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

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

*4th February, 1958.*

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.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

**Allan Thomas MACKAY**, Constable, Queensland Police Force, Jandowae, Queensland.

While some workmen were engaged in ringbarking trees a dispute broke out. One of the men picked up a rifle and shot another through the body, fatally wounding him. He then reloaded the rifle and threatened to shoot the others. The Police were called and an attempt was made to arrest the gunman but it was unsuccessful and the man made off to a nearby camp. Constable MacKay then arrived and when some distance from the camp saw a man come out of a tent carrying a rifle. The Constable and the gunman walked towards each other, the man carrying his rifle in both hands with the barrel pointed towards the Constable. MacKay engaged the man in conversation, at the same time drawing nearer to him. When about two paces away the Constable made a sudden rush and managed to grasp the barrel of the rifle. A violent struggle then ensued but others came to the Constable's assistance and the man was overcome and arrested.

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

**Desmond Maurice CLARKE**, Detective Constable, Essex County Constabulary.

**Eric Theo HITCHCOCK**, Detective Constable, Essex County Constabulary.

Detective Constables Hitchcock and Clarke were keeping observation on certain shops in Laindon when they saw three youths emerge from a yard and climb over a wall. The two officers shone their torches on to the three youths and told them they were police officers, whereupon one youth pointed an air pistol at the Constables and told them to stand back. Clarke and Hitchcock ignored this demand and rushed him. The youth fired the pistol, the pellet striking Hitchcock on the shoulder. The three youths ran away but the two officers chased the one with the gun and caught him after a distance of about 60 yards. He struggled violently, striking out with the gun, which he was still carrying, but was eventually subdued and handcuffed. In his possession, as well as housebreaking implements, was a twelve-inch flick knife. The remaining two youths were subsequently arrested. The two Detective Constables displayed great bravery and devotion to duty in effecting the arrest of an armed criminal.

**Thomas Edward DAVIS**, Overman, Harry Stoke Mine, Gloucestershire.

**Reginald HAYCOCK**, Collier, Harry Stoke Mine, Gloucestershire.

A fall of roof occurred at the Harry Stoke Mine, which completely buried a collier. The roof supports were bending and breaking and it was clear that further falls were likely. In spite of this, Overman Davis and Collier Haycock immediately crawled to the place of the fall and began to move the debris under which the man was buried. To do this they had to lie full length on the floor in a confined space 22 inches high and 3 feet wide. There was no room to use tools so Davis and Haycock began to remove the debris by hand. After working for about