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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal, and for 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:

Thomas Douglas BAIRD, Constable, City of Glasgow Police.

William GRAHAM, Constable, City of Glasgow Police.

Constable Baird was going off duty in the early hours of the morning when he was asked by Constable Graham, who was driving a patrol car, for assistance in examining a public house which had been broken into on each of the two previous nights. The Constables were going towards the public house in the car when they saw a man move across the street. The Constables stopped beside him and left the car to question him. They noticed that he kept his hand inside his jacket. When asked what he was concealing, he produced a single-barrelled sawn-off shotgun about 18 inches in length. He then called out and five men appeared from a nearby school. The man was very excited and was swearing continually. He pointed the gun at Constable Baird's face and threatened to shoot. Baird grabbed the gun and during the ensuing struggle for its possession the man pulled the trigger twice. The first time the gun did not fire but the second time it discharged and both Graham and Baird felt the heat of the blast passing their faces. In instinctively putting up his hand to protect his face, Baird released his hold on the gun and fell backwards to the ground. Constable Graham then struck at the gun with his baton which broke in two on impact. By this time the Constables had recognised the man as a dangerous local criminal.

The man ran off pursued by the Constables on foot. They caught up with him and Baird dived at his legs, pulling him to the ground. He struggled free and got to his feet again aiming the gun at the Constables and threatening to shoot them. Baird threw his baton and torch at him and succeeded in diverting his aim. The criminal then made his escape pursued by the officers in the car. As they approached him they saw him standing in the centre of the roadway aiming at the windscreen of the car. Constable Graham tried to drive the car towards him but he avoided the car and jumped into a nearby bus shelter from where he fired another shot shattering the rear window of the car. He then ran into the grounds of a nearby school. Constable Baird was in need of medical attention and after obtaining assistance, a full-scale hunt for the gunman was started and he surrendered to the police shortly afterwards. Constables Baird and Graham, without thought for their personal safety and with no assistance at hand, pursued an armed criminal who had shown no hesitation in firing at them. They were also aware that the man had five companions in the immediate vicinity who might have intervened on his behalf at any time. Nevertheless they pressed home the pursuit and showed a high degree of courage and resource in their actions.

Miss Fiona Janet Maud CHARD, Ward Sister, Middlesex Hospital, London W.1.

Michael Graham JOHNSON, M.B., B.S., Surgical Registrar, Middlesex Hospital, London W.1.

A patient was admitted to the Middlesex Hospital as an emergency case. The nursing staff knew that he had among his personal possessions a pen-knife which he did not want to surrender. As visiting time approached he was seen to go out of the ward on to the landing of the internal fire escape. A nurse followed him and saw him mount one flight of stairs and, before she could do anything to prevent him, he had opened a window saying that he was going to throw himself out; he then climbed on to a

narrow ledge which runs along the whole face of the building at the level of the fifth floor. Sister Chard on hearing what had happened and that the patient was moving step by step along the ledge, rushed to another window in the direction that he was taking and climbed out on to the ledge in order to meet him as he approached. She came face to face with him after negotiating a particularly dangerous point at a right angle corner of the building. She then began attempts to dissuade him from jumping off, which he was all the time threatening to do. He is a tall powerfully built man but Sister Chard tried to restrain him by holding on to him, although he continually resisted her efforts, thrusting her away from him. The ledge is only twenty inches wide and a sheer drop to the courtyard below of a hundred feet. The wall from which the ledge abuts has no projection or handhold of any kind. It was dark and it was raining. Sister Chard was fully aware of his disturbed mental state, and that he usually carried a knife. With complete disregard for her own safety, and the appalling danger that she was in, she continued to reason with the man. Not long after, Mr. Johnson, the surgical registrar, came into the ward and learnt what was afoot. With equal courage he at once climbed out on to the ledge and came up with the patient on his other side. Thereafter Mr. Johnson and Sister Chard made combined efforts to prevent the patient from jumping off, pleading with him and holding on to him. This was done at immense risk to themselves because it was scarcely possible for him to have thrown himself off this narrow slippery ledge without dragging them with him. When the patient had been out on the ledge for at least half an hour the efforts of the Doctor and Sister proved successful: the man was induced to climb back through a window into the building. He was transferred the same evening to a mental hospital. The bravery shown by Sister Chard and Mr. Johnson was outstanding. There is little doubt but that they saved this man's life. It is beyond all doubt that at the same time they were putting their own lives in great jeopardy.

Michael John ROSE, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Ilford.)

As a result of an emergency call, Police Sergeant Rose, who was in charge of a police "Q" car, went with other officers to a house where they disturbed two youths who had broken into the premises. One of them ran off with Sergeant Rose giving chase about 15 yards behind. The youth produced a pistol and pointed it at Rose and threatened to shoot. Nevertheless, the Sergeant still went on as the criminal took aim and fired. The shot went over the Officer's head but, undeterred, he continued the chase until the youth entered a block of flats. Rose searched for him without success

and then telephoned for assistance. Later a '22 cartridge case was found near the spot where the shooting had taken place. Although the Sergeant had narrowly escaped being shot he did not hesitate in further risking injury in an effort to effect the arrest of an armed criminal.

Queen's Commendation for brave conduct:

Peter Richard ADAMS, Inspector, Leicester City Police.

For services when apprehending a mentally deranged man armed with a shotgun.

Henry ECKFORD (deceased), Section Head, County Durham. (Felling.)

For rescuing two children from a burning house.

Hector McDONALD, Shift Chargehand. (Southampton.)

Christopher John MARCHANT, Assistant Engineer. (North Baddesley.)

For services when a fire broke out in a gas works.

James John MANNIX, Supervisor of Parking, Sydney Night Patrol, New South Wales. (St. Peters.)

Daniel Joseph MYERS, Supervisor of Parking, Sydney Night Patrol, New South Wales. (Belmont.)

For services when apprehending an armed man who had shot two persons.

Viliame MOLERA, Villager, Fiji.

For rescuing a child from a burning hut.

Gerald Dudley John ROWE, Leading Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Margate.)

Arthur JACKSON, Able Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Dover.)

John Robert O'DONNELL, Able Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Gillingham, Kent.)

Kenneth SLACK, Able Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Aylesham.)

For services when a vessel foundered in heavy seas at night.

Joseph Gerard TOWNSEND, Inspector, Liverpool City Police.

Donald CHALKLEY, Sergeant, Liverpool City Police. (Birkenhead.)

Eric LEACH, Sergeant, Liverpool City Police. (Maghull.)

For services when rescuing a woman from a burning house.

Dael WILSON, Constable, Fife Constabulary. (Kirkcaldy.)

For services when arresting a man who attempted to escape in a motor van.

Ernest William WORTHINGTON, Detective Constable, Derby Borough Police.

For services when an attempt was made to rob a store.

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