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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 award of GEORGE CROSS and for the awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal and for the publication in the *London Gazette* of the names shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

### GEORGE CROSS

Anthony John GLEDHILL, Constable, Metropolitan Police (Bromley).

*Awarded the George Medal:*

Terence Frederick McFALL, Constable, Metropolitan Police (Petts Wood).

Constable Gledhill was driving a police vehicle with Constable McFall as the wireless operator when a message was received that the occupants of a motor car had been seen acting suspiciously at Creek Side, Deptford. As the officers reached the area the car they were looking for, which contained five men, drove past them. The officers immediately chased the escaping vehicle which was being driven recklessly through the streets of South London travelling on the wrong side of the road and against the one-way traffic system. In such conditions Constable Gledhill exercised considerable skill in following, at high speed, and keeping up with, the bandit vehicle. During a chase which covered a distance of 5 miles at speeds of up to 80 miles an hour an attempt was made by the bandits to ambush the police vehicle and no less than 15 shots were fired at the police car by the occupants of the bandit vehicle using a sawn-off shotgun and revolvers, pellets from the shotgun striking the windscreen of the police car on three occasions. Finally at a road junction the escaping car crashed into a lorry. The five men immediately

left the car and a group of three, one with a pistol in his hand, ran into the yard of a transport contractor. The Officers followed the group of three and as the police car reached the yard gates the men ran towards the car and the one with the pistol held it to Constable Gledhill's head and ordered the Officers to get out of the car or be shot. Both Officers left the car and the man with the pistol got into the driving seat with the obvious intention of using it to make a getaway. Constable Gledhill was then backing away across the roadway and the man reversed away from the gates towards him pointing the pistol at him as he did so. However, when he stopped to engage a forward gear he momentarily turned his head away and Gledhill immediately grabbed hold of his gun hand and as the vehicle moved off managed to hold on to the car window with his left hand. While this was happening Constable McFall had run along the roadway to a group of men to get a lorry driven across the road to block it when he heard Constable Gledhill shout. He ran back to the police car and saw him holding on to the car window. He then saw the car gather speed, dragging Gledhill along the road. At this point the front offside tyre burst, the car veered across the road, crashed into parked vehicles and Gledhill was thrown under one of them. McFall opened the front passenger door and as the driver was still holding the pistol began hitting him about the legs and body with his truncheon. Gledhill had then regained his feet and as he went to the driver's door it was flung open knocking him to the ground. The man got out of the car and backed away from the Officers. He warned them not to move and at the same time fired a shot. The Constables then heard the gun click and both rushed at the man and as McFall struck at him with his truncheon Gledhill grabbed the man's right hand and took the gun from him. There was a violent struggle and the gunman fell to the ground trying desperately to reach the inside of his jacket. At this stage other officers arrived.

The man was subdued and another gun, an automatic pistol, was found in the pocket of his overalls. Both Gledhill and McFall received injuries and had to receive hospital treatment. They had faced a sustained firearm attack and from the early stages knew the risks they ran of being killed or seriously injured.

*Awarded the George Medal :*

Frederick William BIRD, M.B.E., Superintendent of Police, Aden.

During terrorist activities in Aden, Superintendent Bird has been called upon at all times of the day and night to render safe various explosives, mines and other devices. His experience, skill, courage and endurance in the face of danger, have been of the greatest possible value to the security forces and he has without doubt saved a great many lives at continuing risk to his own. On one occasion a large booby-trapped parcel bomb was found in the entrance of a block of flats occupied by British families. Superintendent Bird at once went to the site. The bomb was in a position which made access extremely difficult and hazardous. Nevertheless, as this was the first bomb of its type to be found unexploded, he elected to disarm it rather than blow it up, although at the time he did not know how the bomb was constructed, by what means it would explode, or with what anti-handling devices it was fitted. Insisting on working alone, he proceeded to disarm the bomb. On completion of each phase of the disarming process he called in the security force officers waiting outside, and, in case the bomb should explode before he finished the task, explained to them what he had done. The bomb was found to contain a pound of explosive and to be fitted with two lethal anti-handling devices.

Francis Charles HENDER, Senior Constable, Criminal Investigation Branch, Victoria Police Force.

Senior Constable Hender was called to assist the bar manager of a hotel who was being held up at gun point in the first floor office, and had been shot in the leg by two armed men. Hender dashed into the office and tackled one of the men who was armed with a revolver. There was a struggle and the Senior Constable received three bullet wounds to the body. Despite the wounds Hender endeavoured to grapple with the offender, but was knocked to the floor and shot again. The criminals were subsequently caught and convicted.

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

Francis Anthony BARTNIK, Maintenance Engineer, Blackpool.

John Dugdale BROWN, Sergeant, Blackpool County Borough Police.

Derek Peter TAYLOR, Constable, Blackpool County Borough Police.

A small boat used to transport men and materials to and from a drilling rig platform off-shore, sank as a result of engine failure caused by rough seas, throwing the four occupants into the water. They were carried by the wind and tide past the end of a pier to a jetty where they were flung against the stanchions. Constable Taylor, who was on the jetty, threw life belts and with the help of other men on the pier, secured and then threw over a scrambling net. Taylor saw one man in the water who was

almost unconscious and having difficulty supporting himself. He immediately climbed down the pier stanchions, grabbed the man and climbed back up the ironwork to the pier rail. Still without a life belt or life line, Constable Taylor again climbed down the ironwork and had hold of another of the men in the water when a huge wave struck him, knocking him off balance into the sea amongst the pier ironwork. He surfaced on the other side of the pier, climbed up the ironwork and was taken to hospital. Another of the men in the water was able to fasten a rope around himself and was assisted out of the water by Bartnik, who climbed down the stanchions. A third man was reluctant to leave go of the pier tie bar to which he was clinging. Bartnik made several attempts to reach him but was beaten back by the rough seas. An attempt was made by Sergeant Brown to rescue this man. He went down the scrambling net and with someone holding his left hand the Sergeant entered the water and took hold of the man. He managed to pull him along a cross-member until his head and shoulders were clear of the water but then a huge wave submerged them both and the Sergeant lost his grip but he again went into the water and was dragging him clear when two more waves hit them and the man was torn from his grasp and washed away under the pier. The weather and sea conditions were appalling and there was always the danger of the rescuers, particularly the police officers who entered the water, being buffeted against the pier stanchions and severely injured.

Ronald Malcolm GUM, Senior Constable, South Australia Police Force.

Senior Constable Gum and another Constable drove to a house which was on fire. The entire front and side of the building was a mass of flame and thick smoke was issuing from the inside. Constable Gum with several others commenced to fight the blaze. A neighbour stated that a man might be inside the house, whereupon Gum donned a Remote Breathing Apparatus and entered the house through thick smoke and falling timber and iron. He searched the house and located the man lying on the floor of the lounge which was towards the rear of the house. Gum removed the breathing apparatus for a second to shout to the people outside to summon an ambulance, then picking up the man from behind the shoulders, dragged him to the door where, with help, he was able to get the man outside. There is no doubt that but for the prompt action of Senior Constable Gum the man would have lost his life.

Leslie Joseph LEWIS, Senior Constable, Queensland Police Force.

Senior Constable Lewis was informed that a man, apparently mentally ill, was in a store building at a small isolated locality armed with a rifle from which he had fired several shots at the local residents. Lewis approached the building concerned and, while talking to the occupant, saw through a letter box opening in the front door that he was armed with a rifle and was obviously suffering from a mental disorder and should be disarmed. Lewis then went to the open rear door. The man, on seeing him 10 feet away, raised the loaded rifle to shoot. Lewis immediately threw himself towards the man and after a violent struggle overpowered and disarmed him. The man became quiet but later

became violent again and produced a loaded revolver which he had concealed on his person. Lewis grappled with him and again disarmed him.

Angus James MACDONALD, Petrol Pump Attendant, Wroughton, near Swindon, Wiltshire.

At about 10.40 p.m., Mr. MacDonald was inside the cash kiosk, situated in the centre of a garage forecourt, counting the daily takings preparatory to putting them in the night safe. Another attendant was outside the kiosk. A man, followed by two girls came into the forecourt and the man produced a gun, pressed it into the attendant's stomach and demanded the money. The attendant immediately grabbed the gun and hit the man in the left eye whereupon a struggle ensued which took them both out towards the pavement. The attendant managed to take the gun from the man and went back to the kiosk to bandage his hands which had been injured in the struggle. As he was doing this the man again approached the kiosk, struggled with him and managed to regain possession of the gun. MacDonald heard the struggle and seeing the gun, dropped the money he had been counting, picked up an iron bar and went to the assistance of the attendant. He was impeded for a time by the two girls who tried to take the iron bar from him. Eventually he managed to break away and he hit the man on the back causing him to drop the gun. However, the man picked it up again and backed away threatening to shoot if MacDonald approached. Despite being continually threatened with the gun MacDonald followed him and when they were some 300 yards from the garage the man came back towards MacDonald waving the gun and shouting threats but MacDonald hit him with the iron bar and he fell to the ground. The two girls then picked him up and put him into a sports car. MacDonald stood nearby to prevent the man driving away, and when the car was started he threatened to smash the windscreen if it came any closer. At that point police officers arrived and after a fierce struggle the man was arrested.

George Donald MOORE, Sergeant, Manchester City Police. (Withington.)

Police officers were summoned by radio to a dwelling house where a man had discharged a firearm at a police officer. On arriving at the house the police officers, led by Sergeant Moore, went to an attic room in which the man had locked himself. Sergeant Moore, after asking the man to open the door, broke it down and was confronted by the man who was holding a pistol in his left hand and a knife in his right. The Sergeant kicked the pistol from the man's hand and closed with him. In doing so he was stabbed in the stomach. Another officer then attempted to disarm the man but was stabbed in the right hand and right leg and fell to the floor. In spite of his injuries Sergeant Moore again closed with the man and held him from behind until he was overpowered by other police officers.

Neville MORGAN, Factory Labourer, London S.E.4.

A workman was trapped when a disused railway bridge collapsed suddenly during demolition. The bridge, 75 feet in length and 26 feet wide,

consisted of two main girders spanning a canal with steel joists between the girders to form the bridge floor. Two men were working with oxy-acetylene cutting equipment in the centre of the bridge when it began to collapse into the canal. A crane slid sideways, tilted over and pinned one man against the side of the bridge. The other was completely trapped by the crane. The bridge continued its progress for some moments after the initial collapse until part rested on the bottom of the canal, in twelve feet of water. Morgan and another workman from a nearby factory, heard the crash and ran out on to the towpath where they saw the collapsed bridge and the partly submerged crane and realised that men were trapped in the water. Morgan dived into the canal and swam across to where he thought the men were trapped. One man was completely immersed, trapped by the leg, and the water was up to his chin. There was some possibility of a further collapse of the bridge with the added danger that the water level might rise and so drown the trapped man. Morgan dived down into the water several times in an attempt to release the trapped man and to search for the other workman who had completely disappeared. With the help of firemen the trapped man was eventually released.

Roy OWEN, Constable, Coventry City Police.

Constable Owen, who was off duty at his home at about 12.55 a.m. heard an explosion which sounded like a gun being discharged. Taking his truncheon with him, he left his home and made a search of a small compound. He then saw a man enter and almost immediately leave the rear garden of a house and go into a narrow passage between two garages. Owen immediately followed him and on entering the passage found himself confronted by the man, who was pointing a gun towards him, the barrel being only a few inches away. Owen caught hold of the barrel of the gun and a violent struggle ensued in the course of which Owen identified his assailant as a man with numerous convictions for crime. The struggle continued during which the barrel of the gun was, on several occasions, only a few inches away from Owen's head. The Constable eventually compelled the man to release the gun which fell to the ground. The man then ran away but was chased by Owen and caught. A passing motorist telephoned for assistance and the man was taken into custody.

Eric Gordon RANKIN, Constable, Warwickshire Constabulary. (Sutton Coldfield.)

The police were informed that a man living on a farm had apparently gone berserk and after firing a shotgun both inside and outside the house had left in his car taking the gun with him. A few hours later the man entered the Casualty Department of a Hospital and at gun point forced the Sister and the Porter to go behind the reception desk. Both were terrified by the man's actions. He unloaded and reloaded his gun and also produced a whip. Under the pretext of fetching some tea the Sister left the room but the man kept his gun pointed at the Porter. A call was made to the police and Constable Rankin and another officer went into the Casualty Department where they saw a man sitting in a chair with a shotgun pointing at the Porter. Rankin approached the man who pointed the shotgun at him and told him to stay

away. Rankin, despite being warned not to get any nearer, went towards the man and endeavoured to reason with him telling him to put the gun down. When the officer was only two or three yards away the man lifted the gun to his shoulder, pulled the safety catch back and as Rankin rushed at him pulled both triggers. The gun did not go off and the man threw his gun at the officer which hit him on the leg. Other officers arrived and with considerable difficulty the man who had gone completely berserk, was restrained and taken into custody.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Derek Clive BEAUMONT, Constable, Ipswich County Borough Police.

For rescuing a man from drowning.

John Edwin BUCKLAND, Constable, West Sussex Constabulary. (Chichester.)

For arresting a youth armed with a loaded shotgun.

David BUSH, Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Maidstone.

Joshua KIRBY, Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Maidstone.

Thomas George SAUNDERS, Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Maidstone.

For preventing the escape of two prisoners from Maidstone Prison.

Lawrence Stanley CLARKE, Constable, Manchester City Police. (Heald Green.)

Michael Joseph HANNIGAN, Constable, Manchester City Police. (Royton.)

For services when a mentally disturbed man threatened to throw himself off the roof of a building over 200 feet high.

Anthony George GRISDALE, Constable, Manchester City Police. (Didsbury.)

For services when assisting in the arrest of an armed man.

William Derek HANDLEY, Maintenance Foreman, Widnes.

For attempting to rescue a man from drowning in a heavy sea.

Stewart Maxwell JONES, Detective Sergeant, South Australia Police Force.

For disarming a mentally deranged man.

Maurice George LUNNON, Driver, Norfolk Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, Norwich.

For services when a fire occurred in a Territorial Army Centre.

Noel Arthur McLACHLAN, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

George STOTT, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when a man armed with a shotgun threatened to shoot his neighbours.

John Mitchell MARLEY (deceased), Materials Technician, Washington, County Durham.

For attempting to detain an armed robber.

Sosivita NAKAU, Villager, Nukulau Village, Fiji.

For rescuing a child from a burning hut.

Dennis RODGERS, Detective Constable, Derbyshire Constabulary. (Chesterfield.)

John SHAW, Detective Constable, Derbyshire Constabulary. (Chesterfield.)

For services when arresting an armed man.

Norman SMITH, Petrol Pump Attendant, London, N.12.

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

Neville John WALDEN, Sergeant, 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when an area was contaminated by chlorine gas following an accident to a motor trailer.