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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 under-mentioned 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:

Edward Louis HANLON, District Fire Commander, Hong Kong Fire Services.

A four-storey tenement building collapsed without warning in a congested area burying twelve persons, mostly children, in the debris. Nine were quickly removed to safety by Fire Service personnel under Mr. Hanlon's command. Of the remaining three, one could be seen suspended 20 feet above the street trapped from the waist down, semi-conscious and in great pain. A second child also alive but barely conscious was completely trapped by debris with his legs entwined in those of the first. There was no sign of the third victim. The collapse had resulted in the gas main feeding the tenements becoming fractured and the shut-off valve was buried beneath tons of debris. As a result the area was being flooded with lethal and explosive coal gas. Some 30 tons of debris under which the boys were pinned was in constant danger of sliding into the street below. A further collapse or an enormous explosion appeared to be imminent. For nearly two hours Mr. Hanlon, balancing himself precariously 20 feet above the street under the lee of the debris, not only supported the boy, but directed operations with such skill and resource that both children were recovered alive. He displayed courage, endurance, tenacity and determination in the face of grave danger.

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

Ronald JARRATT, Constable, Yorkshire Constabulary. (Malton.)

Constable Jarratt was on motor patrol duty, alone, when he saw a motor car which he recognised as one reported stolen. He set off in pursuit and after travelling about a mile he overtook the car and signalled it to stop. The driver ignored the signals, overtook the patrol car and tried to force it off the road before pulling away. Jarratt continued the chase and after travelling a further two miles saw a youth lean out of the front passenger window and aim at the Police car with what appeared to be a rifle. He heard a sharp crack and realised that he was being shot at. He started to take evasive action by swerving the patrol car about the road and he immediately heard the sound of a second shot. A third shot was fired and then a fourth. Two further shots were fired and the car then turned into a cul-de-sac where it came to a stop. Jarratt was within 15 yards of the vehicle and saw the two youths jump out and run off in different directions, the one who had been in the passenger seat, carrying a rifle. The Constable ran after one who climbed to the roof of a hen hut in a nearby garden and started to throw bricks at Jarratt. The Constable continued towards the youth who then made off behind some nearby houses where he was arrested by other police officers who had been summoned by wireless.

Queen's Commendation for brave conduct

Malcolm John BUCKMAN (deceased), Instructor, Outward Bound Movement, New South Wales.

John Owen SANDELL (deceased), Instructor, Outward Bound Movement, New South Wales.

For attempting to rescue a number of youths from drowning.

CHOI Yuk-shu, Senior Fireman, Hong Kong Fire Services.

Ng Wing-hang, M.B., B.S., Medical and Health Officer, Medical and Health Services Department, Hong Kong.

For services when a tenement building collapsed, burying twelve persons.

William Terence JOHNSTON, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For attempting to rescue a man from drowning.

Bruce Robert PATERSON, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For attempting to rescue a child from a burning house.

Percy Henry PENFOLD, Sergeant, West Sussex Constabulary. (Pulborough.)

For rescuing a woman from a burning building.

Hubert Noel PITCHER, Detective Sergeant, Warrington County Borough Police. (Warrington.)

Kenneth Paul COTTON, Constable, Warrington County Borough Police. (Higher Walton, Cheshire.)

John MALE, Constable, Warrington County Borough Police. (Padgate, Warrington.)

For services when arresting an intoxicated man armed with a shot-gun.

Frederick Thomas WILSON, Chemical Plant Operator, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

For services when an escape of ammonia gas affected the workers in a chemical plant.