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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 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 brave conduct.

*To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry:*

Miss Shirley May BRAGG, Ward Sister, Obstetric Hospital of University College Hospital, London. (Barnet.)

The ceiling of two wards of the Obstetric Hospital at University College Hospital collapsed. Sister Bragg was the only member of the nursing staff present. There were thirteen patients and about twenty visitors in the ward. On hearing the sound of masonry crumbling she acted immediately by ordering all patients able to walk and all visitors to leave the ward, and less mobile patients were told to get under their beds. Sister Bragg then went to the assistance of those unable to move at all. She began to move one very ill patient with the help of the patient's relative away from the danger area. While she was doing this the ceiling fell. She was hit on the head but made no attempt to get away. She then covered her head with a metal chartboard to act as protection but this was subsequently bent by a large piece of falling masonry. Sister Bragg refused to leave her post, even for treatment, until more than two and a half hours later when her patients had been reaccommodated and she had handed over to the night staff. She was then admitted to hospital herself, suffering from delayed shock,

concussion and multiple bruises. Her prompt and courageous action prevented what might well have been a disaster.

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

Raymond George BUCK, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary. (Bury.)

A call was received by the Police to the effect that a man was threatening his wife and three children with a shot-gun. On arrival at the house Police Constable Buck found that four other constables had also answered the call. Looking through the window the officers could see the man pointing a single barrelled shot-gun at the front door. Police Constable Buck entered the house followed by the other officers and was confronted by the man holding the shot-gun, which was both loaded and cocked. Police Constable Buck continued to move slowly towards the man, who backed away until he was almost against the wall. By that time the constable was within three feet of him and made a dive at the man knocking the gun sideways, keeping a grip on the gun and finally succeeding in throwing the gun away. The gun was cocked and contained a live cartridge in the breech. Although he knew the danger of being shot Buck took the lead in disarming an armed man.

Alan Geoffrey NEWTON, Constable, First Class, Western Australia Police Force.

Constable Newton, while on beat duty was attacked without provocation or warning by a man armed with a small but dangerous knife. The constable was struck on the right side of the neck and, on turning towards his attacker, was again struck near the right eye. The man then ran away but the constable, although suffering from painful injuries, ran after him. Eventually, after a chase of approximately half a mile, Constable Newton was able to corner the man. He fought violently but Constable Newton struggled with him until assistance arrived and he was subdued.

*Queen's Commendation for brave conduct :*

John Ambrose Bloxham BRAIN, Fireman, Kent Fire Brigade. (Gillingham.)

For rescuing a man who had fallen down a shaft in a disused quarry.

Leonard James BROWNING, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For attempting to apprehend three suspected men, one of whom was armed with a shotgun.

George CASKEY, Detective Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary. (Belfast.)

For tackling and arresting an armed criminal.

Kevin John CROWHURST, Constable, States of Jersey Police. (St. Helier.)

For rescuing a boy clinging to the edge of a cliff.

Colin Victor DODD, Constable, County Borough of Wolverhampton Police.

Gordon Arthur JONES, Constable, County Borough of Wolverhampton Police.

For rescuing a man who threatened to throw himself from the top of a building which was being demolished.

Carlisle Augustus JOHNSON, Bench Fitter, London W.9.

Robert William MELROSE, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Wembley.)

For attempting to rescue the occupants of a burning house.

Shaun Graeham CAULFIELD-KERNEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.17.)

Michael John PEARCE, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.11.)

For services when apprehending a man who was in danger of falling from a roof.

George William PENNY, Lorry Driver, Southampton.

For services when extinguishing a fire following a delivery of liquid propane.

John VALLELY, Sergeant, Barrow-in-Furness Borough Police.

For services when apprehending two armed youths.

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