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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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

*31st January, 1956.*

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 :—*

Keith Trevor BURDETT, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Brixton Hill, S.W.2.)

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

George Henry FRAMPTON, Police Sergeant,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Paddington, W.2.)

Robert Neville GREEN, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Sydenham, S.E.26.)

John Atkinson LEWIS, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Clapham, S.W.4.)

Wyndham David MORGAN, Police Constable,  
 Metropolitan Police. (Battersea, S.W.11.)

While on night duty Constable Burdett saw two men near an unattended saloon motor car, one of whom was attempting to open the rear door. He saw also a third man standing nearby. The officer walked towards the men who ran off. He gave chase and heard a noise coming from behind the wall of a bombed site. Burdett telephoned for assistance and, shortly afterwards, Constable Lewis and other officers arrived by car. Constables Burdett and Lewis went to a wall by the bombed site. Lewis helped Burdett to climb the wall, and as the latter was reaching the top, shots were fired from a point five or six feet in front of him. He felt blast on the

right side of his face and at the same time something struck his helmet. He dropped from the wall and crouched for a moment, when a man on the other side shouted that he would kill anyone who came over the wall. Constable Burdett, however, started to climb the wall again and had his hands on the top, levering himself up, when two more shots were fired, the second striking the officer's left index finger and causing him to fall from the wall. Between the shots Burdett saw a man crouching in the yard, about 4 feet from the wall. Constable Lewis quickly went to his colleague's assistance, and both officers looked over the wall and saw a man climbing into the next yard. Burdett was taken to hospital and in the meantime Constable Lewis, who had climbed the wall in pursuit of the man, was joined by Detective Sergeant Frampton and Constables Green and Morgan. Eventually Constable Green shone his torch from the roof of a lean-to shed and through a crack in the door saw a movement. He shouted to Detective Sergeant Frampton, who, followed by Constable Lewis, jumped into the yard and pushed back the door. A shot was fired in Detective Sergeant Frampton's direction. The officer jumped back and the door was slammed shut. He called on the man to come out, but was answered with more threats. Another shot was fired from a hole in the top of the door and Frampton and the Constables charged the door and broke the bottom part. A leg came through the opening and Frampton grasped it and pulled hard, causing the man inside to slip. As the other officers broke down the remainder of the door a pistol fell to the ground. After a struggle the man was arrested.

Constable Burdett acted with very great gallantry in persisting, under fire, in his attempt to climb the wall to apprehend a dangerous criminal, and the other four officers also displayed great courage and