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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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