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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

5th June, 1951.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and 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.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—

**Peter Stanford LONDON, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S.,
 L.R.C.P., Birmingham Accident Hospital.**

In the course of transporting a 35 ton "Comet" tank through Birmingham it became necessary to unload the tank from the transporter in order that both vehicles could ascend a sharp incline in the centre of the city. When the tank was being re-mounted on to the trailer it heeled over and fell to the ground, trapping a man between the tank tracks and a parapet wall.

Dr. London was in charge of the Mobile Surgical Unit which was summoned and on his arrival he immediately went to the trapped man and commenced anti-shock treatment. In order to release the man, hawsers were fixed to the tank which was then slowly raised from the wall on which it was resting. To prevent further injury to the man Dr. London jumped into the

cavity between the wall and the still-moving tank, so that he could support him.

The Doctor was fully aware of the danger that the tank might fall back on him during the lifting operations, but without regard for his own safety he remained with the injured man until the latter had been released and removed to hospital.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—

Leonard Charles KIRBY, Bank Teller, Mandeville, Manchester, Jamaica.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal
 (Civil Division) :—*

Eric Alexander LEVY, Mechanic, St. Ann, Jamaica.

The Cave River, St. Ann, Jamaica, overflowed its banks and flooded the Cave Valley village to a depth varying between 18 and 40 feet. Three families were marooned in the centre of the village and 25 other families isolated in the surrounding area. The members of one family were in imminent danger of drowning as the water was rising and had reached the upper storey windows of the house in which they were trapped. Levy and Kirby volunteered to rescue them and by means of an improvised raft brought nine persons to safety. The rescuers made 15 trips, swimming at great personal risk through the strong currents.

The two men showed persistent courage in swimming continuously through the cold and filthy water, littered with wreckage, in order to rescue the marooned family.