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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned award of the George Medal, for the following awards 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:

Margaret Shaw CLELAND, Woman Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.8.)

Woman Police Constable Cleland was called to a house where a man was sitting on a railing at the corner of the roof holding in his arms his baby son aged twenty-two months. She made her way to the roof through an adjacent house and joined other police officers.

The roof, about 43 feet high, is protected by a low parapet surmounted by a single iron railing about two feet above the top of the parapet. A foot wide gully runs between the steeply pitched slate roof and the low parapet.

The man was sitting astride the railing at the corner of the roof, holding the child in his right arm. The guard rail was insecure and there was imminent danger of the man overbalancing and falling with the child. It was thought that the woman officer might have a better chance of success in persuading the man away from the edge and Cleland therefore, despite the danger, made her way along the gully towards him. When she was within six feet of him he made it clear that if she came any closer he would throw himself and the child into the street below, so, for an hour and a quarter, she talked to him and tried to persuade him either to leave the railing or to hand over the child. During this time others tried

to reason with the man but as soon as they approached him he stood up as though to throw himself off the roof.

Eventually the baby began to cry and the Woman Police Constable persuaded the man that the child needed warmer clothing and he agreed that she should place a coat around the baby. While making this suggestion she had edged slowly forward until she was only about four feet away from him. She realised that this was possibly the only opportunity she would get of reaching the baby and as she went to place the coat about the child's shoulders she caused the man to disengage his left arm from the child in order to assist her. She then jumped forward, grasped the child firmly and gripped the man's coat by the right elbow. She threw herself backwards, wrenching the child from his grasp, and at the same time pulled the man in towards the roof. The violence of her action caused her to lose her balance and fall backwards with the baby in her arms, but she managed to throw herself sideways on to the pitched roof. As the man sat motionless, taken completely by surprise, he was grabbed by ambulance attendants and secured. He was then taken to hospital.

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

William Lloyd BAKER, Senior Constable (now Sergeant), Tasmania Police Force.

Following a complaint made by the occupant, Senior Constable Baker went to a house and opening the door he saw a man standing inside, a few feet away, holding a rifle. The man threatened to shoot Baker if he came inside and told him he was waiting to kill the occupant when she returned. The Senior Constable, using great tact and restraint, repeatedly requested the man to put down the rifle but he would not do so.

Baker then decided to try and get inside the house to overpower the man and prevent blood-

shed. He managed to distract the man's attention, rushed at him, reached him before he could raise the rifle, grabbed hold of him, knocked the rifle to the floor and overpowered him. Other police then came to his assistance and the man was arrested.

Roy Albert HOBBS, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.1.)

Roy STAMPER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.5.)

Police Constables Hobbs and Stamper were on duty about midnight when they saw a man run out of a house. A woman shouted that the man had a gun. Both officers ran after the man and when they were about twenty-five yards away Hobbs shouted to him to stop. The man looked over his left shoulder and then pulled out a gun. He continued to run and a member of the public put out his foot and tripped him. As he lay on the pavement he fired at Hobbs but fortunately missed. After the shot had been fired the Constables leapt upon the gunman and managed to disarm him.

Graham David PRIEST, Cadet, Liverpool City Police.

William John SASS, Cadet, Liverpool City Police.

Cadets Priest and Sass were on duty at a Pier Head when they were told that a woman was drowning in the river. They ran to the top of a bridge and saw the woman in the water between the river wall and a floating Landing Stage, being swept by the strong current towards a second bridge. Priest immediately discarded his police raincoat, tunic and boots, and dived into the river while Sass ran down the bridge to the Landing Stage, where he threw off his greatcoat, seized a lifebelt, and dived into the river.

Both Cadets swam towards the woman. Priest reached her first and, turning her on to her back, supported her in the water. The woman commenced to struggle and Priest had a great deal of difficulty in retaining his hold until the arrival of Cadet Sass, who had released the lifebelt because of its impeding action. The Cadets and the woman were then carried by the strong flood tide towards the second bridge. A boat was rowed out towards them but they had drifted down-river past the bridge for a distance of approximately 90 yards before it reached them. The woman was then lifted into the boat and the Cadets held on to the sides while it was rowed to the steps near a third bridge. This part of the river is notorious for

its treacherous and dangerous currents, and water flowing behind the Landing Stage is turbulent and heavily contaminated by slime and waste oil.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :

Harold Ronald DODGE, Newtown, New South Wales.

Gerald John HUTCHINSON, Newtown, New South Wales.

Leslie George Albert MARKHAM, Newtown, New South Wales.

Leslie Joseph SALMON (deceased), Newtown, New South Wales.

Norman John TREVITHICK, Newtown, New South Wales.

Robert Donald WARREN, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when overpowering a man, armed with a knife, who had gone berserk.

Peter Charles DUNECLIFT, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.6.)

For attempting to rescue two children from a burning house.

Benjamin John EAGLE, Ambulance Driver Attendant, London Ambulance Service. (London N.8.)

Maurice Alfred Charles JEWBY, Ambulance Driver Attendant, London Ambulance Service. (London E.11.)

For services when a man, holding a baby, threatened to jump from the roof of a high building.

Edward FULCHER, Milk Roundsman, Worcester.

For resisting an attempted armed robbery.

Lionel Harold KAMMER, Taxi Driver. (London N.16.)

Anthony Maurice ROSE, Taxi Driver. (London N.15.)

For services when an armed criminal attempted to shoot a policeman.

Ronald Stanley MINTO (deceased), Islington. (London N.1.)

For attempting to rescue his mother from a burning building.

Henry Carl WOODBERRY, Constable, Tasmania Police Force.

For services when a man with a loaded rifle was disarmed and arrested.

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