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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:

Barbara Winifred Doreen, Mrs. BISHOP, Staff Nurse, St. Augustine's Hospital, Chartham, Kent.

Staff Nurse Bishop was told that a female psychiatric patient was on the roof of one of the buildings. When Staff Nurse Bishop arrived at the yard the patient was hanging by her arms from some pipes at the side of the building. Mrs. Bishop immediately instructed the boiler attendant to telephone for further assistance; meanwhile the patient had moved up on to the roof and thence on to a girder which joins the roof of one building to a pier rising from the roof of another building and spans an open space. The girder which is 4 inches wide rests on a parapet 18 inches wide, and stands up like a chimney 30 feet above ground level. Mrs. Bishop, when she saw this, obtained a ladder and climbed up to the level of the roof, ascended the sloping roof without aid of any appliance and with great difficulty climbed on to the parapet and tried to hold the patient who struggled wildly and threatened to jump—and take the Staff Nurse with her. Mrs. Bishop managed to hold her until help arrived. The Staff Nurse showed great courage and risked her life in climbing after the patient.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry, Civil Division:

Gwilym Goldsmith DAVIES, Coastguardsman, H.M. Coastguard, Broadwell Hayes, Tenby, Pembrokeshire.

Four teenage persons had been cut off by the tide and were stranded on a ledge near the foot of cliffs 150 feet high. The weather at the time was misty, overcast and raining, with a wind blowing in squalls; the sea was moderate with a heavy swell and night had fallen. A lifeboat was launched and the Coastguard Cliff Rescue Company was assembled and with Coastguardsman Davies in charge, made its way three miles overland to the scene of the incident. On arrival it was found that the lifeboat, with the aid of star shells, had located the stranded people and with its searchlight was illuminating the scene, but, owing to the sea conditions and rocky foreshore, was unable to effect a rescue. Coastguardsman Davies knowing that the ledge would be under 6 feet of water at high tide and therefore time was of the utmost importance, gave orders that he should be lowered down the cliff by the remainder of the Company. On reaching the level of the ledge he found that owing to an overhang it was not possible to get on to it and he had to be hauled back to the cliff top. From a different position he was again lowered, but the four teenagers each refused to put on the harness and swing out to Coastguardsman Davies. It thus became essential for him to get on to the ledge and to accomplish this it was necessary for him to swing like a pendulum about 20 feet out over the sea and, on the return swing, make a landing on the slippery surface of the ledge, over which the waves were now breaking. Despite being twice washed off the ledge, he succeeded in reaching the stranded people. The eldest youth was quickly fastened in the harness and Davies swung back out over the water with the lad and after being pulled up to the underside of the overhang, helped him to clamber