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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

23rd June 1959.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the Bar to the George Medal, 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 Bar to the George Medal :

George Edward DORSETT, G.M., Constable, Metropolitan Police (Chingford).

Police Constable Dorsett was asleep at his house after a tour of night duty, when he was awakened by an explosion, the noise of glass breaking and someone screaming. Looking out of the window, he saw a youth standing in the roadway, pointing a shot-gun at a man. He ran outside where the youth, on the opposite side of the road, with the gun still in his hand, was shouting threats. Walking towards the youth, who, with his finger on the trigger was pointing the weapon at him, Dorsett said that he was a police officer and told him to put the gun down. The youth refused and threatened to shoot but the Constable continued to advance, knocked the gun aside and over-powered him with the assistance of another man who then ran forward. There is little doubt that had the youth fired while the officer was advancing towards him Constable Dorsett would have been seriously injured or killed.

Awarded the George Medal :

Thomas Isaac FORDYCE, Corporal, British Guiana Police Force.

A man well known to the Police, with a long criminal record for violence, savagely attacked a Constable with a cutlass, inflicting several wounds on his body from which he died. Corporal Fordyce was off duty when he heard of the murder and immediately rode his bicycle towards the scene of the crime. As he approached he saw the murderer running away with a cutlass in his hand. The Corporal was unarmed but he obtained a length of aluminium pipe and armed with this set off in pursuit. He saw the man on the other side of a canal and started to go across a bridge to arrest him. The man ran to the bridge and advanced towards Fordyce holding the cutlass in an attacking position and shouting threats. He rushed at the Corporal who defended himself with the aluminium rod but it bent and he threw it away. After wrestling with each other for a few seconds the two men fell into the water which is 6 feet deep at that point, with a soft mud bottom 4 feet deep. By holding the murderer's head under water, Corporal Fordyce succeeded in getting the cutlass out of his hand. He then brought him to the side of the canal, handcuffed him and took him into custody.

Awarded the George Medal :

Thomas Hartley HUDDLESTON, lately Sergeant, East Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary (Driffeld).

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

Roy Malcolm JEWITT, Constable, East Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary (Norton).

David Maurice MURPHY, Constable, East Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary (Preston).

Ronald TAYLOR, Constable, East Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary (Howden).

Peter Dennis WILKINSON, Constable, West Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary (Otley).

James Christopher HODGSON, Farmer, Driffield.

Early one morning Constable Wilkinson was on duty in a police patrol car when he saw a motor car standing without lights in a car park. The car had been stolen and the occupant was a criminal wanted by the police for a number of offences and known to be armed with two revolvers, a rifle and a quantity of ammunition. The Constable challenged the man who then suddenly drove off at a fast speed. Wilkinson immediately gave chase. In the course of the pursuit the criminal twice fired at the police car. On the first occasion he reduced the speed of his car and fired from the window at a range of about 10 yards. On the second occasion he got out of his car and fired at a range of about 30 yards. Wilkinson heard the sound of the gun-shot hitting the car but continued the chase along narrow winding roads at high speed. Road blocks had been set up and at one of these Sergeant Huddleston attempted to stop the stolen car but the driver drove through, narrowly missing the Sergeant who threw his cap at the windscreen. Sergeant Huddleston then followed in his car. Later the criminal was seen by Constables Murphy and Taylor driving another car, stolen from Mr. Hodgson who joined in the chase with the two Constables. The criminal eventually abandoned the car and escaped across fields firing at his pursuers as he ran. Constable Jewitt had also been following the stolen car and gave chase on foot although fully aware the man was armed. Sergeant Huddleston had meanwhile driven to a farm towards which the gunman was heading and hid behind the house. The criminal came towards the building still carrying a revolver in his hand. Huddleston stepped forward, challenged him, took the weapon from him and arrested him. All the Police Officers and Mr. Hodgson

showed courage and tenacity in pursuing an armed criminal who had not hesitated to shoot in attempting to escape. Sergeant Huddleston fearlessly confronted the gunman and disarmed him.

Queen's Commendations for Brave Conduct :

Michael FARLEY, Postman, Head Post Office, Leeds.

John HAWLEY, Postman, Head Post Office, Leeds.

For services when armed criminals attempted to rob a mail van.

Mallam Adamu JIMBA, C.B.E., Emir of Bauchi, Northern Region, Nigeria.

Alan TURNER, District Officer, Northern Region, Nigeria.

For services when an armed and hostile mob attempted to capture a District Head and his household.

Miss Marguerite Francoise Ursule MAHUZIES, District Nurse Midwife, Stalbridge, Dorset.

For attempting to rescue a woman from a burning house.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Ministers of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry :

Edna, Mrs. TERRY, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Mrs. Terry was a passenger in an aircraft which crashed near Benina Aerodrome, Cyrenaica. Most of the crew and passengers were killed. The aircraft was completely burnt out and the few survivors had severe burns and other injuries. Mrs. Terry displayed bravery, though badly injured, in rescuing children from the burning wreckage.

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