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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
28th November 1961.

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 for their brave conduct.

Awarded the George Medal

Charles Edward COX, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Plaistow).

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division)

Leslie Charles ENGLAND, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Stratford).

A man who was being interviewed at a Police Station produced an automatic pistol, covered the officers, backed out of the office and ran down the stairs. Constables Cox and England saw the man run into the charge room and across to the main entrance where he turned and pointed the pistol at them. He then left the Station and ran into a Recreation Ground. Cox, with other officers, ran after him, but he disappeared into a park. Cox followed him into the park. Constable England, on his motor cycle, then drove up and was told the gunman had gone down a road. England drove off in the direction indicated. Cox was now joined by a Sergeant and together they ran to a road where they saw the gunman walking on the footway. The Sergeant, who was in front, ran forward, jumped on the man's back and flung his arms around him, but he was thrown off and shot in the abdomen. As the gunman

backed away Cox jumped forward to tackle him but he fired again hitting the Constable in the stomach. Constable England reached the road in time to witness the shooting of the Sergeant. He at once rode in pursuit of the gunman and got within twenty feet of him when the man turned and fired a shot, which missed. An Inspector in a police wireless car tried to stop the gunman but was shot at point blank range. The man ran off with England in close pursuit but he crossed some waste ground, entered the rear of a house and got away. He later shot himself in a telephone booth. The Inspector and Sergeant both died from their wounds. Constable Cox was severely injured.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry

(Civil Division)

Reginald Cecil Joseph CALLINGHAM, Sergeant, Surrey Constabulary. (Warmingham, Surrey).

Sergeant Callingham saw a car being driven by a young man whom he had been told was under the influence of drink. He followed the car and saw it stop and three other youths get into the back seat. Sergeant Callingham went to the vehicle and told the driver to pull into the kerb. Instead of doing so he drove off. The Sergeant followed the car, which was driven dangerously and erratically, and saw it go into a caravan site. The Sergeant approached the driver and told him he was being arrested for driving under the influence of drink. The man commenced to walk away and when the Sergeant tried to restrain him another youth joined in the scuffle in an attempt to help his friend to escape.

Sergeant Callingham held on to the driver but the other man broke away, returning soon after with a shot gun. He advanced to

within a few feet of the Sergeant, pointed the gun towards his head and threatened to shoot. As soon as the gun was within reach, Sergeant Callingham released his captive, grabbed at the gun and managed to push it to one side as it went off, but the pellets and wad penetrated his right hip. The Sergeant, despite his wound, continued to struggle with the gunman who was eventually overpowered and arrested.

David Jones FINDLAY, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Dagenham, Essex).

The Police were informed that a man had gone berserk with a loaded shotgun. Sergeant Findlay went to the address and was told that a youth aged 19 had a gun and had locked himself in the house together with his younger brother. Sergeant Findlay tried to open the door of the flat but found it to be bolted. On looking through the letter box the officer saw the muzzle of a 12 bore shot gun pointing at him. He called on the youth to put the gun down and open the door and repeated this request several times while still looking through the letter box. Eventually he saw the youth place the gun against the wall of the hallway and heard the bolts of the door being withdrawn. He then saw the youth reach for the gun again, pick it up and put his finger on the trigger. Without hesitation, however, Sergeant Findlay opened the door and entered. He went up to the youth, who was holding the gun in his right hand, seized the gun and pushed him into an adjoining room. The gun was loaded with a cartridge in the breech. Sergeant Findlay acted with great courage and coolness in a difficult and dangerous situation.

Roy Thomas HARPER, Constable, Western Australia Police Force, Bayswater.

Constable Harper was called to an incident at a junction in Bayswater, Western Australia. On arrival he saw a man, armed with a double-barrelled shot gun, crouched behind a fence who, on seeing the Constable, threatened to shoot him. He then made off into a vacant block of land. The Constable followed him and when about seven yards away the gunman turned, pointed the gun at Harper's head and threatened to shoot. For a considerable time the Constable engaged the man in conversation and, despite further threats, approached to within a few feet of him. Waiting his opportunity, the Constable suddenly leapt forward, clutched the gun barrels in his right hand and forced them upwards. Both barrels were expended into the air but the Constable succeeded in forcing the weapon from the gunman's hand and then arrested him.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Robert Edward ADAMS, Civil Engineer, Warlingham, Surrey.

Lennard Francis DRAKE, Dental Technician, Warlingham, Surrey.

Bernard Edward LANE, Trainee Teacher, Warlingham, Surrey.

For helping to effect the arrest of two armed men.

Edward Charles BROOKS, Senior District Assistant, Kenya.

For attempting to stop a fight between two bands of armed tribesmen.

Miss Ellen GILLILAND, Aghnacloy, Co. Tyrone,

For services during an armed hold-up.

George William MATHEKA, Hospital Assistant, Nairobi County Council, Kenya.

For services when an armed gang raided the Donyo Sabuk Dispensary.

Chief Parsauti ole NGOI, Kenya.

For services during a disturbance between two bands of armed tribesmen.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Nigerian Ministers, to give orders for the following award of the George Medal.

Awarded the George Medal

Daniel FOLABIT, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Southern Cameroons.

Fighting broke out between the villages of Baba and Babessi in the Southern Cameroons over a long-standing land dispute. Mr. Folabit quickly collected 15 constables and went to the scene. On arrival he found that one party about 100 strong had taken up position in a wood on one side of the road while the opposing party of about equal strength were in the long grass on the other side of the road. The parties were firing at each other with shot guns and a brisk battle was in progress. With complete disregard for his own safety, Mr. Folabit walked up the road between the two factions and shouted to them to stop firing, which they did. He then called the leaders of each side to come to him and ordered them to send their people away. His instructions were carried out, the fighting stopped and the people dispersed. The known casualties were 2 killed, 19 wounded and 11 missing, believed killed, and may have been greater. Mr. Folabit's timely and courageous action prevented a much heavier loss of life and he performed it with a total disregard for his own life. He was in imminent danger of being killed by bullets from the opposing parties and showed conspicuous gallantry by his unswerving determination to do his duty.

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