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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:

Kelvin John BALDWIN, Detective Constable, Criminal Investigation Branch, Tasmania Police.

Whilst the Police were endeavouring to effect the arrest of a youth in a house at Launceston, a Constable opened the door leading into a room and saw the youth in a corner pointing a rifle at the door. He fired at the Constable who ducked his head and jumped out of the room. Police surrounded the house and as a Sergeant walked towards the garage nearby a shot was fired at him from the window. Shortly afterwards Detective Constable Baldwin who knew the youth, called out to him, went to the door, held his hands in front to show he was unarmed and then entered the room. He talked to the youth who kept the rifle pointed at him, resting it on the arm of the chair. Further conversation ensued and the youth turned the rifle around held the muzzle of it on his own chest, and threatened to kill himself. Baldwin, who was watching his movements closely, could see that he was attempting to shift his position and in so doing removed his thumb from the trigger. The Constable immediately rushed him, gained

possession of the rifle and overpowered him. Detective Constable Baldwin displayed patience, determination and courage.

John Joseph DILLON, Line Foreman, Postmaster-General's Department, Box Hill, Victoria.

Two police officers visited a house in Box Hill and were confronted by a heavily built youth carrying a .22 calibre automatic rifle, who threatened to kill them. After three shots were fired at the Police they were forced to retreat and call for assistance. More shots were fired by the youth, and when a Police Patrol crew arrived on the scene they decided the safest way to approach the youth was to enter the house by the rear. Whilst this was going on Dillon, who had heard shots being fired, saw a rifle being pointed through the broken glass of a window. He approached the front door by crawling along the wall under the smashed window and on stepping into the passage way he was confronted by the youth with a rifle in his hands. Dillon immediately grappled with him and was successful in grabbing the barrel of the rifle. The youth then drew a knife and pointed it at Dillon's throat and threatened him. The youth then retreated to a bedroom with the rifle and hid behind a wardrobe. In the face of great danger, Dillon entered the dimly lit room and for 45 minutes pleaded with the youth to lay down arms but without avail. The Police remained nearby carefully concealing their presence from the youth who had sworn to shoot them on sight. At this time Dillon was standing about 3 feet from the youth, the loaded rifle being pointed at him. The youth then gave Dillon 15 seconds to leave the room or be killed, at the same time releasing the safety catch and commencing to count. Realizing that if he did not do something desperate he would be shot, Dillon sprang