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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 award of the George Medal, 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 their brave conduct.

Awarded the George Medal:

Margaret Shaw CLELAND, Woman Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.8.)

Woman Police Constable Cleland was called to a house where a man was sitting on a railing at the corner of the roof holding in his arms his baby son aged twenty-two months. She made her way to the roof through an adjacent house and joined other police officers.

The roof, about 43 feet high, is protected by a low parapet surmounted by a single iron railing about two feet above the top of the parapet. A foot wide gully runs between the steeply pitched slate roof and the low parapet.

The man was sitting astride the railing at the corner of the roof, holding the child in his right arm. The guard rail was insecure and there was imminent danger of the man overbalancing and falling with the child. It was thought that the woman officer might have a better chance of success in persuading the man away from the edge and Cleland therefore, despite the danger, made her way along the gully towards him. When she was within six feet of him he made it clear that if she came any closer he would throw himself and the child into the street below, so, for an hour and a quarter, she talked to him and tried to persuade him either to leave the railing or to hand over the child. During this time others tried

to reason with the man but as soon as they approached him he stood up as though to throw himself off the roof.

Eventually the baby began to cry and the Woman Police Constable persuaded the man that the child needed warmer clothing and he agreed that she should place a coat around the baby. While making this suggestion she had edged slowly forward until she was only about four feet away from him. She realised that this was possibly the only opportunity she would get of reaching the baby and as she went to place the coat about the child's shoulders she caused the man to disengage his left arm from the child in order to assist her. She then jumped forward, grasped the child firmly and gripped the man's coat by the right elbow. She threw herself backwards, wrenching the child from his grasp, and at the same time pulled the man in towards the roof. The violence of her action caused her to lose her balance and fall backwards with the baby in her arms, but she managed to throw herself sideways on to the pitched roof. As the man sat motionless, taken completely by surprise, he was grabbed by ambulance attendants and secured. He was then taken to hospital.

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

William Lloyd BAKER, Senior Constable (now Sergeant), Tasmania Police Force.

Following a complaint made by the occupant, Senior Constable Baker went to a house and opening the door he saw a man standing inside, a few feet away, holding a rifle. The man threatened to shoot Baker if he came inside and told him he was waiting to kill the occupant when she returned. The Senior Constable, using great tact and restraint, repeatedly requested the man to put down the rifle but he would not do so.

Baker then decided to try and get inside the house to overpower the man and prevent blood-