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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