

progress very difficult and the boat had to be anchored once to allow the three men to muster their strength for another spell of rowing. Although hampered because the rowlocks did not properly fit the boat, they finally reached the dinghy and found the man clinging to the keel, but there was no sign of the child. The man, who was in a state of shock, was reluctant to let go of the dinghy and, when he was eventually hauled aboard the rescue boat, he took up an immovable position in the bows holding firmly to the gunwale. The wind and sea conditions were deteriorating and the boat was being swept rapidly towards the sea wall barrier. The three rescuers were exhausted by their efforts and the weight of the rescued man in the position he had adopted made the boat's trim dangerously down at the bows. The lives of all four men were now in great danger, but by using every ounce of their strength with great difficulty they managed to safely beach the boat at the corner of the sea wall. Mr. Mellon later took part in a search for the missing child until it was abandoned. But for the skill and leadership shown by Mr. Mellon and the wholehearted effort of Mr. Benson and Mr. Simms who were landsmen experiencing conditions which would have taxed experienced seafarers, the rescued man would have lost his life. They displayed courage of a high order and a complete disregard for their own safety.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Iain Reid BIRMINGHAM (Deceased), Fireman, City of Glasgow Fire Service.

Alastair CROFTS (Deceased), Leading Fireman, City of Glasgow Fire Service.

Allan FINLAY (Deceased), Fireman, City of Glasgow Fire Service.

William McLean HOOPER (Deceased), Fireman, City of Glasgow Fire Service.

Duncan Arthur McCormack McMILLAN (Deceased), Fireman, City of Glasgow Fire Service.

Brian MURRAY, Fireman, City of Glasgow Fire Service.

Andrew Patrick QUINN (Deceased), Divisional Officer Grade III, City of Glasgow Fire Service.

For services in fighting a fire which destroyed a warehouse in Glasgow.

Thomas BRANNELLY, Sub-Officer, St. Helens Fire Brigade.

Kevin HAMLET, Acting Leading Fireman, St. Helens Fire Brigade.

For rescuing a young child from a burning house.

Forrest John BINNING, lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

David John CASTLE, lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Gordon James DUFFUS, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For disarming and arresting two violent criminals.

John Kirkwood BOWDEN, Shipwright, Appledore, Devon.

For attempting to rescue a workmate from the blazing hold of a tanker.

Ronald CROZIER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

William Bertram Cranstoun TURNER, lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For rescuing a mentally disturbed boy from the roof of a house.

Peter Armstrong DIXON, Ambulanceman, Lancashire County Council.

Thomas William HADDOW, Ambulanceman, Lancashire County Council.

For rescuing a badly injured boy who had fallen from a cliff and was trapped by the incoming tide. William Osmond Beckett DIXON, Inspector, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William George McCULLOUGH, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Thomas George EASTERBROOK, Assistant Chief Security Officer, Harrods Ltd., London S.W.1.

For services leading to the detention and arrest of a man attempting an armed robbery.

John Stephen FARMER, Leading Fireman, West Sussex Fire Brigade.

For rescuing a driver and passenger from a blazing car.

Reginald William GOLDSWORTHY, Superintendent, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

Michael KIVELL, Constable, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

Leslie Harold THORNTON, Constable, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

For services in trying to prevent an armed and potentially dangerous man from committing suicide.

Ado HINT, Leading Station Assistant, Strathfield, New South Wales.

John Clement RANSE, Postmaster General's Department, Strathfield, New South Wales.

Francis Henry THOMSON (Deceased), Stationmaster, Strathfield, New South Wales.

For services leading to the arrest of a man with a knife who had attempted to murder two women.

Vivian Oliver HOARE, Builder and Contractor, Senghenydd.

Jack KEEN, Salesman, Tonypanydy.

Daniel Brian RICHARDS, Constable, South Wales Constabulary.

For assisting in the rescue of the injured passengers from a blazing car following a serious road accident.

Frederick Thomas HOLLOWAY, Peakhurst, New South Wales.

Shane William REDDEN, Merrylands, New South Wales.

For pursuing and disarming an armed man who had robbed a bank.

Martin Clive JEWELL, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of the driver who had caused him bodily harm by wanton and dangerous driving.

Couts Douglas LAW (Deceased), Chargehand Engineer, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd., Glasgow.

For attempting to rescue a fellow worker who had been overcome by carbon dioxide vapour.

Ronald Carson McCLELLAND, Chief Officer, s.s. "Liverpool Bay", Ocean Fleets Ltd., Liverpool.

Peter Malcolm WATT, Senior Second Officer, s.s. "Liverpool Bay", Ocean Fleets Ltd., Liverpool.

For rescue services when a French motor vessel was in distress in a severe storm in mid-Atlantic.

Stephen Glyn PARKER (Deceased), Schoolboy, Belfast. For gallantry.