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 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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

GEORGE CROSS

Raymond Tasman DONOGHUE (deceased), Tram Conductor, Hobart, Tasmania.

During a peak traffic period, Mr. Donoghue was on duty as a tram conductor. As a result of an accident the tram became out of control and started to run backwards, rapidly gaining speed, on a steep hill. He could easily have saved his life, either by leaving the tram or by passing into the rear of the compartment to which he had moved the passengers. Realising the danger in the dense traffic, he deliberately scorned the way of safety so that he might, by continuous ringing of the alarm bell, warn other traffic, while attempting by the use of the brake to arrest the vehicle. At the bottom of the hill the runaway tram collided with a stationary tram. Donoghue was still at his post at the moment of impact and was killed. By sacrificing his life Donoghue was responsible for saving the lives of a number of other persons.

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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 :

Leonard FORD, Electrician, Fulham.

Mr. Ford was working in his employer's premises when he was told that people were trapped on the upper floors of a building which was on fire. He hurried to the building where his work-mates had brought across a 3-section extension ladder to rescue a woman who was trapped on the top floor. Ford extended this ladder manually to its full extent by climbing up it, bouncing it against the face of the building and pushing up the extensions as he climbed. When he reached the head of the ladder, which was resting between two ornamental cornices fronting the left-hand windows on the third floor, he realised that he could not carry the woman down because the ladder was not long enough, despite the fact that it was in a nearly vertical position. The woman was in extreme difficulty, enveloped in smoke from the waist up and was on the point of collapse. With his right foot on the second rung of the ladder from the top, Ford placed his left foot on the cornice and held the woman against the face of the building. At this stage she partially collapsed on to him, causing him to lose his balance. With his free hand he grabbed at the top rung of the ladder and regained his equilibrium, at the same time supporting the dead weight of the woman across his shoulders. By this time the Brigade had arrived and a fire escape had been pitched and extended near the ladder. With very great difficulty and danger to himself, Mr. Ford managed to transfer the inert body of the woman to members of the Brigade who had reached the head of the escape. She was then carried safely to the ground.

Williams James GORMAN, O.B.E., B.E.M., Chief Officer, Hong Kong Fire Brigade.

A fire broke out in an old four-storey block facing Hong Kong Harbour. A flash-over among drums of chemical stored there blew out an iron grille and heavy door and killed a hawker. The entire ground floor with the lower wooden staircase was immediately enveloped in flames and the Fire Brigade was called out. The first two appliances arrived on the scene barely five minutes after the call, but ten inmates had already jumped from verandahs to the street, five losing their lives in so doing. The situation had become extremely serious, and the whole building was in imminent danger of collapse; the fire was spreading rapidly and the buildings on either side were stocked with kerosene, matches and chemicals, all in great quantity. An onlooker then told a police officer that an elderly Chinese woman might perhaps still be in the house next door. This officer searched the ground and first floors but the whole house was filled with smoke and he was blinded and choked and forced to leave. When he had recovered in the fresh air he reported the story to Chief Officer Gorman, who had arrived and was directing operations. Mr. Gorman at once ran into the house without seeking either a mask or any help. He searched the second floor, discovered a 70 year old woman unconscious under a bed and carried her to the first floor in spite of the suffocating smoke. He was met by a fireman who helped him to carry the woman to safety.

On a subsequent occasion Chief Officer Gorman displayed great bravery and resource when in command of rescue operations following a fire and an explosion on a ship carrying a cargo of oil.

Awarded the George Medal :

Peter Johnstone MCGILL, Station Officer, Glasgow Fire Brigade.

James McMurray DUNLOP, Fireman, Glasgow Fire Brigade.

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

Charles NEESON, Sub-Officer, Glasgow Fire Brigade.

George Buchanan ALEXANDER, Fireman, Glasgow Fire Brigade.

John NICHOLSON, Fireman, Glasgow Fire Brigade.

James GRIBBEN, Constable, City of Glasgow Police Force.

For gallantry, leadership and devotion to duty when fighting a disastrous fire in a congested built up area in Glasgow.

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

William FLAHERTY, Air-frame fitter, Bournemouth.

Mr. Flaherty was about to picnic on a heathland, overgrown with dense gorse and heather, when he saw a puff of smoke break from the top of the gorse about 50 yards away. He immediately ran towards it, but by the time he reached the spot flames were sweeping through the bushes and the area was burning fiercely. Flaherty heard children shrieking but could not see them and moved

to a part of the gorse which was not burning. Bending down, he saw children running about in the bushes encircled by fire. Flaherty moved to the windward side of the fire where he saw a boy about four yards inside the burning bushes, with his clothing alight. Flaherty immediately crashed through the bushes and bundled the boy to safety. Three other children perished in the fire. Despite having been in danger once of being encircled by the burning gorse, Flaherty entered the fire at another point to a depth of some 12 feet to reach the boy. He risked severe burning and the possibility of being overcome by the smoke.

Robert Crawford GRAY, Detective Senior Constable, Roma Police Force, Brisbane.

Richard Allen SPAIN, Constable, Roma Police Force, Brisbane.

A telephone call was received at the Roma Police Station advising that shots from a firearm had been heard near a dairy farm. Detective Senior Constable Gray and Constable Spain went to investigate. When about half a mile from the property they noticed a person carrying a torch apparently making a search amongst the trees and undergrowth of the scrub. When some fifteen yards from the person Spain, who was in uniform, shone his torch onto his uniform and identified himself. Both Officers then saw that the man was endeavouring to load a firearm pointed in their direction. They called out to him to drop the firearm, but he said he would kill them, and fired in their direction. The Officers then rushed at the man, who turned and ran to a nearby railway line. During the chase that followed along the railway line, he screamed and shouted on a number of occasions and could be heard apparently trying to re-load the firearm he was carrying. He was eventually captured and was subsequently found to be mentally sick and dangerous. Both Detective Senior Constable Gray and Constable Spain who were unarmed, displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty in pursuing at night an armed person known to be mentally deranged and who had fired at them.

SUHAILI bin Jili, Boatman, Pangkalan Tebang, Bau, Sarawak.

DALIL bin Mantali, Shop Assistant, Pangkalan Tebang, Bau, Sarawak.

The Pangkalan Tebang bazaar was attacked by nine armed and masked men, all Chinese. They were armed with fighting knives and had at least three pistols. One shop was closed and the gang entered simultaneously into the other two. Dalil was in the front of the first shop which was entered by two robbers, one of whom was exceptionally big and powerful and was armed with two knives. Dalil, a slightly built man, at once attacked them with a stool. One of them grabbed the proprietor's wife and in response to her screams the proprietor, an elderly Chinese, Suhaili and another Chinese came out of the back shop. The proprietor went to his wife's assistance, was cut on the arm and was stabbed again as he ran for the back shop. The second Chinese retired when he saw what was happening. Suhaili, who was unarmed, stayed to help Dalil and came to grips with the big man, attempting to disarm him. He was viciously stabbed in the chest, the knife puncturing the lung and

splitting one rib. Dalil seized a kitchen knife and immediately went to his friend's assistance. He succeeded in killing the big robber by stabbing him in the chest and the other robber fled. There is no doubt whatever that Dalil saved his friend's life by attacking a man better armed and very much bigger than himself. Suhaili and Dalil saved the bazaar from being looted and its inhabitants from possible injury and death.

Thomas Edwin LEE, Gasfitter (Second Class), Cleethorpes Undertaking, East Midlands Gas Board. (Cleethorpes.)

Whilst travelling in his van, accompanied by his apprentice, Mr. Lee received a radio message that there was a serious gas leak in a house. He went to the house, found a very serious leakage of gas and at once tried to get the occupants, two women and an old partially blind man to leave but they would not go. He opened all the windows and doors and made the two women and the old man go out of the house to a porch at the back. Knowing that there were fires burning in the front and middle rooms of the house, and realising that there was grave danger of an explosion, Lee and the apprentice returned to the front room. Lee put the fire-basket in which the coal was burning, into the bucket, broke the window in the room and handed out the bucket. He and the apprentice then started towards the middle room to deal with the fire there, but had only reached the doorway when they heard a rumbling noise. Lee rushed towards the back door to get the old man and the two women away from the porch but before he could do so an explosion occurred which wrecked the house and set it on fire. After the explosion Lee picked himself up, found the occupants of the house and carried them outside. He then heard the apprentice screaming. A large piece of brick wall had cracked and fallen on his legs. Lee went back into the house lifted the bricks off and carried him out into the street, Lee suffered lacerations of the face, fracture of the right ankle and gas poisoning shock.

Kinyeki s/o NGULI, 3rd Grade Constable, Tribal Police Force, Kitui, Kenya.

Police and Tribal Police Patrols had been rounding up members of an armed gang which had been intimidating people in Mutonguni Location of Kitui District. One morning a Police patrol ran into the leader and the remnants of his gang in thick bush in Kakeani Sub-location of Mutonguni. All the gang were armed with bows and poisoned arrows, knives and pangas. On making contact with the gang the patrol split and Nguli and another Tribal Policeman took up a position behind a bush. Suddenly the leader and another man appeared and fired several arrows at them. Nguli although aware that the arrows were poisoned, called upon the men to surrender. The leader rushed him and slashed his arm four times with a panga. Nguli struggled with him and during the struggle received very severe cuts in the head from the panga, one of which it transpired later had cut through his skull sufficiently to expose his brain. Nguli managed eventually to shoot the man in the leg but was then attacked by the second gangster with a bow and arrow and he shot him dead. Meanwhile the other Constable was

struggling with the leader and had received a stab in his side from a panga. Notwithstanding his very serious head wounds and the loss of blood, Nguli went to the Constable's help and grappled with the leader, finally knocking him out and arresting him.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Robert Roy ABRAM, Mate, Trawler "Boston Neptune". (Fleetwood.)

For attempting to rescue a seaman who fell overboard when at sea.

Laurence Douglas ALLUM, Constable, Belfast Harbour Police Force. (Dunmurry.)

For attempting to rescue two men trapped in a car which fell into Belfast Harbour.

Alan Roderick CAMERON, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (London N.W.2.)

Peter Edward STROOD, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (London N.W.6.)

For arresting a violent man armed with a revolver.

Michael Alan COLLINS, Constable, Wolverhampton Borough Police. (Wolverhampton.)

Ernest PASSMORE, Constable, Wolverhampton Borough Police. (Wolverhampton.)

For services when a man ran amok armed with a sword.

David Rowland DAVIES, Lorry Driver, Swansea.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

Frederick DAWES, Miner, Greenside Mine, Westmorland. (Glenridding.)

Arnold LEWIS, Onsetter, Greenside Mine, Westmorland. (Glenridding.)

For attempting to rescue two men overcome by gas in a mine.

Hylton Clarence DURRANT (deceased), Mason, Parish of St. Thomas, Jamaica.

For services when a river overflowed and flooded a village.

Lawrence GRAHAM, Rigger, Middlesbrough.

For services when an accident occurred in a steel works.

Raymond Francis GREEN, Process Worker, Middlesbrough.

Kenneth Daniel James LECRAS, Process Worker, Middlesbrough.

David Frederick SNOWDON (deceased), Process Worker, Middlesbrough.

For services when a fire broke out at an oxygen production plant.

George Coleridge John HOLLOWAY, Senior Ambulance Staff Officer, Hertfordshire Ambulance Brigade. (Essendon.)

For services when a man was electrocuted by an overhead cable.

Agingo KIMWERI, Constable, Tanganyika Police, Sagata, Maswa District of Lake Province.

Mashale KOKA, Constable, Tanganyika Police, Sagata, Maswa District of Lake Province.

Andrea PETER, Constable, Tanganyika Police, Sagata, Maswa District of Lake Province.

Simperiti YAKOBO, Constable, Tanganyika Police, Sagata, Maswa District of Lake Province.

For services when two armed tribes came into conflict.

M'Mitugo M'IKIARO, Constable, Kenya Police Force.

NDUNDA s/o Mumo, 3rd Grade Constable, Tribal Police Force, Kitui, Kenya.

For services when the leader of a dangerous armed gang was arrested.

Colin Robjohns REID, Second Engineer, P.A.S.V. "Maxim", Admiralty (Plymouth).

Thomas Charles WOODMAN, Able Seaman, P.A.S.V. "Maxim", Admiralty (Plymouth).

For rescuing shipmates from drowning when a boat overturned at sea.

William WATTERS, Fireman, Glasgow Fire Brigade (Glasgow).

For services during a disastrous fire in Glasgow.

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