing to the floor in front of them. He approached to within a short distance of the Officers, trained the rifle on them, and threatened to kill them both. He then fired his rifle at Constable Cooke who fired a shot from his automatic into a kitchen cabinet, in the hope that it

would shock the man to his senses. At the same time both Constables rushed him and after a desperate struggle managed to overpower him.

The Constables acted with complete disregard of their own safety and showed great devotion to duty.

Henry Arthur FROW, Garage Proprietor, Barnetby, Lincolnshire.

Frank James GREEN, Police Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire.)

Allenby Haigh WRIGHT, Police Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.)

A young labourer approached a taxi, which was plying for hire in the Old Market Place at Grimsby, and asked the driver to take him to a road leading from Grimsby towards a village about four miles away. As he was driving along this road the youth, who was sitting behind the driver, produced a gun and ordered the driver to drive to Leeds.

The driver decided to do as he was told and continued to drive until instructed to fill up with petrol at the next garage. When they pulled up at a garage the driver flung open the door, jumped out and scrambled into the garage. The youth also jumped out and was seen with a gun in his hand. At this stage Mr. Frow, the proprietor, came out and confronted the youth who was standing directly in front of him, pointing a gun at him. Frow walked towards the youth and ordered him to drop the gun. The gunman threatened to shoot but Frow continued to advance until he was within arms length when he swung up his left arm and knocked the gun sideways. As he did so, the gun went off and the youth turned away and ran down the road. He was seen to reload the gun and make his way to a saloon car which had stopped at the garage for petrol. The gunman threatened the driver with the gun, got into the rear seat, put the muzzle of the gun against the driver's back and compelled him to drive off. After going a distance of about 8 miles he caused the driver to stop and got out.

In the meantime the Police in a patrol car had taken up the chase and saw the youth run across the road, through a hedge and into a cornfield. The driver, Constable Wright, stopped the car and with his observer, Constable Green, went in pursuit. They had chased the gunman for nearly a hundred yards when he turned round, and at a distance of about 10 yards, pointed his gun at them and threatened to shoot both officers.

Constable Green told him to drop the gun and he and Wright continued to walk towards him. When they had almost reached him, he threw down the gun and was arrested. The weapon, which was a shot gun with a shortened barrel, had the hammer cocked and was loaded.

Mr. Frow showed great coolness and gallantry in tackling a dangerous young criminal armed with a shot gun, and Constables Wright and Green effected the arrest quite regardless of their own personal safety.

GICHIMU s/o Kimemia, Farm Worker, South Kinangop, Kenya.

At the outset of the Emergency, Gichimu strongly resisted all efforts to compel him to take the Mau Mau oath, and his life became threatened, but as soon as terrorist gangs became apparent in adjacent forests he volunteered his services as a tracker for units stationed on South Kinangop. His services were given without regard to any form of remuneration. Gichimu has displayed a very high degree of bravery by often going alone and unarmed to locate the hideouts of armed terrorists, and by so doing has been able to lead patrols to many successful engagements with Mau Mau gangs. On one occasion he accompanied a patrol as tracker and whilst the patrol was resting he left on his own to look for tracks. He found the fresh tracks of one man which led him to a small stream. Believing that he was near a hide, he investigated further and soon found a large hideout. He then crawled up to within a few yards of the hide and saw terrorists sitting in the vicinity. Gichimu returned and led the patrol to the hide. Three terrorists were killed and a number wounded. Gichimu himself was unarmed. The gang, which numbered 25 approximately, was known to possess precision weapons.

MATUNDURA s/o Nyamasege, Headman of European farm, Dundori area, Kenya.

An armed gang of terrorists entered the labour lines on a farm while the owner was away. Three of the terrorists entered the hut of Matundura and under the threat of death demanded money, food and clothing from him. Matundura and his wife remained calm, despite the fact that the headman had a gun pointed at his throat the whole time. The terrorists then warned him to keep quiet and took some money, food and clothing prior to leaving the hut. Matundura knew that his chances of stopping the terrorists were slim, as his panga was on the far side of his hut, but after two of the gangsters had passed out of his hut he threw a stool at the third man knocking him to the ground. Matundura then slammed the door and locked it in order to tackle the terrorist, at the same time shouting to the others in the camp telling them that a gang was in the labour lines. A hand to hand struggle ensued with the terrorist who was armed with a panga. Matundura was struck on his left wrist so forcibly that it was practically severed, but with his good right arm he threw the man to the ground and taking the terrorist's knife struck him a mortal blow.

By his bravery in the face of an armed terrorist gang, Matundura s/o Nyamasege succeeded in repulsing an attack on the labour lines, as well as personally setting a fine example by killing a terrorist single handed.

Neil NAISMITH, Red-leader, Alexander Stephen and Sons, Ltd. (Glasgow),

A squad of seven men were ordered to clear out sludge and water which had accumulated in a fuel tank of the s.s. "Mathura", a 9,000 ton cargo vessel undergoing refit at Shieldhall Wharf, Glasgow. The vessel had been fumigated with hydrogen cyanide gas to rid it of vermin. The

tank, situated at the stern of the ship, is 35 feet long, 6 feet high and 2 feet 6 inches broad, and divided at intervals of 2 feet 6 inches into thirteen connecting compartments. Access to the tank is gained from a hold through manholes measuring 1 foot by 1 foot 4 inches. There is no lighting in the tank and workmen are required to carry lamps.

After working in the tank for about fifteen minutes, the men became affected with dizziness, sickness and severe headaches and decided to leave the tank. On reaching the deck it was found that one of their number was missing and Naismith immediately climbed down to the hold and re-entered the tank to search for the missing man. He found him in the tenth compartment lying face downwards in about 4 inches of water. Naismith managed to pull the unconscious man out of the water and to prop him up against the side of the ship. While he was doing this he was joined by another of the squad, but this man began to be overcome by the fumes and had to leave the tank. Naismith, although feeling the effects of the fumes, remained with the man, trying to revive him, and stayed with him until others were able to come to his assistance and complete the rescue.

Naismith showed complete disregard of his own safety in re-entering the tank to search for the missing man and, although feeling himself being overcome by the fumes, remained with him until help arrived.

**Bruce PEARSON**, Constable, 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Constable Pearson was called to the scene of a disturbance at Peakhurst. A group of men standing in the roadway complained that a rifle bullet had been fired through a bedroom by a man who was then standing inside the front fence of premises nearby with a rifle to his shoulder. After the arrival of the Police he fired three or four shots from the rifle in quick succession towards the men and one of them fell with a wound in the right thigh.

Constable Pearson immediately walked towards the offender, at the same time calling out to him to put down the rifle. The man refused and fired two more shots in the direction of the men in the roadway. The Constable stepped over a wire fence and, as he drew nearer, again indicated that he was a member of the Police Force and directed the man to hand him the rifle. He refused and stepped onto the verandah of his house, holding the rifle in both hands across his chest. The Constable followed him to the verandah and pulled the rifle from his grasp.

Constable Pearson acted in the finest tradition of the Police Force and in doing so he placed his own life in extreme jeopardy.

**Richard Thomas UREN**, D.S.M., Police Constable, Grimsby Borough Police Force. (Grimsby.)

Constable Uren was on duty when he heard the crash of breaking glass. He ran in the direction of the sound and saw a woman fall to the pavement from the first

floor room of a house. Smoke was coming from the window and the Constable was told that a child was in the room.

The Constable tried the front door and found it to be locked. He then broke the front downstairs window but could not gain entry and as black smoke was now pouring out of the front bedroom window he ran to the back of the house, where he could see the fire through the living room window. The back door was open and Uren entered, crawling on hands and knees. The fire was raging inside and due to the intense heat the Constable could hardly open his eyes but he saw a man unconscious on the floor behind the back door. The Constable dragged him out of the house and into the yard. He then returned to the back door with the intention of trying to get through the living room and up the stairs to the child but it was now possible to see only a few inches owing to the terrific heat and the lower half of the room was burning fiercely. It was impossible to get through the living room and Uren was compelled to return to the yard. He reached the front of the house and was hoisted up by some men in an endeavour to climb over the window sill of the front bedroom and so get into the room but the smoke and heat coming from the window were so great he had to return to the ground level.

Constable Uren's prompt and brave action was the means of saving one life and he did all he could, regardless of the risk to himself, to save another.

*Queen's Commendations for brave conduct.*  
**Ahada dan SALAMA**, Fisherman, Northern Region of Nigeria.

For rescuing two women and a child from the Benue River.

**Derek COOK**, Police Constable, British Transport Commission. (Grimsby.)

**Sidney METCALFE**, Police Constable, British Transport Commission. (Newark.)

**Donald Albert NORTON**, Police Constable, British Transport Commission. (Newark.)

For services when a gang of violent and dangerous criminals attempted to rob a railway goods van.

**Ronald Arthur EVANS**, Deckhand, m.t. "St. Bartholomew". (Fleetwood.)

For attempting to rescue the mate of a fishing vessel from drowning.

**Clifford Henry LEBANFT**, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

For services when assisting in the arrest of an armed man.

**George MURRIN**, Red-leader, Alexander Stephen and Son. (Glasgow.)

For services when a workman was rescued from a fuel tank on a vessel undergoing a refit.

**Allister Robert George WRAY**, M.B.E., Chief Officer, Birkenhead Fire Brigade. (Birkenhead.)

For services when a man was overcome by fumes in a tank.

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