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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and 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, for Gallantry:

Charles Ronald Wilson, Air Traffic Control Officer, Birmingham Airport. (Ross-on-Wye.)

Early one morning a fire broke out in a country house near Ross-on-Wye. Mr. Wilson ran to the house and was informed that the occupant, an elderly man, was in a bedroom on the first floor. Mr. Wilson entered the house but everywhere was full of smoke and he was unable to find the way to the stairs so returned outside. A ladder was obtained and Wilson was able to get to the bedroom window and pull himself in. On entering the room he found it in complete darkness and full of heavy smoke. He had great difficulty in finding the bed and was obliged to return again and again to the window to get air. When he did find the occupant he was lying flat on the bed struggling for breath. Wilson carried him to the window and held his head up to the window sill. After several minutes others arrived with a larger ladder and positioned it against the window. A rope was brought and Wilson tied it under the man's arms, manoeuvred him over the window sill and into the arms of rescuers.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry:

William Rawlinson, Non-Technical Grade 'A,' Royal Ordnance Factory, Swynnerton.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division):

Frank Herbert George Chappell, Senior Overlooker, Royal Ordnance Factory, Swynnerton.

George Charles Eade, Senior Overlooker, Royal Ordnance Factory, Swynnerton.

It became necessary to destroy some ammunition on site at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Radway Green. The ammunition was known to be very sensitive and had deteriorated during storage. Many of the rounds were considered to be dangerous and might detonate if jolted. Mr. Rawlinson first made a close detailed examination of the ammunition and later he supervised, in person, the removal of all dangerous rounds to a blasting chamber 220 yards away, a process which took five days to complete. There it was detonated in small batches, again under his supervision. In each case Rawlinson, who is in charge of decontamination, accepted the risk involved in close examination and in all first trials at removing the hazards. Chappell and Eade were responsible for carrying the ammunition a distance of 220 yards to a blasting chamber for destruction. They loaded many hundreds of high explosive rounds into a carrier which they carried to the blasting chamber and there unloaded the rounds and set them for detonation. In all they made thirty of these trips in a five day period. Throughout they displayed great courage and coolness and maintained the necessary smooth, unruffled drill in spite of the continued danger. Both volunteered for this work. It was not part of their normal duties.

Awarded the George Medal :

James GILLAN, Colliery Manager, Hartley Bank Colliery, Horbury, Wakefield.

The Under-manager in the Wheatley Lime Seam was overcome in an accumulation of firedamp. Attempts were made to rescue him by two deputies, but these were of no avail so they called for help from the surface. Mr. Gillan, who had just returned to the surface from that district, gave instructions for calling out the Rescue Team from Wakefield and, accompanied by workmen carrying a reviver set, returned to the district. It was obvious that the casualty could not be reached without the use of breathing apparatus and after consideration Mr. Gillan decided to attempt a rescue using the apparatus he had with him. With this he successfully negotiated the 70 yards to where the man was lying. In the very considerable efforts necessary to drag the inert man and the apparatus, the supply tube to the mask became detached unknown to Mr. Gillan who was himself partially overcome 20 yards from the fresh air. He fell and in doing so realised that the tube had become disconnected. He was able to use the tube to administer oxygen both to the Under-manager and himself and they were recovered from this position by the Rescue Team. Mr. Gillan was aware of the serious danger in which he was placing himself but knew that the Under-manager's chance of survival depended on his immediate action, so he went forward, ignoring the grave personal risk in his efforts to help his colleague.

Awarded the George Medal :

Terence Murray LEWIS, Detective Senior Constable, Queensland Police Force.

Glen Patrick HALLAHAN, Detective Constable 1st Class, Queensland Police Force.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division) :

Kevin John MORRIS, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

James Kevin SHEARER, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

A woman telephoned the Criminal Investigation Branch, Brisbane, and stated that her husband had threatened to shoot her and then commit suicide. He was in possession of a loaded .303 rifle in the bedroom of their home and she was afraid to return to the house. Constables Morris and Shearer went to the house and were informed that the man was still in the bedroom, was armed, and had threatened to shoot any person, particularly a policeman, who went into the house and attempted to relieve him of the gun. The two Constables approached the front door of the house and called out to the man who told them to come in. On entering, they found him sitting on a bed with a rifle in his hand, which he levelled in their direction. He warned them that the gun was loaded and threatened to shoot them if they touched their pockets, attempted to draw a gun or come any closer. They saw that the rifle was cocked, the safety catch off, and that the offender had his finger on the trigger. The Policemen tried to reason with the man but he appeared adamant in his intentions and threatened to kill the officers if they interfered. However, after some discussion he permitted

Constable Morris to leave, and the latter summoned Detectives Lewis and Hallahan. Morris then returned to the bedroom. Hallahan and Lewis, on arrival, entered the house and went also to the bedroom. Both men were threatened with the rifle as soon as they entered the room and the man warned them not to try any tricks. Lewis then engaged the man in conversation during which the gun was pointed first at him and then at Hallahan. Hallahan saw that the attention of the man was being held by Lewis and by a pre-arranged signal Hallahan jumped at the offender with a view to disarming him. Just as he made his move the man quickly swung the rifle towards him and fired. The bullet passed between Hallahan's legs but did not hit him. Hallahan grabbed the barrel of the rifle and Lewis, with the assistance of Morris and Shearer, and after a violent struggle lasting some minutes, disarmed and handcuffed the offender.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division) :

David George COX, Constable, Plymouth City Police Force.

In the middle of the night, a cry for help was heard from a man immersed in sea mud up to his neck in Stonehouse Creek. Constable Cox and another Constable saw the man about 25 yards away from the edge. The beach at this point consists of about 10 yards of stone and pebble and the remainder to the water's edge at this time of the tide is mud and slime. The tide had turned and was flowing into the creek, the flow being assisted by a strong south-westerly wind. The Constable started laying boards out on to the mud and when within fifteen feet of the man Cox went along the boards but on reaching the end board he sank up to his thighs in slime and mud with the board underneath him. Cox managed to crawl back to the hard beach where he found a length of strong rope line with a spliced loop. He lashed this under his shoulders, crawled on the boards as far as he could and then on the mud to the water's edge. The water was just entering the man's mouth but Cox grabbed his collar, gradually levered him out of the mud and dragged him horizontally on to the surface. Cox was now exhausted with his efforts and both men were dragged out by means of the rope attached to Cox.

William George HARRISON, Head Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Clogher, Co. Tyrone.

John SHAW, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Clogher, Co. Tyrone.

The reservoir at Altadaven was damaged by an explosion and as a result water supplies to Clogher and the surrounding areas were cut off. Head Constable Harrison and Sergeant Shaw, with other members of the Police Force, went to the scene immediately and an examination of the reservoir showed that a large portion of the concrete housing was completely destroyed leaving one half of the reservoir useless, the water from it having escaped into a nearby stream. The other half was intact but from a manhole in it there protruded a piece of fuse 18 feet long, and to the end of it was attached an electric detonator with 100 feet of twin electric flex. Harrison removed the detonator but from past experience had

every reason to assume that a booby trap had been inserted in the manhole. The removal of the whole explosive charge at once, in spite of the risk, became a matter of urgent necessity. On looking into the manhole the police could see an object in a large sack partly submerged in the water. There was no way of reaching this object except by someone climbing down into the reservoir and Sergeant Shaw immediately descended a steel ladder and examined the sack. He found in it a 5 gallon steel oil drum to which the length of cordtex was attached, a familiar type of bomb. He secured a length of rope to the sack and it was brought to the surface. The oil drum was found to contain 199 sticks of gelignite, some slabs of plaster gelatine and a second detonator. While the operation of removing the bomb from the manhole was in progress it was discovered that a booby trap had been set-up in the engine house attached to the reservoir. A length of flex was secured to a knob on the inside of the door and the other end disappeared behind oil drums. Head Constable Harrison and another Officer went in through a window. Following the electric flex behind the oil drums they discovered that it was attached to the ring in the firing pin of a hand grenade in such a way that if the door had been opened outwards it would have withdrawn the pin and exploded the grenade. The firing pin of the grenade had been withdrawn almost to its full extent and it would have taken only very slight movement of the flex to cause an explosion. Head Constable Harrison with great presence of mind grasped the grenade and held down the spring to enable the firing pin to be re-set in its proper safety position.

Yu KWONG, Assistant Revenue Officer, Preventive Service, Hong Kong.

Revenue officers were carrying out a search for narcotics in a ship in Hong Kong harbour. A Sub-Inspector in charge entered an enclosed space leading to a water-ballast tank, was overcome by noxious fumes and collapsed, suffering superficial injuries in the resulting fall. Entry to the space was obtained through a manhole from which there was a drop of several feet to the deck below. Yu Kwong, who was searching a storeroom nearby, heard a call for help from other members of the party. He immediately went down into the enclosed space and tried to drag out the unconscious officer. He was himself overcome by the fumes and had to make his way back to the manhole opening in order to recover. He re-entered the compartment almost immediately to drag the stricken officer nearer to the opening. This he did with considerable difficulty in view of the contaminated air and the presence of large beams and stanchions in a very confined space. Both officers had to be lifted out through the manhole by other members of the party on duty at the entrance.

Fibion MUCHAZAWONEY, Petrol Pump Attendant, Hatfield, near Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Muchazawoney and another attendant were on night duty at a Service Station. They had retired to their beds in the service bay of the Station. At about 10.45 p.m. Muchazawoney was awakened by someone calling for petrol, and he saw three Africans standing outside the

folding doors of the service bay, one of whom was holding a small can and indicating that he required petrol. Muchazawoney got out of bed and unbolted the folding doors. As soon as he stepped outside he was confronted by one of the Africans who was holding an automatic pistol, which he pointed at Muchazawoney, at the same time demanding money. Muchazawoney immediately seized the gunman's weapon hand, pushing it downwards and a struggle then took place which led from the entrance of the service bay on to the bed. Whilst the two men were still struggling on the bed one of the gunman's accomplices seized the pistol. In the meantime the other attendant had left his bed and seized a pint bottle of oil to throw at the African who now had the pistol. A shot was fired which struck him in the chest and lodged in the spine, severing his spinal cord. At the same time the man who was struggling with Muchazawoney broke away and ran off. The money remained untouched.

Hilton Cyril STRICKLAND, Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Parkhurst.

Prison Officer Strickland, who was on duty on the farm behind Parkhurst Prison, saw three prisoners scramble through the roof of one of the workshops and drop to the ground on the farm land. The officer blew his whistle and went in pursuit of the escapers, overtaking one of them and grasping hold of him securely. The prisoner called on his two companions to attack the officer, which they promptly did, one of them striking him from in front with a lump of wood and the other from the rear with an iron bar. Officer Strickland, still maintaining his hold on his prisoner with his left arm, used his stave to ward off the blows aimed from in front but he suddenly received a violent blow on the head from the prisoner armed with the iron bar. This caused Mr. Strickland to release his hold on his captive and all three prisoners then made off towards the nearby forest. Meanwhile, another prison officer came on the scene and found Strickland bleeding and dazed and apparently badly hurt. Strickland, in spite of his condition, insisted on following the prisoners into the forest where he continued to search for them. Officer Strickland displayed courage, endurance and devotion to duty in maintaining his grip on his captive in spite of the brutal assault from his two companions, thereby effectively delaying their get-away.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :

Eric BALL, Assistant Superintendent, Cyprus Police Force.

Phedias DEMOU, Constable, Cyprus Police Force.

For rescuing six persons trapped by flood water.

Robert Edgar BENN (deceased), Corporal, British Guiana Police.

Henry Ebenezer CHESTER (deceased), Constable, British Guiana Police.

Bhagwandatt SINGH, Detective Constable, British Guiana Police.

For services in effecting the arrest of an armed and dangerous criminal.

Appolinarus BYEKWASO, Sub-Inspector, Uganda Police Force, Bukedi District.

For services during riots in the Bukedi District of Uganda.

Jack Lester COLE, Postman, Head Post Office, Southport.

For services when an attempt was made to steal a registered mail bag.

Cecil Joseph COOKE, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Clogher, County Tyrone.

John Wilson CROCKETT, Detective Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Clogher, County Tyrone.

For services when a bomb was discovered in a reservoir.

Basiliano EULU, Constable, Uganda Police Force, Lango.

For services when a mob attacked the occupants of a car which had been involved in an accident.

George William FEIRN, Constable, Plymouth City Police Force. (Plymouth.)

For helping to rescue a man who had fallen into a creek and was in danger of being engulfed in mud and slime.

Anthony Peter HEATHER, Gardener, Rusper, Horsham, Sussex.

John MARSHALL, Gardener, Rusper, Horsham, Sussex.

Peter WELLER, Gardener, Rusper, Horsham, Sussex.

For services when an aircraft crashed in a fog and caught fire.

Robert McKENNA, Builders' Labourer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

For rescuing a man from a burning house.

Frank Odel MASON, Inspector, St. Vincent Volunteer Fire Brigade.

For services when fire broke out in Kingston, St. Vincent.

Barnabas MUCHANDIBOYA, Petrol Pump Attendant, Hatfield, Nr. Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

For services when armed men attempted to rob a petrol station.

Alexander MURRAY, Workshops Security Supervisor, Grade III, East African Railways and Harbours Administration Workshops, Nairobi.

For disarming and arresting an armed and dangerous lunatic who had slashed to death a fellow workman and who was running amok.

Tiaon NABUTI, Seaman, Roman Catholic Mission ship, Santa Teretia II, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

For rescuing a girl from drowning in a shark infested sea.

Herbert PHILLIPS, Batman, Royal Air Force Station, North Coates, Grimsby.

For attempting to rescue three people from drowning.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the British Empire Medal.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division) :

Miss Daisy Elizabeth COLLINS, Hospital Assistant, 113th Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, New South Wales.

Thomas STOREY, Security Officer, 113th Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, New South Wales.

Norman WATSON, Security Officer, 113th Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, New South Wales.

Miss Collins, residing at 113th Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, saw a man standing on the ramp near the female quarters. The man, who was armed with a rifle, asked if he could speak to his wife and Miss Collins left her room and went out on to the ramp with him. He then inquired whether she knew where his wife was. Miss Collins spoke to two girls who had come on the scene and silently drew their attention to the rifle. The girls went away to summon help and Miss Collins kept the man in conversation until the arrival of the two Security Officers, Storey and Watson. The Security Officers saw the man had a rifle but continued walking towards him. When about five paces away the man made a right hand turn, pointed the rifle at them and loaded it with a bolt action. The Security Officers, however, ignored the threat, continued walking towards him and disarmed him. The rifle was found to be loaded in the breech with nine cartridges in the magazine.

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