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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 George Medal and 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:

Richard Charles George RICHINGS, Inspector, Glamorgan Constabulary. (Llantrisant.)

A man, known to be of considerable physical strength, with a bad record of convictions for violence, was driving his car around the Tonyrefail district in a drunken condition. He had been admitted to a mental hospital for treatment some time ago and his actions, particularly when in drink, have resulted in numerous complaints from residents who have been terrorised by him. A Police car was diverted to the area, and Inspector Richings with three other Officers commenced a search. At 5.30 a.m. the man was seen driving his car. The Police Officers shouted to him to stop but he drove on. The Police car followed him and he was seen to stop, get out, reach for a shotgun inside the car and load it. The Police car pulled up ten yards away and the man ran towards the Officers and ordered them to line up, shouting at the same time that he would shoot the Inspector if they did not do so. The Officers lined up, slowly fanned out and moved towards him as they did so. The gunman retreated, levelling the gun towards each Officer in turn. Inspector Richings tried to reason with him and calm him, although it was obvious to all

of the Officers that the man was mentally deranged. The Inspector, although the gun was pointed directly at him, moved slowly towards the man despite repeated warnings that if he came closer he would be shot. Eventually he got within two yards of the gunman with the other Officers ranged on each side. One of the Officers made a sudden movement which caused a momentary distraction. Inspector Richings seized the opportunity to dive forward, grasped the gun and wrested it away. The other Officers at once moved in and overpowered the offender.

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

Thomas Arthur CHESHIRE, Telephone Mechanic, Saltley, Birmingham.

A Bank Manager and his assistant were on duty, attending to four women customers, when two men came into the bank. One took out a shotgun with a sawn-off barrel and pointed it first towards the bank staff and then towards the women and threatened to shoot if they moved. The second man vaulted over the counter and started to stuff pound notes into his pocket. At this stage one of the women dashed towards the front door. She was seized by the gunman but after a struggle broke away and ran across the road to a shop where she telephoned the police. As the woman ran out of the bank, Mr. Cheshire came in. The man with the gun threatened to shoot if he entered but Cheshire pushed the door open a little further. The man then repeated his threat. Despite the fact that the gun was pointing in his direction, Mr. Cheshire attacked the man and there was a fierce struggle. The man struck him with the gun causing an injury to his head which bled freely. The criminal