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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
15th August 1975.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the undermentioned award:

**GEORGE CROSS**

James KENNEDY (Deceased), Security Officer, British Rail Engineering Ltd., Glasgow.

In the early hours of the morning six armed men attacked Security Guards who were moving the British Rail Engineering Works' pay-roll from the Administrative Block to various pay-out points within the complex. During the attack two security guards were slightly wounded by shots from a sawn-off shotgun. The robbers then headed towards the main exit of the Works.

Mr. Kennedy, who was the security officer on duty at the main gate, heard the shots and knowing that the criminals were armed stood in the gateway in an attempt to prevent their escape. He tackled the first man and prevented him leaving the yard. The intruder was then released by his companions who attacked Mr. Kennedy and stunned him by hitting him about the head with the barrels of their shotguns.

At this point the raiders climbed into a van which one of the gang had driven into position. Mr. Kennedy recovered consciousness and, undeterred by his injuries, made another attempt to prevent the criminals' escape by running towards the front passenger door of the van. He was killed by two shots fired from the front passenger seat. The seven criminals involved in this murder were later caught and sentenced.

It was subsequently revealed that, in addition to the fatal injuries, Mr. Kennedy had received two deeply lacerated wounds to the skull during the earlier attack. In themselves these would have been sufficient to deter most people from running further risk of injury.

Mr. Kennedy displayed exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty in circumstances of extreme danger. He showed no regard for his personal safety in the face of armed and ruthless criminals.

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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 shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct.

*Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal*

Leslie Richard BARTLEY, Constable First Class, Water Police Section, Queensland Police Force.

On the morning of 14 January, 1974, a Queensland Police Force Water Launch caught fire when on patrol. Efforts to put out the fire in the burning engine room were unsuccessful. The port side fuel tank was boiling and an explosion was feared imminent.

A fuel injector line had broken causing fuel to be sprayed continually over the engine. Constable Bartley entered the engine room, which was filled with dense smoke, crawled along the bottom of the boat in a very confined space and managed to shut off the fuel taps to the engine.