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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