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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
29th November 1960.

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 :

Stanley ISRAEL, Chief Officer, Pembrokeshire Fire Brigade, Haverfordwest.

Explosions occurred whilst an oil tanker was discharging oil and when the Fire Brigade arrived the whole deck of the ship was ablaze. Mr. Israel took charge of the fire-fighting operations and in a dangerous situation with the possibility of further explosions he boarded the vessel to lead his men in an attack on the main seat of the fire. He did this knowing that the forward part of the ship was still burning fiercely, that several of the tanks were ruptured and that there was imminent danger of further explosions. He continued to lead the fire fighters until the fire was eventually brought under control. The fact that the fire was prevented from causing further damage can largely be attributed to the personal courage and leadership displayed by Mr. Israel.

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

Allan RAY, Headmaster, Bushy Park Area School, Tasmania.

Awarded the George Medal :

Hilton Frank ALOMES, Police Officer, Bushy Park.

James Mervyn TERRY, Farmer, Hayes.

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

Kerry Francis George BURNS, Shepherd, Bushy Park.

Bernard Lawrence CLAYTON, Core Machine Operator, New Norfolk.

Douglas George CLAYTON, Pipe Fitter, New Norfolk.

Neil GLOVER, Cartage Contractor, Bushy Park.

William Russell MARRIOTT, Shoe Store Proprietor, New Norfolk.

Patrick Joseph REILLY, Farm Hand, Bushy Park.

George Thomas RUMLEY, Farmer, Glenora.

Bruce Darcy TRIFFITT, Builder's Labourer, New Norfolk.

Edwin Leige WIGSTON, Electrical Goods Proprietor, New Norfolk.

For courage, leadership and devotion to duty in extremely hazardous conditions during the devastating floods in the Derwent Valley, Tasmania in April 1960.

Awarded the George Medal :

Thomas George Angus STEWART, Detective Inspector, Criminal Investigation Branch, Tasmania Police.

Peter James EAVES, Constable, Criminal Investigation Branch, Tasmania Police.

An armed murderer took refuge in the Catholic Presbytery in Hobart, and Inspector Stewart and Constable Eaves immediately went there by radio patrol car. Upon arrival Eaves jumped upon the window-sill of the right front

room and through the top of the window saw the murderer standing behind a desk. He had a pistol which was pointed at his head. Eaves called upon him to drop the pistol. The man looked up, took the pistol away from his head and pointed it at the Constable. Eaves then jumped from the window and with Inspector Stewart ran to the room, opened the door and entered. Eaves ran towards the man, took hold of his arm, and struggled with him for possession of the pistol. Eaves was thrown to the floor, but Inspector Stewart tackled the criminal and all three struggled for the possession of the pistol. The man was eventually disarmed, handcuffed and searched. The pistol was loaded, with a cartridge in the breech.

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

John James UNDERHILL, Valve Room Attendant, Richmond Holder Station, North Thames Gas Board.

Mr. Underhill and another Valve Room Attendant were on duty at a gas station when they realised that the pump in the adjacent pump house had stopped. Underhill's colleague went into the pump house to investigate and Underhill followed him. As he reached the door there was an explosion, escaping gas immediately ignited and the building was filled with very fierce flames. Underhill was thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion and when he had got to his feet he saw that the other man was in the midst of the flames in the pump house, with his clothing on fire. Although himself suffering from the effects of the explosion and fire, Underhill went into the building and brought out the man, whose clothes were still alight, and somehow contrived to put out most, if not all of the flames enveloping him. By that time other people had arrived on the scene and, leaving the injured man in their care, Underhill went back to try to close the valves through which gas from two 36" mains was feeding the fire, flaming to a height of some 60 feet towards the adjacent gas holder. He turned off some of the valves and it was only then that he unwillingly consented to be taken to hospital. Underhill was severely burned. His fellow workman died two days later.

Thomas YOUNG, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.5.)

Constable Young was on duty, wearing a civilian raincoat over his uniform at a cinema car park when he saw a man go to the rear of a car and syphon petrol from the tank into a large can, which he then put in the boot of another car. The man got into the vehicle and Young stepped forward into the headlights of the car, opened his raincoat to expose his uniform, and, calling out that he was a police officer, requested the man to stop. The man immediately drove the vehicle straight at the officer, who threw himself on the bonnet of the car and held on to the roof luggage-rack.

The man then drove the car for several miles, at a reckless speed, swerving from side to side, mounting pavements, and braking violently and then rapidly accelerating in an effort to dislodge the officer. At one stage the car was driven at speed four times round a roundabout and at another it was driven over a hump-back bridge at an estimated speed of 70 m.p.h.

During this journey, which continued for about 35 minutes, Constable Young continually called on the man to stop and shouted to pedestrians to call police assistance. At the same time he tried to cover the windscreen to obscure the driver's view. Eventually the car stopped, having apparently run out of petrol, and the man jumped out and ran away.

Despite the fact that Young was badly shaken and bruised, he gave chase and, after about 250 yards, overtook the man, who kicked him and aimed a blow at his head. The officer thereupon drew his truncheon and after a short struggle, overpowered the man and arrested him.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Peter John Herman ALLEN (deceased), Trainee Manager, Chipperfield, Hertfordshire.

For attempting to rescue a child from drowning.

Maxmillian van Ellewee HAGER, Superintendent, Government Roads Department, Southern Rhodesia.

For rescuing a child from drowning in a sewerage bay.

Alan Angus HOMES, Member, Perranporth Surf Life-Saving Club, Perranporth.

Leslie John STOPHER, Beach Guard, Perranporth.

For rescuing a mother and child from drowning.

Derek Evan JARRETT, Chemist 1, Directorate of Safety Services, War Office (Sevenoaks).

For services when a consignment of damaged ammunition was dumped at sea.

Edward JOHN, Police Constable, Cardiff City Police Force.

For attempting, single-handed, to arrest three violent men.

Florence, Mrs. KING (deceased), Housewife, Ladywood, Birmingham.

For the rescue and attempted rescue of children from a burning house.

Kefa MPANUKA, Constable, Uganda Police Force, Karamoja District.

For services during an action against a large armed party of cattle raiders.

William QUICK, Sergeant, Somerset Constabulary, Flax Bourton.

For services when a man fell down a disused mine shaft.

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

Awarded the George Medal:

Thomas Ross BENNETT, First Officer, Trans Australia Airlines.

The lives of fifty passengers and crew aboard a Trans Australia Airlines aircraft, which was flying from Sydney to Brisbane, were placed in jeopardy by a passenger in

possession of a sawn-off automatic rifle and two sticks of gelignite fused with electric detonators. When thirty-five miles out of Brisbane the passenger demanded to see the Captain of the aircraft. First Officer Bennett, the co-pilot of the aircraft, approached the passenger who immediately pointed the rifle at Bennett's chest. The sticks of gelignite were joined together and resting on the adjacent seat; the wires fused to them were held by the passenger only a few inches from the terminals of a battery which was in the ash tray on the arm rest of the seat. The passenger threatened to blow up the aircraft unless Brisbane was by-passed and demanded that the plane be diverted to Singapore. After some discussion on the possibility of flying to Darwin the passenger reiterated that the plane was not to land at Brisbane, and stated that if the crew did not meet his demand he would blow up the airliner. On the pretence of checking on the fuel Bennett returned to the cockpit. Following instructions to disarm the passenger at all costs, he went back to the cabin followed shortly after by a Trans Australia Airlines pilot who was travelling as a passenger and who had been made aware of the situation. This man positioned himself behind the back of the passenger's seat. The passenger was momentarily distracted by this and Bennett immediately grappled with him and wrenched the wiring of the gelignite from his grasp. A bullet was fired but fortunately missed Bennett and passed through the ceiling of the aircraft. At this point the man behind the gunman's seat used the handle of a fire-axe as a cudgel. The passenger was thus

subdued and disarmed and the aircraft landed safely at Brisbane.

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

Loyal Donald BURGESS, Constable, Northern Territory Police Force, Darwin.

A man was involved in an argument with other residents of a boarding-house and a fight followed during which he received cuts about the face. He seized a rifle and ammunition, loaded the rifle and walked towards the Police Station. Burgess, who was at the Station, went to the front door and saw the man approaching with the rifle. The Constable walked out into the street, unarmed, met the man on the footpath and asked him to hand over the rifle. The man stepped back a pace, pointed the rifle at the Constable's throat and thrust it towards him with his finger on the trigger. The rifle was loaded and cocked. The Constable knew this but stood his ground calmly for several minutes trying to persuade the man, who was talking hysterically, to hand over the gun. Suddenly the man shouted something, brought the rifle to his shoulder and pointed it past Burgess in the direction of two other persons. The Constable immediately seized the rifle and forced the muzzle towards the ground where it discharged, the bullet striking the footpath. There was a struggle for possession of the rifle and another Constable arrived on the scene. The two Constables were successful in disarming and arresting the man after a fierce struggle in which windows in the Police Station were smashed.

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