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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards 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 British Empire Medal for Gallantry
 (Civil Division):*

Donald Stamper KING, Constable, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary. (New Milton.)

A boat with four boys on board capsized about 1 mile out to sea off Hordle Cliff, Milford on Sea. The boys clung to the side of the upturned boat and two of them, who had life-jackets, decided to swim ashore for help. One managed to reach the shore but the other became exhausted about 250 yards from the beach. Constable King, who had been called to the scene, stripped, swam out to the boy and brought him ashore. He was told of the other two boys clinging to the upturned boat and, obtaining a life-jacket, immediately swam out to the boat although at the time there was a strong sea running and also a strong tide. He found the two boys clinging to the wreckage, very frightened and cold. King put his life-jacket on one of the boys and dived under the boat and found a tin can with petrol in it. He emptied the can and after sealing it, he pushed it up the other boy's jersey, thereby giving him buoyancy. Eventually the Air Sea Rescue Helicopter arrived and picked up all three from the boat.

Constable King displayed courage, presence of mind and calm efficiency in effecting the rescue of the three boys.

Jarit MELUDA, Native Officer, Class II, Government Station, Julau River, Sarawak.

Information was received by Jarit Meluda that a man who was wanted for murder and had been a fugitive from justice for many months had been located. It was known that he was armed and aggressive and had threatened he would shoot if attempts were made to arrest him. Meluda, unarmed and without any police escort, went to the farming hut where the murderer was reported to be living. After many hours of patient and nerve-wracking talk Meluda eventually persuaded the man to return with him to the Government Station and he was taken by canoe to the police in Sibu. The criminal never parted with his loaded shot-gun and at any time Meluda, who displayed initiative and courage of a very high order, might have been the victim of a murderous assault.

Ramon John POWELL, Constable, Norfolk Constabulary (Norwich).

The Police were informed that a woman had fallen down a well, 63 ft. deep with 7 ft. of water at the bottom. While suitable tackle was being obtained Constable Powell took up position at the head of the well to keep contact with the woman who was still conscious. He had not been there more than a few moments when she cried out that she could hang on no longer as her arms were giving out. Without hesitation Powell took off his tunic and helmet, asked for some gloves, and climbed down the $\frac{3}{8}$ " wire rope used for lowering the well bucket until he reached the bottom of the well. He found the water very