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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 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 :

Brennan Alexander Cran, Bank Clerk, Barclays Bank, Limited, Darlington. (Great Ayton.)

Mr. Cran and a bank guard were on duty at a branch of a bank. Cran was behind the counter balancing the cash. The guard was in the safe room. A man, disguised as a woman, with long dark hair and carrying a paper carrier bag, came from the door over to the counter with an automatic pistol in his right hand and told the clerk to fill the bag with money. Cran delayed as long as he could until the intruder waved the gun at him and ordered him into the safe room. The bank guard was ordered to get under the table and as he did so he set off the alarm. The intruder then turned and ran for the door and Cran ran after him. Just as he was within grappling distance the gunman turned around and fired the gun at Cran, the bullet hitting him in the chest. Although seriously injured Cran grappled with the man, grabbed the gun and hit him on the forehead with it. Still struggling, Cran was dragged outside the bank where others came to his assistance. Cran was by now in a state of collapse but retained his hold until the police arrived and arrested the gunman. Cran was taken to hospital where an operation was performed to remove the bullet which had passed within two inches of his heart and was lodged in his back.

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

John Thomas Clarkson, Constable, Grimsby Borough Police. (Grimsby.)

Roland Walter Jefferson, Constable (Detective), Grimsby Borough Police. (Grimsby.)

The police were informed that a youth, armed with a knife, had gone berserk in a house and the householder and his daughter were both suffering from knife wounds and had been removed to hospital. A number of police officers went immediately to the house and one officer approached the front door, which was open. The youth was seen in the hallway, brandishing a knife. He then ran upstairs and a few seconds later returned to the front of the house carrying a shotgun. He went out on to the footpath but re-entered the house, still carrying the shotgun, and ignored all requests to come out again. Constables Clarkson and Jefferson went into the rear garden of the house next door and climbed over the low dividing wall. Clarkson shone his torch through the scullery window and saw the youth holding the shotgun in his right hand. Clarkson tried to reason with him but he refused to put down the gun and come out. Detective Constable Jefferson joined Clarkson but hid from view. The youth then left the house carrying a knife. The two Constables pursued him and in a confined space managed to seize him. There was a violent struggle and Clarkson was stabbed in his left shoulder but eventually the youth was handcuffed and taken into custody. Constable Jefferson was also injured by the knife.

Robert James Kelly, Constable, Isle of Man Constabulary. (Onchan.)

A message was received by the Police that a young woman who was mentally deranged was in a perilous position on a cliff face threatening to throw herself into the sea. The woman was perched on a pinnacle of rock on a bluff about