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- Hubert BEDWIN, Esq., President, Civilian Maimed and Limbless Association of New South Wales.
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- Captain George Adam SIMPSON, Master, Pilot Ship "Akuna".
- Edward Charles TOWNSHEND, Esq., of Mount Lawley, Western Australia. For services in the interests of ex-servicemen.
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St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the **George Medal** to the undermentioned:

Captain John FLETCHER, (2/35094), Australian Staff Corps.

On the night of the 17th February 1960, Captain Fletcher was in command of an amphibian vehicle which was accompanying some inflatable small craft engaged in an exercise. Owing to an unexpected change in the weather this vehicle and some of the small craft were swept off course and capsized in a stretch of water known as "The Rip" where they encountered unpredictable turbulence due to the strong tides.

In these perilous circumstances Captain Fletcher recovered a life buoy and organised a party around it. Seeing that the life preserver of one man was deflated he encouraged the man to hold on to his own shoulders. For three hours he supported this man and inspired and controlled the others of the party.

Throughout a prolonged ordeal Captain Fletcher displayed exemplary courage and fortitude. It was largely due to his gallantry and leadership that the lives of most of the men about him were saved.