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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 :

Kenneth John MAYNARD, Senior Second Engineer, ss "Esso Cardiff", Esso Petroleum Company Limited.

A tanker with a cargo of over 47,000 long tons of crude oil was at sea when a coupling fractured on the high pressure turbine causing it to disintegrate and fling large pieces of metal about the engine room. The lubricating oil pipes were broken and about 1,600 gallons of oil flowed at an increasing rate on to the hot metal and spontaneously ignited. Within seconds the engine room became an inferno of dense smoke and flames of such intensity that they reached a height of 50 feet above the 60 feet high skylights of the engine room. Mr. Maynard, who was on watch at the time, immediately sounded the general alarm and despite the holocaust raging around him, he calmly remained at his post and closed the ahead manoeuvring valve to take the way off the vessel. He then attempted to open the astern manoeuvring steam valve, and remained until his position became untenable. He barely escaped with his life through a watertight door, which was being held partly open by his watchmates. Even so he suffered burns to his wrist and forearm. The ship's firefighting parties were mustered, all emergency services put into

action and the whole contents of a smothering apparatus discharged into the engine room. Later an inspection revealed that a number of small fires were still burning in the upper parts, while a large fire was still raging around the high pressure turbine. Mr. Maynard wearing a self-contained breathing apparatus, entered the upper part of the engine room under conditions of intense heat and nearly zero visibility and played spray hoses on the small fires which were successfully extinguished.

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

George BLACK, Constable, Metropolitan Police.
 John Michael MOGFORD, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Ronald Airey Croll TURNBULL, lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constables Mogford, Black and Turnbull, all in plain clothes, were keeping observation on a lock-up garage, which contained a stolen car, when three men arrived in a car and started tampering with the garage padlock. The officers approached the three men and informed them that they were police officers. One man immediately struck out at Constable Turnbull and pulled a gun from his right-hand coat pocket but Constable Turnbull knocked the gun from his hand. In the struggle which followed the man managed to regain possession of the gun, but Turnbull pinned him to the ground with the weapon underneath him thereby preventing its use. In the meantime Constables Mogford and Black were struggling with the other two men. One broke free and ran away, but Constable Mogford chased and caught him and sat astride him on the ground. Constable Black pulled down the third man, whereupon he punched the officer on the cheek stunning him. This man then went to Constable Turnbull and felled the officer with a heavy blow on the head. Constable Black who had recovered, managed to arm himself with a chair and went after his assailant, who was now making for Constable Mogford, and

struck him on the head and shoulders with the chair knocking him to the ground. Black then went to assist Mogford but he was grabbed from behind and a general melee ensued. The three men broke free and ran away chased by Mogford and Black. Constable Mogford then caught one man who drew a gun from his pocket and fired it in Mogford's face rendering him unconscious. Undeterred Constable Black continued the pursuit. He chased the three men for a considerable distance and saw them force a woman driver from her car which they entered and drove towards the officer. He threw a truncheon through the driver's window and hit one man on the side of the head. However the three made good their escape. All the officers were subsequently treated in hospital for injuries received. The three criminals were eventually arrested and convicted.

Robert Charles BRADLEY, Coal Trimmer, Greenwich Electrical Generating Station, London.

A bunker 25 feet deep and with a capacity of 250 tons of coal was being completely emptied in view of the age of the coal and the increasing risks of spontaneous combustion and coal compaction. Coal is fed into the boiler through chutes in large bunkers situated above. The trimmer's duties are to ensure that the coal flows easily and to clear any blockage by going through the bunker and pushing the coal down with a long rod. The bottom of the bunker slopes down to the discharge chute at an angle of 45°. Eight blockages had already occurred and Mr. Bradley and a fellow trimmer had entered the bunker alternately to clear them. Another blockage occurred and a trimmer entered the bunker with the intention of rodding down the coal. He wore a safety harness, the life-line being secured outside the bunker. There were about 100 tons of coal in the bunker at the time. The coal underfoot, on the 45° slope, was 2-4 feet deep and the discharge chute was clear. Facing the trimmer was a nearly vertical bank of coal adhering to the wall the other side of the chute. He had crawled down to within about a foot of the open chute when suddenly the coal beneath and behind him moved down carrying him feet first into the chute where he was trapped and buried up to his waist. Mr. Bradley immediately raised the alarm and, without waiting for assistance, put on a safety belt and secured the life-line to a metal gangway above. On his own initiative and at great risk to himself, as further coal could, at any time, have subsided and completely buried him, he entered the bunker alone in an attempt to rescue the trapped man. Lengthy efforts were made to haul the man out but these proved unavailing due to the wedge-like effect of the coal in the chute, the additional coal movement and the heavy dust clouds created. Further attempts by the Fire Brigade also failed. After more than an hour the coal in the chute was gradually fed into the boilers by slowly increasing the size of the opening of the chute. When the man was finally released and hauled clear he was severely shocked and the lower parts of his trunk and legs were badly burned. Throughout the entire rescue operation Mr. Bradley remained completely calm and quiet at the side of the trapped man comforting him and materially assisting in the attempts to release him. He did this in the full knowledge that tons of coal on the nearly vertical and sloping sides of the bunker could, at any time, have slipped and buried him.

Colin Peter BURCH, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Anthony REYNOLDS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

A man went berserk with a gun and shot two people. Constables Reynolds and Burch in their respective police cars went to a house and were told that the man had escaped from the back of the house and driven away in his car. The officers gave chase in their vehicles and Constable Reynolds overtook the car and eventually managed to box it in between his vehicle and a police van which had joined in the chase. Reynolds got out of his car and walked towards the man who was sitting in the driver's seat with the window down pointing a gun at the officer's face. Undeterred Constable Reynolds grabbed at the gun but the man managed to transfer it to his left hand and pointing it at the officer's head threatened to shoot. Reynolds was unable to reach the gunman's left hand and was obliged to release his right arm. The Constable warned other officers in the vicinity that the man had a gun and at this juncture Constable Burch ran to the door of the car and grabbed the barrel of the gun. A violent struggle for the gun then ensued before Constable Burch was able to wrest the weapon away. The man was then overpowered and arrested.

Thomas Archibald CORKILL, Sergeant, Isle of Man Constabulary.

A report was received that a man, whom a taxi driver had driven to an Airport, had, on arrival at the Airport, threatened the driver with a gun and had not paid the fare. A police constable at the Airport saw a man standing in the telephone kiosk and approached him. The man drew what appeared to be a long barrelled, snub nosed automatic weapon from under his jacket and threatened to kill the Constable. As the Constable moved back to obtain cover the man forced his arm out through the door of the kiosk and discharged the gun in the direction of the Constable. The man then fired again and ran off. Later, during the night, Sergeant Corkill, who was patrolling alone in a Patrol Car saw the man running down the road. He opened the car window and called to the man to give himself up but he continued to run, whereupon Corkill got out of the car and chased him along the railway track. He caught up with him and he heard the mechanism of a gun being operated and the man called on him to stop and threatened to shoot. Sergeant Corkill shone his torch on the man's face and ran towards him, telling him to lower the gun. As he got nearer the man lowered the gun and handed it to the Sergeant and he was arrested.

Iain Fleming Gillespie HARRIS, Constable, City of Glasgow Police.

James IRVINE, Bakery Salesman, Glasgow.

A man armed with a single barrel sawn-off shot-gun entered a general store occupied by a woman and her aged and blind mother. He demanded money. The occupier talked to him to gain time but eventually lifted a bottle intending to throw it into the street to attract attention. The man fired at her and as she ducked most of the shot passed over her smashing a display cabinet; she was slightly cut

about the face. The man ran from the shop and she followed to raise the alarm. Mr. Irvine and two other men were in a public house on the opposite side of the street when they heard the shot. They went into the street where they saw the man carrying a shotgun run away towards some waste ground. The three men entered Mr. Irvine's car and drove off in the direction of the armed man in an effort to intercept him. Leaving the car at intervals to examine various streets, they eventually caught sight of the man again and followed him in the car. As they drew closer to him they saw Constable Harris and another Constable on the other side of the road and called to them that the man was armed and had shot a woman. The two constables ran across the road towards the man, who stopped and from a short distance away pointed the gun at them and threatened to shoot. At that point Mr. Irvine drove the car up onto the pavement towards the man, who turned and fired at the car, shattering the windscreen and wounding Mr. Irvine in the face. Aided by this distraction Constable Harris ran forward and grappled with the man as he tried to reload the shotgun. During the struggle he was struck on the back of the neck by the barrel of the shotgun but with assistance was able to overpower the man.

Jonathan Michael RALPH, Auxiliary Coastguard, H.M. Coastguard, Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr. Ralph was assisting the Coastguard on watch at a Look Out post situated at the end of a pier when they heard cries for help coming from the water at the east end of the pier. A strong ebb tide was running and night had fallen. Mr. Ralph sighted the bather, a girl, and immediately dived from the pier into the water about 20 feet below and swam to the rescue. He supported and calmed the girl, who by now was hysterical, and as an aid to buoyancy, he removed his trousers, inflated them, and tied them around his waist. Owing to the strong ebb tide, he was unable to make headway towards the shore, about 500 yards away, and they were carried out to sea by the current. The duty Coastguard enlisted the aid of a bystander, borrowed a dinghy, and set off in search of the two people. The darkness and the swirling waters made the search difficult and it was about half a mile east of the pier, that the girl and Mr. Ralph were sighted and quickly taken aboard.

Wesley William WILLIAMS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Williams and another officer, both in plain clothes, went in a police car to keep observation on a car which had been reported stolen. Within a few minutes two men approached and entered the stolen vehicle. Constable Williams drove the police car alongside the stolen car and stopped. The officer accompanying him alighted and spoke to the occupants of the stolen car, which was then immediately driven forward on to the pavement in an attempt to escape. It became jammed between a lamp-post and a wall, and Constable Williams went to the car to try and detain the driver. As he passed behind it the vehicle was reversed clear of the wall and he had to

jump back to avoid being run over. As the car reversed on to the road Williams broke a passenger window with his truncheon. With Constable Williams some 15 yards in front of the car the driver drove forward straight at the officer. Constable Williams threw his truncheon at the windscreen, but it hit the bonnet. The officer heard the car accelerate and as it reached him he put both hands on the front of the bonnet. The impact threw him into the air and he landed on the bonnet. The car was driven at speed and Constable Williams realised that if he rolled off the car it would run over him. At first he held on to the windscreen wipers but then managed to get hold of guttering running from the edge of the bonnet and above the driver's door. He tried to lie across the windscreen to block the driver's view and cause him to stop, but the driver continued driving at fast speed, alternately braking and accelerating in an effort to dislodge the officer. The car collided with another car at a junction, but did not stop. Constable Williams had managed to wedge his feet through the window he had broken and on three occasions he could feel the passenger trying to push his feet out. Finally the car struck a van and the officer was thrown on to the roadway. The driver alighted from the car and Constable Williams got to his feet and closed with him. A struggle then ensued, and Constable Williams eventually managed to force the driver to the ground and arrest him.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :

Robert Allan BARNES, Bakery Salesman Glasgow.

Jerome CANT, Constable, Glasgow City Police.

For services during the pursuit and arrest of an armed gunman.

Bernard John CARROLL (deceased), Ferryman, Manchester Ship Canal Company.

For services when an explosion occurred on the Manchester Ship Canal.

Ian CLEMENTS, Sergeant, Northampton and County Constabulary.

John Edward EARNSHAW, Constable, Northampton and County Constabulary.

For arresting a man armed with a loaded shotgun.

Ronald CLUNES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services when a mentally deranged man ran amok with an axe.

Vernal Arthur COGGAN, Superintendent 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of two armed bank robbers.

Peter Wilfred Norman COPELAND, Chief Engineer, S.S. "Esso Cardiff", Esso Petroleum Company Limited.

For services when an explosion occurred in the engine room of an oil tanker.

Guy Nigel Phillip HULME, Schoolboy, Exeter.

For services when a man was arrested following the shooting of two women.

John Walter James SAUNDERS, Constable, Thames Valley Constabulary.

Richard Edward WITTERING, Constable, Thames Valley Constabulary.

For arresting two armed men who had stolen a car.

Reginald TURNER, Printer, Eltham, London S.E.9.

Michael Victor WOOD, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services when a man, armed with a knife, resisted arrest.

Douglas Robin WADDELL, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services when arresting a man armed with an offensive weapon.