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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, LONDON S.W.1

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the undermentioned award.

GEORGE CROSS

Miss Barbara Jane HARRISON (deceased),
 Stewardess, British Overseas Airways Corporation.

On April 8th 1968, soon after take-off from Heathrow Airport, No. 2 engine of B.O.A.C. Boeing 707 G-ARWE caught fire and subsequently fell from the aircraft, leaving a fierce fire burning at No. 2 engine position. About two and a half minutes later the aircraft made an emergency landing at the airport and the fire on the port wing intensified. Miss Harrison was one of the stewardesses in this aircraft and the duties assigned to her in an emergency were to help the steward at the aft station to open the appropriate rear door and inflate the escape chute and then to assist the passengers at the rear of the aircraft to leave in an orderly manner. When the aircraft landed Miss Harrison and the steward concerned opened the rear galley door and inflated the chute, which unfortunately became twisted on the way down so that the steward had to climb down it to straighten it before it could be used. Once out of the aircraft he was unable to return; hence Miss Harrison was left alone to the task of shepherding passengers to the rear door and helping them out of the aircraft. She encouraged some passengers to jump from the machine and pushed out others. With flames and explosions all around her and escape from the tail of the machine impossible she directed her passengers to another exit while she remained at her post. She was finally overcome while trying to save an elderly cripple who was seated in one of the last rows and whose body was found close to that of the stewardess. Miss Harrison was a very brave young lady who gave her life in her utter devotion to duty.

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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 an additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry:

David Richard DAVIES, Retired Schoolmaster, Beckenham, Kent.

A car driven by a woman stopped suddenly in front of a Security Express van, causing both vehicles to collide. The other occupants of the car, believed to be two men, went towards the van. At the same time another van drove up behind the security vehicle and two men alighted and started to smash the windows of the doors of the security van with a hammer. Mr. Davies, an elderly man, saw what was happening and, realising that a raid was taking place, immediately rushed across the road towards the men hammering on the window, shouting as he did so. As he approached, a third assailant squirted ammonia at him. Most of the ammonia went into Mr. Davies' right eye but, as he is blind in this eye, his vision was not further impaired and he was able to continue in his efforts to deter the would-be robbers. Although choked with ammonia fumes, Mr. Davies continued to struggle with the men who abandoned their attempt to gain entry to the security van and decamped in two cars. The men had used a sawn off shot gun while trying to enter the van, threatening to kill the three occupants. Mr. Davies disregarded his personal safety in tackling an armed gang whose attempts to steal were thus thwarted.