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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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

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

GEORGE CROSS

Raymond Tasman DONOGHUE (deceased), Tram Conductor, Hobart, Tasmania.

During a peak traffic period, Mr. Donoghue was on duty as a tram conductor. As a result of an accident the tram became out of control and started to run backwards, rapidly gaining speed, on a steep hill. He could easily have saved his life, either by leaving the tram or by passing into the rear of the compartment to which he had moved the passengers. Realising the danger in the dense traffic, he deliberately scorned the way of safety so that he might, by continuous ringing of the alarm bell, warn other traffic, while attempting by the use of the brake to arrest the vehicle. At the bottom of the hill the runaway tram collided with a stationary tram. Donoghue was still at his post at the moment of impact and was killed. By sacrificing his life Donoghue was responsible for saving the lives of a number of other persons.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned 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.

Awarded the George Medal :

Leonard FORD, Electrician, Fulham.

Mr. Ford was working in his employer's premises when he was told that people were trapped on the upper floors of a building which was on fire. He hurried to the building where his work-mates had brought across a 3-section extension ladder to rescue a woman who was trapped on the top floor. Ford extended this ladder manually to its full extent by climbing up it, bouncing it against the face of the building and pushing up the extensions as he climbed. When he reached the head of the ladder, which was resting between two ornamental cornices fronting the left-hand windows on the third floor, he realised that he could not carry the woman down because the ladder was not long enough, despite the fact that it was in a nearly vertical position. The woman was in extreme difficulty, enveloped in smoke from the waist up and was on the point of collapse. With his right foot on the second rung of the ladder from the top, Ford placed his left foot on the cornice and held the woman against the face of the building. At this stage she partially collapsed on to him, causing him to lose his balance. With his free hand he grabbed at the top rung of the ladder and regained his equilibrium, at the same time supporting the dead weight of the woman across his shoulders. By this time the Brigade had arrived and a fire escape had been pitched and extended near the ladder. With very great difficulty and danger to himself, Mr. Ford managed to transfer the inert body of the woman to members of the Brigade who had reached the head of the escape. She was then carried safely to the ground.