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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 appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following 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.

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

The Reverend Canon Sidney Howell MORRIS, Vicar of Gorseinon, Glamorgan.

The Police visited the house of a man who had assaulted his father and appeared to be rapidly becoming mentally unbalanced. A Constable found the man in the back garden but he ran into the house, threatened to kill the Constable and pushed a rifle and bayonet through a pane of glass in the window of the back door. A Chief Inspector and a doctor arrived and tried to reason with the deranged man but to no avail. The man was in a most dangerous mood and capable of any act of extreme violence. He threatened to shoot anyone who entered the house and, if a further attempt was made, to shoot his father and sister. A conference was held and as a result Canon Morris came to the house. The Canon spoke to the man and tried to reason with him, but he pushed the rifle and bayonet through the window threatening to shoot the Canon and anyone else who was there. It was decided to leave the man alone for a time and when next the Canon went to the front door he was admitted to the

house. There was some argument but after a while Canon Morris was able to calm the man and remove from the house the rifle and bayonet, and other weapons including a sword and dagger. Shortly afterwards the man came out of the house, picked up a large coping stone and threw it in the direction of the Police Officers. They immediately tackled him and he was eventually subdued, and taken to hospital. Canon Morris displayed courage and confidence in facing an obviously deranged and armed man.

Awarded the George Medal:

David William SMEETON, Constable, Gloucestershire Constabulary. (Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire.)

Ronald Emrys SPENCER, Constable, Gloucestershire Constabulary. (South Cerney, Gloucestershire.)

Constables Smeeton and Spencer were called to a house where a man had killed two people. The Constables knew that they were dealing with a violent man who had previously been convicted of assaults on Police Officers. When they went to the front door of the house they were faced by the murderer who pointed a revolver at Spencer through the opening of the door. The Constables could see that the sitting room door was open and a woman and a man lying on the floor. Both officers immediately tackled the murderer. Spencer, who was in front, was shot in the chest but pushed the man backwards and he fell down on his back. Smeeton then seized the man and a struggle ensued. The murderer broke away and ran across some gardens followed by Smeeton who eventually caught him and with help took him into custody. Constable Spencer was severely injured and detained in hospital. Both Officers displayed outstanding courage in effecting the arrest of an armed man who had already killed two people.