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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards of the George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

Thomas Arthur BEALL, Machine Hand, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

On 23rd May, 1947, Beall, whose bicycle had been stolen just previously, saw it leaning against the kerb outside a telephone kiosk. He immediately challenged the occupant of the kiosk as to his possession of the bicycle. As the man pushed his way out of the kiosk Beall saw the butt of what appeared to be a revolver in an inside pocket of his half-open mackintosh. He immediately moved behind the man and pinioned both his arms above the elbows. The man commenced to struggle and drew from his pocket a sawn-off Lee-Enfield rifle, which he fired with the muzzle pointing up towards his left shoulder. Beall ducked and the bullet missed him. As the struggle continued a second shot was fired but Beall again escaped injury.

A police constable ran towards the struggling pair and grasped the man around the neck from behind. The man then fired a third shot and attempted to fire again, but the weapon jammed. A violent struggle ensued during which the man managed to fire a fourth shot. Other police officers arrived and he was overpowered and taken into custody.

Beall displayed outstanding courage and determination in his efforts to prevent the escape of an armed and desperate criminal and risked his life in assisting the police to make the arrest.

Robert Mosley DAVIES, Assistant Locomotive Superintendent, Palestine Railways.

On 17th April, 1948, when a military ammunition train had been sabotaged by terrorists, Davies drove a locomotive to the scene. He did this in the knowledge that the area around the sabotaged train was picketed by armed gangs of terrorists and that the track approaching the site was probably mined.

Two mines exploded under the locomotive, fortunately without derailing it. Undeterred, Davies took it as close as possible to the wrecked train and was thus able to rescue some wounded military personnel.

Davies showed great courage without regard for his personal safety.

### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

Samuel Edgar HUTCHINGS, Superintendent, Ussher Fort Prison, Accra, Gold Coast.

### *Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Tom Nku ARRIM, 3rd Class Escort Warder, Ussher Fort Prison, Accra, Gold Coast.

Jordan Nortey OKU, 3rd Class Staff Warder, Ussher Fort Prison, Accra, Gold Coast.

On 29th February, 1948, following disturbances in the town of Accra, a mob of looters passed intoxicating liquor over the wall of Ussher Fort Prison. Later in the day nearly 600 prisoners mutinied.

Efforts were made by Warder Oku to persuade the prisoners to return to their cells, but without success. Meanwhile Superintendent Hutchings and Warder Arrim, who were off duty, went to the prison and forced