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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, and to approve the awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division) 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:

John Patrick KILMARTIN, Assistant Chief Inspector of Explosives, Department of Mines, State of Victoria.

A bomb exploded at a Consulate in Hawthorn. Mr. Kilmartin was called in by the police to assist in an investigation. He went to the Consulate the same night and arranged to return the next morning to continue the investigation in daylight. On arrival next morning he was told that a further live bomb had been discovered alongside an oil storage tank. The area was evacuated and Mr. Kilmartin approached the bomb, from which a ticking sound emanated. He eventually made the bomb safe by removing the detonator. Mr. Kilmartin, by an earlier quick inspection, realized the potential danger that existed. With this full knowledge, and completely aware of the possible consequences, he displayed outstanding courage by approaching the bomb and spending some time on his

knees beside it before finally rendering it harmless.

George Medal

Edward Henry NURSE, Inspector, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division)

John Douglas WILSON, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Hugh SHAW, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

On the evening of 25th May, Inspector Nurse was the Duty Inspector of Springfield Sub-Division at Springfield Road Police Station, Sergeant Wilson and Constable Shaw were also on duty at the same time. A terrorist entered the Police Station by the Police entrance and threw a smoking case full of explosives into the reception hall. The hall at this time had six people in it, including two children. The bomb was instantaneously spotted by Wilson and Shaw who recognising the appalling danger in which everyone stood immediately raised the alarm and started to move the people out of the hall. Inspector Nurse organised the rapid evacuation of everyone present. In the face of great imminent danger he remained in the Reception Hall until he had satisfied himself that everyone was clear. Having got the children away as far as possible he threw himself over them in order to shield them from the blast which caused him numerous lacerations to the back of the legs, body and head. His gallant and selfless act was in the highest traditions of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The prompt and effective actions of Sergeant Wilson and Constable Shaw, with no thought for their own safety, ensured the orderly evacuation of the hall.

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

Henry BRENNAN, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry.

The police were called to investigate the theft of a pedal cycle. A man was seen turning into an entry leading to a wall in which were a number of doors affording access to the rear of some houses. Constable Brennan climbed on to this wall and with the aid of his torch began an examination of the enclosed yards down below. He had only gone a short distance when he was suddenly confronted by a man wearing a mask and pointing a gun at him. The man told him to get down off the wall or he would shoot. The Constable did as he was told and meanwhile the gunman came through the doorway and was waiting as he alighted. He had the gun pointed at the Constable's back and as the Constable moved forward the gunman moved with him. He told Constable Brennan to throw down his torch and the Constable complied but as he did so he swung round and grappled with the gunman striking him with his baton on the hand in which he held the gun. In the ensuing struggle both fell to the ground and the gunman was eventually overpowered and disarmed.

Robert GARNER, Civil Engineering Plant Inspector, St. Albans.

A 35 ton motor earth scraper powered by two 400 h.p. engines had been left overnight in a yard some 50 yards from main office buildings. The driver started the vehicle's engines whilst the gears were still engaged. After being left overnight the machine takes several minutes to build up an operational pressure and, in order to save time, the driver then wedged the throttle open by means of a heavy piece of metal. He then went away from the machine leaving it to warm up. As pressure built up the vehicle set off unattended and accelerated towards the main office block. Mr. Garner's attention was drawn to the sound of the machine and he ran towards it but, before he could do anything it crashed through the wall of the single storey part of the office block in which two men were working. One of these men was injured. The machine continued to plough into the building towards the two-storey block where 14 people were working. Mr. Garner reached the machine and, at great risk of being killed climbed aboard using the treads on the moving wheels as a foothold. He then reached the controls and brought the machine to a halt. Mr. Garner ignored all the dangers which must have been very plain to him. He not only risked being struck by tons of falling masonry in trying to reach the machine, but had he slipped he would have been crushed by the wheels which are 7 feet in diameter, or by the body of the machine. Had it not been for Mr. Garner's prompt and gallant action the whole of the office block would have been demolished and almost certainly lives would have been lost.

Robert Park GILES, Detective Sergeant (First Grade), South Australian Police Force.

Three prisoners escaped from a Training Centre, held up a man in his home, stole money, rifles, food, petrol and a motor car and abducted the man's daughter and forced her to accompany them. Information was subsequently received

that the vehicle and escapees were headed north towards Queensland. The stolen vehicle was sighted from the air and Sergeant Giles took command of the operations. A roadblock was set up and information from the plane advised that the escapees were approaching from 12 miles away. The Police party commenced to advance on foot towards a rise and when the vehicle came over the rise, Sergeant Giles, who was about 50 yards away, in open country, sprinted towards the car. On seeing the Police party the driver stopped and reversed. Giles fired a shot over the vehicle and it stopped again. A rifle was seen to change hands in the front seat and a shot was fired. Giles moved in rapidly with a view to crowding the escapees and in an effort to create confusion. The driver's side door opened and Giles fired shots to the front and underneath the car. One of the men then appeared, armed with a rifle and ran to the rear. Giles called upon him to drop his rifle. He dropped it on the ground and put his hands up. Other police then walked to the vehicle and the three escapees were handcuffed. The courage, initiative and resourcefulness displayed by Detective Sergeant Giles, played a major part in the successful arrest of the three fugitives.

Gerald Noel PURNELL, Lorry Driver, Plymstock, Plymouth.

Mr. Purnell was driving an 8 ton lorry and was rounding a sharp right hand bend when a motor car entered the bend from the opposite direction. The car continued in a straight course across the bend, struck the front of the lorry and immediately burst into flames. Very heavy rain made driving conditions difficult. There were three adults and two children in the car and all were injured and three were rendered unconscious. Following the collision the immediate concern was the rescue of the five occupants from the burning car and Mr. Purnell with help from two other drivers set out to accomplish this task. Neither of the front doors to the car could be opened and the rear doors were locked from the inside. By persuading one of the children to unlock the rear door, the rescuers were able to remove the three passengers from the rear seat and, with considerable difficulty, the driver and passenger from the front of car by pulling them over the seats into the rear of the vehicle. Meanwhile the fire was rapidly spreading from the front towards the rear of the vehicle to the extent that the driver and front seat passenger were burnt before they could be removed. The hair of one of the women was on fire and Mr. Purnell extinguished the flames from her hair with his bare hands. As a result he sustained minor burns to his own hands. The whole of the vehicle, apart from the metal shell was completely destroyed by fire. The successful rescue of the five occupants was primarily due to the cool and efficient way in which Mr. Purnell not only organised the manpower available but entered the burning car on several occasions to remove the casualties.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Phillip John BRIDGES, Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting a mentally disturbed man armed with a loaded shotgun.

Leslie George BURRILL, Coastguardsman, H.M. Coastguard, Department of Trade and Industry.

Ernest FENTON, D.S.M., Station Officer, H.M. Coastguard, Department of Trade and Industry.

For services when a yacht ran ashore in a storm.

Bernard Maurice COOKE, Inspector, Kent County Constabulary.

For services when arresting a man armed with a rifle and knife.

Clifford John GWINNELL, lately Insurance Superintendent, Exmouth.

Norman William John WATTS, Petty Officer, Royal Navy (Gosport, Hampshire).

For services when five people were rescued from a blazing motor car following an accident.

Gilbert George GREMO, Transport Manager, Whitstable, Kent.

For disarming a mentally disturbed woman armed with a shotgun.

Colin HECKENBERG, Sergeant 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when arresting a youth armed with a loaded rifle.

Roy LARKING, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Jeffrey Keith BENNETT, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Colin Michael WATTS, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

For rescuing two men from drowning in a flooded gravel pit.

Peter Frederick OSMOND, Flooring Contractor, Nazeing, Essex.

For tackling and disarming a man who attempted to rob a bank.

Lesley Anne, Mrs. ROBERTSON, Staff Nurse, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

For rescuing a mentally disturbed patient from a glass roof 40 ft. above ground.

James McKinney WELLWOOD, F.R.C.S., Surgical Registrar, St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

For services when a man was trapped under concrete during the demolition of factory premises.

Mark Edward WRYCRAFT, Constable, West Mercia Constabulary.

For services when a gas explosion destroyed two houses.

