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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
20th June 1961.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned promotion in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following 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.

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

Reginald Herbert BLANCHFORD, M.B.E., G.M., Area Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Guernsey.

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

Brian TAYLOR, Private, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Guernsey.

A nineteen year old girl was trapped on a cliff face on the southern coast of the Island of Herm, in darkness and exposed to the full force of a gale with heavy rain squalls. The rescue team had to cross the four miles from Guernsey in a launch through heavy seas to reach the scene of the accident. The girl was lying some 80 feet down the cliff on a ledge. Blanchford organised the volunteers on the cliff top to lower him to the girl. During the descent he had to negotiate loose rocks and to dislodge them so that they fell clear of the girl and himself. Eventually he got to her and found her in considerable pain. Syringes were lowered for an injection. Blanchford decided that the cliff face was too dangerous

to attempt to haul the girl up so he instructed Taylor to be lowered from the cliff top to help him. This was Taylor's first cliff descent. The launch had been ordered to seaward of the cliff and by means of a rubber dinghy a stretcher was got ashore. Blanchford and Taylor pulled the stretcher up to the ledge a distance of some 140 feet from the beach. The girl was put in the stretcher and with Blanchford directing the lowering team he and the girl were brought safely to the beach. Taylor had to be hauled up the cliff face again. The girl made a complete recovery.

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

William John Croke MARKBY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., General Practitioner, Crediton, Devonshire.

Vincent Paul Trevor TROUGHT, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Surgeon, Rochester, Kent.

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

Walter John EDWARDS, Chemist, Exeter, Devonshire.

William Henry FORD, Sergeant, Devon Constabulary (Crediton).

Michael John ISAAC, Baker's Roundsman, Black Torrington, Devonshire.

Alfred Charles RIDHOLLS, Baker's Roundsman, Beaworthy, Devonshire.

Alfred John WILES, Lorry Driver, Forest Gate, London.

For courage, initiative and devotion to duty during floods in Southern England.

The low lying town of Crediton was severely affected by floods and many small houses were rendered uninhabitable. One set

of four cottages which partially collapsed contained three elderly women. They were trapped in the upper part of the cottage and were rescued by Dr. Markby and Mr. Trought, who risked injury, and possibly drowning, in their efforts to bring them to safety. Police Sergeant Ford was in charge of the flooded area throughout this incident and many others.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Wiles risked injury when effecting the rescue of a boy who was trapped at the entrance of a submerged culvert near Exminster. Mr. Ridholls and Mr. Isaac rescued an elderly man who had been carried away by the flood water near Holsworthy and was in danger of drowning.

*Awarded the George Medal :*

Henry Marshman KIRKUP, Constable, Durham County Constabulary.

Joseph SPENCER, Constable, Durham County Constabulary.

Constables Spencer and Kirkup were on duty in a Police Patrol car when they received a radio message that three men using a motor vehicle had been disturbed while attempting to break and enter a Social Club. At about 12.30 a.m. they saw the vehicle containing the three men. The officers gave chase and pursued the suspect car for a distance of about five miles at very fast speeds. During the chase twelve shots were fired at the Police car. The pursued car eventually crashed in a back street and the three men, each armed with rifles, got out and pointed their rifles towards the Police Officers whose car had drawn up behind. Undeterred, the Officers rushed forward to make an arrest. A shot was fired directly at Kirkup and the bullet passed through his uniform cap within two inches of his head. Another man fired at P.C. Spencer. The Constables arrested one man on the spot. The other two men were arrested later.

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

Archibald Charles EMMETT, Petroleum Tanker Driver, Burgess Hill, Sussex.

Mr. Emmett was discharging petrol from his tanker vehicle, containing 1,300 gallons, into an underground storage tank at a garage, when an explosion occurred and flames enveloped a kiosk and parts of the vehicle. At the time he was standing on top of the vehicle tank and he immediately closed the foot-valve, cutting off the flow of petrol to the storage tank. He then took the calculated risk of driving the burning tanker a distance of some 100 yards away from the garage and surrounding shops and houses. The back tyres on the nearside of the vehicle burned so fiercely that the aluminium mudguard was partially melted and the surface of the tank was blistered. Mr. Emmett worked strenuously to put out the fire and, when help arrived, he eventually succeeded. Mr. Emmett, who, as an experienced driver of tankers, would have been well aware of the risk, showed not only great presence of mind but also considerable courage. He was in a position of extreme danger while driving the vehicle away and his prompt action effectively prevented a very serious fire.

John Bell TINNION, Bailiff, Liverpool County Court.

Gilbert WEIR, Bailiff, Liverpool County Court.

At the conclusion of a hearing of an application for adjudication in bankruptcy the accused was adjudged bankrupt. He thereupon produced a six chambered revolver and shot the Official Receiver in the groin. The man then ran to an anteroom where he shot another official. Weir was in the corridor when he heard the sound of shots and immediately ran towards the anteroom. He saw the man, carrying a revolver in his right hand and mumbling to himself. On seeing Weir, the man pointed the revolver at him. Weir heard the trigger being operated twice but the gun failed to discharge on both occasions. Weir closed with him and as he was struggling to get possession of the revolver he was joined by Tinnion. Whilst they were struggling the gun was fired again. Weir obtained possession of the revolver and with Tinnion's assistance the man was overpowered.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Hussein AHAMED, Corporal, Camel Troop Section, Kenya Police Force.

For services in dealing with an armed and hostile raiding party.

Thomas Rees AUSTIN (deceased), Lorry Driver, Cardiff.

For rescuing two of the occupants of a motor van which had crashed on to a railway line.

Jeffrey Montgomery BEE, School teacher, Jamaica. (Brown's Town.)

For rescuing a man who was attacked by a bull.

Colonel James Graeme BRYSON, O.B.E., T.D., Senior Joint Registrar, Liverpool County Court. (Hightown.)

James DEAN, Clerical Officer, Liverpool County Court.

For services during a shooting incident at the Liverpool County Court.

James Edward DIXON (deceased), Miner, Alnwick, Northumberland.

For attempting to rescue four children from a burning house.

Martyn Richard EVANS, Student, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

For rescuing three men from drowning.

John Barry HAYWARD, Engineer, Ipswich.

Brian KEEN, Cafe Proprietor, Ipswich.

For services when three armed men held up a cafe.

Ronald Stanley SMITH, Constable, Kent County Constabulary (Hythe).

Dennis TOTMAN, Constable, Kent County Constabulary (Dymchurch).

For rescuing a man from a very rough sea.

Edward George BAKER, Constable, Kent County Constabulary (East Farleigh).

William COLLARD, A.A. Patrolman, Tiverton, Devon.

Harold William GWYNN, Station Officer, Cornwall Fire Brigade (St. Columb).

Frank Sloggett HENWOOD, Assistant Divisional Officer, Cornwall Fire Brigade (Wadebridge).

Thomas William HICKS, Highways Superintendent, Bath City Corporation (Bath).

Alan Derek HURDLE, Constable, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (Newport, Isle of Wight).

Geoffrey Ronald Harvey JONES, Architect, Bulth Wells, Brecknock.

Thomas Philip LEONARD, High Tension Jointer, South Wales Electricity Board (Pontypridd).

James John McMAHON, Sergeant, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (Newport, Isle of Wight).

Stanley William George MEDDICK, Mains and Service Inspector, South Western Gas Board (Bath).

Albert Edward MILSOM, Plumber Jointer, South Western Electricity Board (Bath).

Don Chalmers MITCHELL, Station Officer, Bath Fire Brigade (Bathford).

Ronald Melville SQUIRE, Labourer, Bradford, Devon.

Joseph Charles STICKLAND, Sub-Officer, Bath Fire Brigade (Bath).

Laurence Edward WALTER, Schoolboy, East Farleigh, Kent.

For services during the devastating floods in Southern England and South Wales.

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