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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
 ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
 6th June 1975.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards of the Queen's Gallantry 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.

*Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal*

Fraser Miller Buchanan BENNETT, Senior Officer, H.M. Prison, Magilligan.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Malcolm CRAIG, Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.

Following a complaint by a landlord about the suspicious behaviour of two men occupying one of his rooms, the police officer who went to the house was threatened with a revolver and several shots were fired at him.

The men escaped, and other police units were called in to assist. During the ensuing search for the gunmen several shots were fired at a Constable who had stopped his panda car to question the men.

Constable Craig, with another officer, was in the vicinity patrolling in a panda car. The two officers heard the shots being fired and immediately drove in the direction of the gunfire. Constable Craig then saw two men running towards him and, in an attempt to stop them, he drove his vehicle on to the pavement. As the two men ran past the panda car they fired shots at it. Ignoring the danger, Constable Craig jumped out of the car and pursued the gunmen; he was gaining

upon the men, but when he was only a few yards behind them one turned and fired two shots at him, seriously wounding him in the lower abdomen. The Constable's colleague, who was following, immediately summoned assistance and Constable Craig was subsequently taken to hospital for a successful emergency operation. Despite an extensive search the two gunmen escaped.

Constable Craig displayed courage of a very high order and great devotion to duty when he faced these desperate armed men in the knowledge that they had already fired their weapons at two police officers.

Michael John GREEN, Deckhand, "Jean Ingelow", Port of Boston Authority.

On 11th November 1974, a naval aircraft crashed into shallow water in the Wash. Both crew members were ejected into the water on impact; the pilot was killed and the observer severely injured and completely entangled in his parachute.

The observer was first sighted by the crew of the dredger "Jean Ingelow", but the vessel ran aground before reaching him. Mr. Green immediately volunteered to assist. Without a life jacket and in the full knowledge of the dangers involved he entered the water and swam about 100 yards against a strong ebb tidal stream, in failing light and very cold water. When he reached the observer he freed him from his parachute and supported him.

Mr. Green was later joined by the skipper of a pilot cutter which was also on the scene and able to get closer than the dredger. Despite the onset of darkness, strong tidal stream and shifting footholds Mr. Green and his companion succeeded after great difficulty in lifting the observer into the liferaft; only then did they seek the meagre shelter of the liferaft against the exposure of the cold November night. The

observer was later winched into a helicopter and flown to hospital where in due course he recovered.

Mr. Green spent nearly an hour in the cold and in darkness and suffered exposure as a result. Without regard for his own safety, in dangerous circumstances, he displayed great bravery, determination and endurance and there is no doubt that the observer's life was saved by his action.

Leslie Frederick JACKSON, Chief Officer Class I, H.M. Prison, Magilligan.

William James WRIGHT, Senior Officer, H.M. Prison, Magilligan.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Thomas Kenneth JOHNS, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Arthur Thomas KELLY, Prison Officer, Department of Corrective Services, New South Wales.

Four prisoners, all serving long sentences for serious crimes, armed themselves with knives, the blade from a pair of shears and a hammer from a work shop and attempted to break out from the Central Industrial Prison, Long Bay, New South Wales.

The men succeeded in locking one officer in a store-room and then attacked Prison Officer Kelly, striking him on the head, knocking him to the ground and stunning him. As he attempted to rise he was threatened with the shear blade; Mr Kelly grabbed the blade and severely cut his hand. His hands and arms were bound by the other prisoners and he was again struck from behind and rendered unconscious.

When Mr Kelly revived, he was again threatened with the blade held against his throat. His security keys were taken from his pocket and the escapees ran away while other prisoners held him on the ground.

The escaping prisoners were seen by another Prison Officer as they attempted to scale the wall with an extension ladder. The ladder broke in half and they fell to the ground. The most dangerous and violent of the four men, who was still armed with a hammer and the shear blade, then attempted to climb over the wall using one half of the broken ladder. The Prison Officer closed with the man and with the assistance of Mr Kelly, who had been released, the ladder was pulled from under the prisoner who jumped to the ground and attempted to strike them. After a violent struggle, the two officers restrained the man and disarmed him. The other escapees were also brought under control.

The actions of Prison Officer Kelly, who was unarmed, in continuing the pursuit of the escaping prisoners despite his injuries, demonstrated outstanding bravery and devotion to duty.

Neville McCoubrey, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Ronald MORWOOD, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William John RAINEY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

William Stanley ORR, Principal Officer, H.M. Prison, Maze.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:*

John Joseph ARNDELL, Prison Officer, Department of Corrective Service, New South Wales.

For services leading to the recapture of four armed and dangerous men who were attempting to escape from Prison.

Herbert Thomas BARTON, Sergeant, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Alan Dennis SMITH, Sergeant, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of the ring-leaders of a large gang of youths who had caused an affray.

Roper Lars Scott BROWN, Sergeant Third Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Brian David FRIEND, Constable First Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Gordon George WELLINGS, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the rescue of five people who were stranded on a ketch which was adrift in gale force winds and very rough seas.

Frank Joseph BUFFONI, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed and dangerous criminal.

Nigel Trevor CLARKE, Constable, Northamptonshire Police.

For disarming and arresting an armed thief who threatened him with a gun.

John CROMPTON, Constable, Cumbria Constabulary.

For services leading to the rescue of a boatman who had fallen into a dock and was drowning.

Bryn Leonard CUFFE, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Sydney Thomas LANE, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

John Patrick McCABE, Leading Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Kenneth James PORTER, Boiler Maker, Messrs. Cubow Ltd., London S.E.18.

For attempting to rescue an injured steeplejack from a disused chimney stack.

John David DAWSON, Manager, William and Glyns Bank, Tottenham Court Road, London W.1.

For disarming and detaining a youth armed with a gun who had attempted to rob a bank.

George Thomas DEEMING, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Victor Raymond GATLAND, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the eventual arrest of four armed men who had robbed a security van.

Norman Robert DEEN, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For rescuing an elderly man who was trapped in his home by a serious fire.

Barry Douglas DIXON, Senior Clerk, Dunlop's Clothing Factory, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

William STANFORD, Sergeant Third Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of a mentally deranged man who was armed with a rifle.

Richard John FARRAWELL, Barman, Armidale, New South Wales.

Gerald Frederick HOGAN, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the rescue of injured personnel who were trapped by fumes following the explosion of a gas main at a Post Office.

Brian HANCOCK, Lorry Driver, Works Department (Engineering Division), City of Sheffield Council.

For saving a child from a blazing house.

Philip Ernest HEALEY, Taxi Driver, London.

For driving his taxi in pursuit of two armed men who had thrown a bomb into a club:

Shirley, Mrs. HEARD, Secretary, St. Paul's Cray, Kent.

For rendering assistance to a woman who was injured after falling under an electric train.

John HOLLAND, Skipper, "Arthur Lealand", Boston and Spalding Pilotage Association.

For assisting in the rescue of a severely injured parachutist when a naval aircraft crashed in The Wash.

Thomas JAMES, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Aberdovey, Gwynedd.

For services leading to the arrest of three masked raiders who entered his shop, threatened him with a knife and attempted to steal drugs.

Barry JOLLY, Constable, Merseyside Police.

Arthur Reginald Moss, Inspector, Merseyside Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed and violent man who, under the influence of drink and drugs, threatened to kill them.

William James Vincent KELLY, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Brian William KEMPSTER, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of a mentally deranged man who had threatened him with a tomahawk.

George Erskine LIMOND, Sergeant, Ayrshire Constabulary.

For disarming and arresting an armed criminal who had robbed a shop.

Graham Finlay MANN, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Lindsay Cameron TODD, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For tackling and arresting two members of an armed gang who had attempted to rob a bank.

Graham Robert SCOTCHER, Constable First Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For disarming and arresting a mentally unbalanced girl who had attempted to shoot him.

Miss Patricia Elizabeth WHITTAKER, Nursing Officer, Groby Road Hospital, Leicester.

For services in an attempt to rescue a motor cyclist whose petrol soaked clothing had caught fire after an accident.

