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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1  
 13th May 1969.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following 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 brave conduct.

*To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for gallantry :*

Kenneth Arnold LINSOTT, Bank Manager,  
 Midland Bank, Wood Green, London N.22.

At the close of business the doors of a bank were closed leaving the few remaining customers to be let out as each one finished his business. Finally only one man was left. He suddenly produced a gun, ordered the doors to be left closed and then vaulted over the counter. The first cashier immediately locked his till. Mr. Linscott, who was at the rear of the counter enclosure, saw what had happened, and whilst the other members of the staff were momentarily transfixed, he rushed past them and although the gunman pointed the gun at him and threatened to shoot, continued going forward and grabbed hold of the man forcing him to the end of the counter. Mr. Linscott gained a hold round the man's neck and others of the staff then joined in the struggle. As the struggle continued a shot was fired, the bullet wounding a cashier on the left leg. Meanwhile the alarm had been set off by another member of the staff and on hearing this, four police officers who were in the vicinity went to the bank and were let in by a clerk. After a violent struggle the gunman was overpowered and taken into custody.

Norman Elvin NELSON, Manager, Midland  
 Bank, Alford.

Six staff, including Mr. Nelson, were present in a bank when a man entered and asked to see the Manager. He sat in the main part of the bank opposite the serving counter until the bank closed at 3 p.m. when he was seen by the Manager in his office. The man then produced a sawn-off .410 shot gun, fully loaded with 2 cartridges and in full working order. One barrel was cocked. He pointed the weapon at Mr. Nelson and ordered him into the main part of the bank where the clerks were working. The Manager was instructed to tell his staff to put bank notes into a bag and threatened that if anyone called the Police they would get hurt. Mr. Nelson remained calm and positioned himself where he could see all his staff and the assailant. He was fully conscious of a very dangerous situation and concerned for the safety of his staff. A clerk was instructed to place bank notes into a bag and this was done to the amount of £2,000. It was handed to the gunman and Nelson then indicated that the other clerk would have to let him out by unlocking the front door; thereby creating a diversion. The gunman told the clerk to climb over the counter. This momentarily distracted the raider's attention and Nelson grabbed the gun by the barrel, forcing it to the floor. A fierce struggle ensued, the gunman being pinned into the recess between the counter and the office. Two clerks then joined in and succeeded in overpowering the gunman and obtaining possession of the weapon. The police were called and the man was taken into custody.

*Awarded the George Medal :*

Frederick George COLLINS, Shift Foreman,  
 Mount Isa Mine, Queensland.

Two men were placing explosives to dislodge a hang-up of ore in the narrow end of a large funnel through which ore, blasted down the ore-body overhead, flows to a point where it is sub-

sequently scraped into an underground ore train. The men entered the control to place explosives to bring down the hang-up when it freed of its own accord and came down over both men, killing one instantly and inflicting broken lower limbs on the other, leaving him pinned under a large rock. Help was called and Collins was one of the first rescuers on the scene. Without hesitation he cleared away some of the rock from the mouth of the control, entered the control through a maze of rocks and commenced work to release the injured man. Collins fully realised that the movement of any rock, whether large or small, in the area might well trigger off another fall of rock which, had it occurred, would have crushed all in its path. Some of the rocks weighed from 3 to 4 tons. Sufficient rocks were removed to allow the injured man to be freed and move him to the mouth of the control without further injury. In all, the rescue took over three hours, and there was always the danger of a second fall.

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

Miss Janeen ADELBERG, Schoolgirl, Mansfield, Victoria.

While contractors were stringing electricity cables between transmission towers several children obscured from the view by a small ridge began to swing on a cable. After repairs had been completed and the cables were being raised, all the children except one aged 8 years, jumped off. When she failed to jump clear and the cable gained height, her sister, Janeen Adelberg, told her to hold on to both of the cables and to place a foot over one of them. As the child was drawn on the cables to the transmission tower, Janeen Adelberg discarded her footwear, and climbed up the tower, along the cross-arm, and down the insulator string to the running sheave. When her sister reached the sheave her left hand became caught and her thumb was torn off causing her to let go of the cables. She slipped under one of the cables and was saved from falling to the ground when her clothing caught in the sheave, preventing it from turning. Until help arrived the elder girl tried to support her sister to reduce the strain on her damaged clothing. As they were 100 feet above the ground there is little doubt that had the child fallen she would have been killed. Janeen Adelberg's effort in climbing the tower and reaching the running sheave at the bottom of the insulator string was a remarkable feat for a girl. When her sister had been brought to safety, Janeen Adelberg, unassisted, climbed up the insulator string to the cross-arm, then to the ground.

Mervyn Clyde GULLY, Executive Officer, South Australian Fire Brigade.

Richard Charles ROWE, Station Officer, South Australian Fire Brigade.

Noel Rex HENDER, Corporal, St. John Ambulance Brigade, South Australia.

A fire gutted a building of four storeys and a basement. By the time the alarm was given and fire appliances had arrived on the scene, the fire was rapidly spreading. Soon the whole building was involved, the roof collapsed as did upper floors together with their contents. The exterior walls of the top floors were left unsupported, adding to the potential danger. A Station Officer

had entered the ground floor with a hose, but owing to conditions had retreated to just inside the front entrance when the floor above him, with its mass of machinery, timber and debris, crashed down and in turn collapsed the ground floor on which he was standing, carrying him and the accumulated load into the basement. Rescue operations immediately commenced. At street level men began moving the huge pile of debris in the endeavour to release the trapped man. A pump was installed to keep the water level down in the basement otherwise the man would have drowned. Gully and Rowe had meantime entered the basement through a side door and crawled through the tangled heap to where the man was lying trapped by the legs. They were followed by Corporal Hender and for nearly two hours the three men lay prone and twisted, in water, in darkness and in the smoke-filled area, with debris constantly falling, endeavouring to extricate him. They laboriously levered material off the stricken man, comforting him and, at times, holding his head above water in a situation which held danger for them all, until his rescue was effected.

John Cecil PARKINS, Constable, Huntingdon, Mid-Anglia Constabulary.

A stolen motor car was seen approaching a road check by two traffic officers and although they signalled the vehicle to stop it failed to do so. The stolen vehicle was then pursued by Constable Parkins on a motor cycle and by another officer in a patrol car. After a short distance they caught up with the stolen car and as traffic was heavy and the patrol car could not overtake, Parkins pulled alongside and signalled the driver to stop, but the car swerved towards him and made no attempt to slow down. Parkins then again attempted to drive in front of the car and as he did so the car again swerved towards him in an attempt to knock him off his motor cycle. The Constable managed to get in front of the stolen car and it then accelerated and hit the rear of his motor cycle; the rear wheel of the motor cycle then locked and was pushed a short distance along the road where the officer fell from his machine. Eventually the car stopped and the driver jumped from it and ran off across the fields. Parkins ran to the passenger side of the car and as he did so a man jumped out of the car with a shotgun in his hands. As the officer closed with him, he was hit on the head and partly knocked over. Despite having been knocked from his machine and felled by a blow to the head Constable Parkins continued the struggle. The other officer then joined in and the man was arrested.

George Alfred DAY, Carpenter, Wisborough Green, Sussex.

Clifford Arthur EADE, Farm Manager, Billingshurst, Sussex.

Leonard Frederick OBORNE, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Patrick Peter Hallam WEST, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Considerable flooding occurred on a road which passes over the River Arun at Newbridge. Two cars, one containing a man and the other a woman accompanied by her two children, a girl and a boy, attempted to cross the flooded bridge, being jointly towed by a breakdown vehicle. Whilst crossing the bridge the vehicles parted

and both cars were swept of the road into the flood waters. Various groups of people tried successively, from different places and in different ways, to reach the occupants of the vehicles over a period of five to six hours, but under the conditions prevailing rescue attempts were considerably impeded. The River Arun, at this point, is normally quiet, slow moving and 14 feet wide. With alarming suddenness the river overflowed its banks and became a raging torrent. The river spread to 200 yards in width, increased its flow to some 15-20 knots and rose 15 feet above normal in the main river. The man in one of the vehicles which was swept away managed to evacuate his car and took refuge in the branches of a tree until rescued some four hours later. The three occupants of the second car left the vehicle as it entered the river, the mother and daughter temporarily seeking refuge on the car roof. The son was swept away by the force of water and reached safety. Subsequently both mother and daughter were swept from the car roof. The mother lost her life but the daughter was rescued some distance down stream. A considerable amount of effort was mounted in an attempt to effect the rescue of the four stranded people. Throughout the rescue operations Constables Osborne and West and Mr. Day and Mr. Eade were not only prominent in organising and leading various rescue attempts to the point of exhaustion but placed themselves in extremely critical positions with complete disregard for their own personal safety.

Douglas Stuart HOGG, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Newry, Co. Down.

John Edward Alan McCLUNG, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Newry, Co. Down.

Constable McClung, in plain clothes and off duty, was sitting in a car when he saw a man with a weapon in his hand drag another man into a Bank. The Constable gave the alarm and made his way towards the Bank, where he saw four raiders making their getaway in a grey car. The Constable ran towards the car but came under fire. A police car driven by Constable Hogg approached the scene. Constable McClung indicated the direction the raiders had taken and joined Hogg. As the police car turned another car drove off from outside the Bank and shots were fired from this car. The police gave chase to the two cars and frequent shots were fired at the police, causing Constable Hogg to weave his vehicle on the road to avoid being hit. The cars continued along the main road towards Dublin and thence off on to a small side road still pursued by the police. On rounding a bend the police car ran into ambush and was rammed by one of the cars. Further shots were fired and both Constables had to lie on the floor of the car. Constable McClung rolled out from the passenger seat into the ditch and further fire was directed at the car damaging the windscreen and bonnet. Constable Hogg remained in the car until two of the raiders came towards him, one of whom was armed with a rifle, the other with a revolver. After threatening the Constable and hitting him with the rifle butt, they smashed in the windscreen and disconnected the R/T set. All the raiders then re-entered the two cars and drove off. Both Constables were unarmed and their actions in pursuing these armed desperadoes was one of great courage and in keeping with the traditions of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Geoffrey BENBOW, Detective Constable, West Mercia Constabulary, Kidderminster.

Denis Michael BROWN, Detective Constable, West Mercia Constabulary, Kidderminster.

For arresting a criminal armed with a shot gun.

Alan BROWN, Second Officer, Midland Bank, Alford.

Michael Austin Richard PARTRIDGE, Clerk, Midland Bank, Alford.

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

John William BURTON, Cashier, Midland Bank, London N.13.

Michael Sylvester O'BRIEN, Cashier, Midland Bank, London N.13.

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

Bernard Maurice COOKE, Sergeant, Tunbridge Wells, Kent County Constabulary.

For arresting a youth armed with a pistol.

Trevelyan Haydn COWLING, Manager, National Bank, Baker Street, London.

For services when a man attempted to rob a bank.

Charles William DUCHATEL, Mines Superintendent, Mount Isa Mine, Brisbane.

John Berry HICKEY, M.B., B.S., Medical Practitioner, Mount Isa Mine, Brisbane.

For services when two men were trapped following a rock fall in a mine.

Joseph Maxwell FOX, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

Peter GAMBLE, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

For arresting a man armed with a loaded shot gun.

Ronald Henry Lewis GORE, Constable, Bristol Constabulary.

For services when a fire broke out in a dwelling house.

Derek HAYWARD, Labourer, Dukinfield.

Frederick MOSS, Constable, Stalybridge Division, Cheshire Constabulary.

Alan STEELE, Constable, Stalybridge Division, Cheshire Constabulary.

For services when apprehending a man armed with a loaded shot gun.

Robert KELLETT, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services when arresting a man armed with a loaded shot gun.

Douglas Albert LARGE, Inspector, Sussex Constabulary.

James Albert CANNON, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Derek GURNEY, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Harry Joseph KELCEY, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Jack Edward VALENTINE, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Edward Roy COBLE, Engineer, Wisborough Green, Sussex.

James Charles CONSTABLE, Dry Liner, Crawley, Sussex.

John Michael WAKEFIELD, Farmer, Billingshurst, Sussex.

For services during severe flooding in Sussex.

Thomas O'MALLEY, Labourer, Barrow-in-Furness Corporation.

For rescuing a man from an underground septic tank.

Roger Charles PERRY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Henry Macfarlane STEELE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting a violent criminal armed with a pistol.

Richard Arnold Cresswell THORNELY, Schoolboy, Shebbear, Devon.

For services when a bull attacked a farmer.