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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
 6th October 1964.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned 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 :

Brennan Alexander Cran, Bank Clerk, Barclays Bank, Limited, Darlington. (Great Ayton.)

Mr. Cran and a bank guard were on duty at a branch of a bank. Cran was behind the counter balancing the cash. The guard was in the safe room. A man, disguised as a woman, with long dark hair and carrying a paper carrier bag, came from the door over to the counter with an automatic pistol in his right hand and told the clerk to fill the bag with money. Cran delayed as long as he could until the intruder waved the gun at him and ordered him into the safe room. The bank guard was ordered to get under the table and as he did so he set off the alarm. The intruder then turned and ran for the door and Cran ran after him. Just as he was within grappling distance the gunman turned around and fired the gun at Cran, the bullet hitting him in the chest. Although seriously injured Cran grappled with the man, grabbed the gun and hit him on the forehead with it. Still struggling, Cran was dragged outside the bank where others came to his assistance. Cran was by now in a state of collapse but retained his hold until the police arrived and arrested the gunman. Cran was taken to hospital where an operation was performed to remove the bullet which had passed within two inches of his heart and was lodged in his back.

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

John Thomas Clarkson, Constable, Grimsby Borough Police. (Grimsby.)

Roland Walter Jefferson, Constable (Detective), Grimsby Borough Police. (Grimsby.)

The police were informed that a youth, armed with a knife, had gone berserk in a house and the householder and his daughter were both suffering from knife wounds and had been removed to hospital. A number of police officers went immediately to the house and one officer approached the front door, which was open. The youth was seen in the hallway, brandishing a knife. He then ran upstairs and a few seconds later returned to the front of the house carrying a shotgun. He went out on to the footpath but re-entered the house, still carrying the shotgun, and ignored all requests to come out again. Constables Clarkson and Jefferson went into the rear garden of the house next door and climbed over the low dividing wall. Clarkson shone his torch through the scullery window and saw the youth holding the shotgun in his right hand. Clarkson tried to reason with him but he refused to put down the gun and come out. Detective Constable Jefferson joined Clarkson but hid from view. The youth then left the house carrying a knife. The two Constables pursued him and in a confined space managed to seize him. There was a violent struggle and Clarkson was stabbed in his left shoulder but eventually the youth was handcuffed and taken into custody. Constable Jefferson was also injured by the knife.

Robert James Kelly, Constable, Isle of Man Constabulary. (Onchan.)

A message was received by the Police that a young woman who was mentally deranged was in a perilous position on a cliff face threatening to throw herself into the sea. The woman was perched on a pinnacle of rock on a bluff about

half way between the top of the cliff and sea-level. This pinnacle rises almost sheer about 120 feet from sea-level. She was waving a large white handbag and screaming at Constable Kelly and the District Coastguard Officer who had climbed down to the bluff and were about 20 yards from her. In view of approaching darkness it was decided to try to reach her without further delay. Constable Kelly volunteered to attempt to take her off the pinnacle and with a life-line attached to him, climbed along the bluff and engaged her in conversation, slowly and almost imperceptibly approaching her at the same time. She screamed, waved her handbag about and shouted to be left alone, but eventually she became quiet and engaged in conversation with the Constable. Gradually the distance between them narrowed until the gap was such that Constable Kelly was able to grip the woman and hold on to her. The District Officer then went to assist and after a long and hazardous operation the woman was lowered to the foot of the cliff and was taken by boat to Douglas Harbour.

Queen's Commendation for brave conduct :

Albert Edward David Cox, Trainee, Electrical Appliances. (London E.5.)

For rescuing a child from a burning house.

James Phillip Greenwood, Guard, Barclays Bank, Limited, Darlington. (Sedgefield).

Fred Scott, Furniture Remover, Darlington.

For services when an armed man attempted to rob a bank.

David Thomson McGarrie, District Coastguard Officer, Isle of Man. (Ramsey.)

For helping to rescue a woman from a cliff face.

Donald John Macleod, Constable, Lanarkshire Constabulary. (Cambuslang.)

For services during the pursuit of three criminals in a stolen car.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of Her Majesty's New Zealand Ministers, to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal.

Awarded the George Medal :

Ian Vivian Graham, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Robert Alexander McDowell, Dunedin, New Zealand.

At St. Clair Beach, Dunedin, Mr. Graham was on a surf-board some 250 yards out to sea when he heard a call for help from a young man who was swimming some fifty yards inshore of him. On reaching the man, Mr. Graham found that he had been attacked by a shark. He hauled the young man on to his surf-board and tried to paddle ashore with him. Meanwhile Mr. McDowell, who was also surfing, had reached the beach from seaward on a previous wave. Mr. Graham attracted his attention and Mr. McDowell at once re-entered the water to help Mr. Graham. Between them they brought the injured youth ashore, with two sharks following them closely; there was a trail of blood in the water and the sharks twice approached the party at a range of two feet, and came to within twenty yards of the beach. When the youth was brought ashore, it was discovered that his right leg was severed above the knee and he died before reaching hospital.

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