



THE MOUNTBATTEN MEDAL

The Mountbatten Medal is awarded by the Grand President to the holder of one of the Society's life saving proficiency awards who performs the rescue which is adjudged the bravest of the year and which has not been otherwise signally honoured.

THE MOUNTBATTEN MEDAL FOR 1963

AWARDED TO

KENNETH DAVID HOWLETT

of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

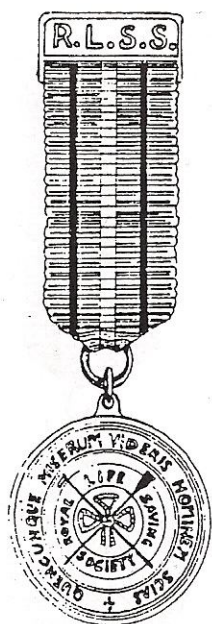
Mr. Howlett, a United Church Student Minister, was driving in a car with friends near the North Saskatchewan River in Edmonton on the afternoon of 4th December, 1963, when he noticed three boys apparently in trouble on the ice near the river bank. One boy, aged three, was in the water but clinging to the edge of the ice, and was pulled out by one of Mr. Howlett's companions. Another boy, a brother aged four, was face downwards in the water and drifting down the river. Mr. Howlett immediately stripped off most of his clothing and entered the water with a makeshift lifeline of shirts, belts, etc. When this proved too short, he let go and swam to the boy. After towing the boy back, using a cross chest carry, Mr. Howlett applied the Direct (Expired Air) method of artificial respiration while holding on to the edge of the ice and before being assisted with the boy from the water. The temperature of the water was approximately 33 degrees Fahrenheit, and the air temperature was minus 38 degrees. Mr. Howlett's immediate action in entering the water without thought of his own safety, and the application of artificial respiration at the first possible moment undoubtedly saved the life of the four-year-old boy. Mr. Howlett is a holder of the Bronze Medallion and the Senior Artificial Respiration Certificate.



The Governor General presents the Mountbatten Medal for 1963 to Dave Howlett at Government House, Ottawa.



Kenneth David Howlett proudly displays his Mountbatten Medal.





PRIVY PURSE OFFICE,
BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

4th August 1964.

Dear Lord Mountbatten,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd July, enclosing the 1963 Commonwealth Report of The Royal Life Saving Society which I have shown to The Queen.

Her Majesty was much interested to read the Council and Branch Reports giving details of the work and progress of the Society, and which so clearly indicate the enthusiasm of all concerned to promote the aims and objects of the Society as set out in the original Constitution.

The regular increase in the total number of awards is most gratifying, and I am desirous to convey Her Majesty's congratulations to everyone for the fine work they have done to achieve these results, and in particular to the New South Wales Branch for reaching its millionth award.

The Queen was extremely interested to read the account of the very brave rescue performed by Mr. Kenneth David Howlett when he saved the life of a small boy in the very severe conditions of a Canadian Winter, and asks if you will be good enough to convey Her Majesty's congratulations to Mr. Howlett for his very gallant act.

Her Majesty desires me to send you all her good wishes for the continued success of the Society in its valuable work.

Yours sincerely,

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Keeper of the Privy Purse.

Admiral of the Fleet
The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G.,
G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., D.S.O.