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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment 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 Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry:*

The Reverend Canon Sidney Howell MORRIS, Vicar of Gorseinon, Glamorgan.

The Police visited the house of a man who had assaulted his father and appeared to be rapidly becoming mentally unbalanced. A Constable found the man in the back garden but he ran into the house, threatened to kill the Constable and pushed a rifle and bayonet through a pane of glass in the window of the back door. A Chief Inspector and a doctor arrived and tried to reason with the deranged man but to no avail. The man was in a most dangerous mood and capable of any act of extreme violence. He threatened to shoot anyone who entered the house and, if a further attempt was made, to shoot his father and sister. A conference was held and as a result Canon Morris came to the house. The Canon spoke to the man and tried to reason with him, but he pushed the rifle and bayonet through the window threatening to shoot the Canon and anyone else who was there. It was decided to leave the man alone for a time and when next the Canon went to the front door he was admitted to the

house. There was some argument but after a while Canon Morris was able to calm the man and remove from the house the rifle and bayonet, and other weapons including a sword and dagger. Shortly afterwards the man came out of the house, picked up a large coping stone and threw it in the direction of the Police Officers. They immediately tackled him and he was eventually subdued, and taken to hospital. Canon Morris displayed courage and confidence in facing an obviously deranged and armed man.

*Awarded the George Medal:*

David William SMEETON, Constable, Gloucestershire Constabulary. (Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire.)

Ronald Emrys SPENCER, Constable, Gloucestershire Constabulary. (South Cerney, Gloucestershire.)

Constables Smeeton and Spencer were called to a house where a man had killed two people. The Constables knew that they were dealing with a violent man who had previously been convicted of assaults on Police Officers. When they went to the front door of the house they were faced by the murderer who pointed a revolver at Spencer through the opening of the door. The Constables could see that the sitting room door was open and a woman and a man lying on the floor. Both officers immediately tackled the murderer. Spencer, who was in front, was shot in the chest but pushed the man backwards and he fell down on his back. Smeeton then seized the man and a struggle ensued. The murderer broke away and ran across some gardens followed by Smeeton who eventually caught him and with help took him into custody. Constable Spencer was severely injured and detained in hospital. Both Officers displayed outstanding courage in effecting the arrest of an armed man who had already killed two people.

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

Neville Herbert FLEETON, Ambulance Driver,  
Balmain, New South Wales.

Neil ROBERTS, Stevedore, Balmain, New South  
Wales.

A petrol-driven pump being used to remove ballast water from the forepeak tank of the vessel "Marine Discoverer", berthed at Balmain, was found to be not functioning satisfactorily. Entrance to the tank from the forepeak was through a manhole and down a ladder. Two members of the crew entered the tank but were overcome by fumes from the motor and collapsed. Another man entered the tank in an endeavour to save the two men. Before he could do so he was overcome by the fumes. Shortly afterwards Fleeton arrived and after tying a wet handkerchief around his nose entered the forepeak. He saw the three men lying in the tank near the foot of the ladder but conditions forced him to return to the deck. He called for assistance and then returned to the entrance where he was joined by Roberts who immediately entered the forepeak. Fleeton followed him and when they reached the foot of the ladder they tried to lift one of the men but found the task beyond them. Roberts collapsed and Fleeton moved his body to the side of the tank to prevent his impeding the rescue of the other men. As he was himself being overcome, he then made his way from the tank. Subsequently, firemen equipped with breathing apparatus were able to remove all the people concerned. Fleeton and Roberts responded to hospital treatment but the others could not be revived.

William HARRISON, Sergeant, Lancashire County  
Constabulary. (Accrington.)

An emergency call was received by the Police that a man who had been drinking heavily was in possession of a loaded shotgun and threatening to use it. The house was visited by a Constable who, from outside, saw the man in the living room holding the shotgun. The Constable tried to persuade him to surrender the gun but he refused and threatened to shoot. The Constable summoned assistance and was quickly joined by Sergeant Harrison and a Detective Constable. The Sergeant knocked on the door of the house but the man refused to admit him and again threatened to shoot. Some ten minutes later he came out of the house still holding the shotgun and whilst pointing it towards the Officers he walked towards them and stopped about five yards away. Sergeant Harrison eventually persuaded him to return to the house and he did so but kept the gun pointed towards Harrison and the Detective Constable who followed him into the house. Inside the house the man sat on a chair and placed the gun across his knees, keeping his right-hand forefinger on the trigger, as if about to shoot. The Sergeant sat in a chair opposite him, about six feet away and continued to engage him in conversation. After some time he succeeded in getting into a position where he was able to grab the gun barrel with his left hand and at the same time he grabbed the man's right hand which was on the trigger. The gun was fired but the shot narrowly missed the

Sergeant's legs and entered the carpet a few feet away. The Sergeant succeeded in forcibly taking the gun away and the man was arrested.

Monde MA-MUBITA, Housewife, Mongu Lealui,  
Barotseland Protectorate, Northern Rhodesia.

Namangolwa MA-KAMBAI, Housewife, Mongu  
Lealui, Barotseland Protectorate, Northern  
Rhodesia.

An African went out to hunt a lioness which had been troubling a neighbouring village. His womenfolk accompanied him. They tracked the lioness to an ant hill which they fired. However the lioness had left and abandoning the unsuccessful hunt the party returned home. They were walking in line ahead, the African leading, when suddenly the lioness broke cover and sprang at him, felling him to the ground. The lioness started to savage him and bit him severely in the thigh. Seeing the attack Ma-Mubita Monde and Ma-Kambai Namangolwa rushed forward and attacked the lioness with an axe handle and a hoe which they were carrying. They beat at the lioness until it abandoned the injured man whom they then helped back to his home. Both women showed great courage in attacking the lioness which had already savaged one victim. They acted without thought for their own safety, with inadequate weapons for such an attack, knowing that they stood in grave danger of themselves being attacked by the beast.

Patrick MABUKU, Villager, Sesheke District,  
Barotseland Protectorate, Northern Rhodesia.

Mabuku and another African youth were swimming in a pond, when Mabuku's companion was seized by a crocodile. The crocodile was of some size and had dragged the youth below the surface when Mabuku went to his rescue. He dived and caught the crocodile by the tail, pushing it above the surface of the water. The youth's leg was between the jaws of the crocodile and Mabuku struggled with the beast, eventually forcing it to release its hold of the boy. Mabuku got him ashore, comforted him and then carried him to his home from whence he was taken to hospital. Mabuku showed courage of a high order. He was well aware of his own danger in struggling with the crocodile. That he did so unaided showed complete disregard for his own safety and he undoubtedly saved the life of his friend.

Staifelo MWENYA, Fisherman, Mporokoso  
District, Northern Province, Northern  
Rhodesia.

Five Africans, two of them blind, were fishing from a dug-out canoe on the Mweru Marsh when their canoe overturned. Mwenya was also on the marsh when he heard the shouts of those who had been thrown into the water. The Mweru Marsh teems with crocodile and hippopotami and this fact was well known to Mwenya but he immediately steered a course towards the men struggling in the water. On his arrival at the scene the men all attempted to pull themselves into his canoe with the result that it also overturned. Mwenya attempted to support all the others around the overturned canoe but the worsening of the weather caused four of them to weaken

and drown. Eventually only Mwenya and one other man were left and this man, struggling to save himself, bit Mwenya twice. It was now dark but during the night Mwenya did not relax his hold. When dawn broke he took the man on his back and attempted to reach the shore. Then it was that a search party found them.

Henry William STANSFIELD, Sub-Officer, Middlesex Fire Brigade. (London, N.8.)

Sub-Officer Stansfield was in charge of an appliance called to a house which was found to be well alight on both floors. On learning that a young boy was still in the house Stansfield with another member of the crew, both wearing breathing apparatus, climbed an extension ladder to the first floor. Stansfield was at first unable to enter the house. The heat was unbearable and the hose reel jet was rendered useless. A line of hose from another appliance was passed to him and with this he was able to fight his way into the room where he found a child lying on a bed. He carried the child to the window and handed him to the waiting fireman to be carried down. On arrival at hospital the child was found to be dead. Stansfield risked losing his life or sustaining severe injury in effecting the rescue.

William Lloyd THOMPSON, Miner, Stotsfieldburn Mine, Rookhope, County Durham. (Stanhope.)

Maurice Stephen WALL, Miner, Stotsfieldburn Mine, Rookhope, County Durham.

Two miners were working at the advancing face in a tunnel some distance from the top of a 55 foot vertical shaft when there was an inrush of water, mud and gravel. One of them attempted to descend the ladder in the shaft and was caught up in the advancing mass, but the other managed to reach the ladder and stayed at the top of it. His position remained clear of the inrush and he was eventually rescued, but the other man when brought out was dead. Thompson and Wall were working on a level near the bottom of the shaft at the time and realising that something was wrong they hurried to the foot of the shaft and climbed about 15 feet up a ladder. This gave access to a small platform and the sides of a wooden hopper. Water was coming out of the joints of the hopper and the men started to knock out the timbers from the side in order to release the water and other material. Although pressure was heavy they succeeded but were washed off the platform on to the level 15 feet below. They were in a state of collapse and in danger of being overcome by the mud and debris in the level. Other men arrived and they were extricated from the mud which by then was waist high. In breaking down part of the hopper to allow the mass to get away Thompson and Wall took a considerable risk to save the life of the rescued man.

#### *Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Roger APPASSAMY, Fireman, Port Louis Municipal Fire Brigade, Mauritius.

Lucien CHAPERON, Sub-Officer, Port Louis Municipal Fire Brigade, Mauritius.

For rescuing a girl from a ledge on the face of a vertical cliff, 300 feet in height.

Frank BLOOMER (deceased), Overseer, General Post Office, Whitby.

Michael CUSH, Apprentice Fitter and Turner, Loftus.

Roy SCOTT, Schoolteacher, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

For attempting to rescue a girl from drowning.

Percy BOWERS, Detective Constable, Manchester City Police. (Dukinfield.)

For attempting to rescue a man from drowning.

William Charles CLOKE, Beach Patrol, Bude.

Clifton James WELSH, Beach Patrol, Bude.

For services when a yacht was in danger of being wrecked.

Colin Barry HOLLAND, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting an armed man who was causing a disturbance.

Anthony KILLEEN, Schoolboy, Bolton.

For rescuing children from a fire.

John MCCARTHY, Detective Constable, Lancashire County Constabulary. (Accrington.)

For services when an armed man was arrested.

Tony Isaac MARTIN, Underground Manager, Stotsfieldburn Mine, Rookthorpe, County Durham. (St. Johns Chapel.)

John Norman PEART, Shift Foreman, Stotsfieldburn (lead) Mine, Rookthorpe, County Durham. (Killhope.)

For services when an accident occurred in a mine.

Guiseppe Maurizio ROSSINI, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For attempting to rescue two men from a burning house.

Clifford James STUDD, Constable, Essex County Constabulary. (Grays.)

Charles James Arthur WALKER, Taxi Proprietor, Grays, Essex.

For services in effecting the arrest of an armed man.

John William VANDERZON (deceased), Coal Lumper, Balmain, New South Wales.

For attempting to rescue two members of the crew overcome by fumes in a ballast tank of s.s. "Marine Discoverer".

Horace Albert WATKIN, Police Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary. (Bishop's Stortford.)

For apprehending a mentally deranged man armed with a gun.

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