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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 under-mentioned 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 :

Stewart Alexander WALKER, Sergeant, 2nd Class,
Queensland Police Force.

As a Police Constable approached a house occupied by a Polish migrant, a shot was fired through the door, killing the Constable almost instantly. An Army Officer who was passing hastened to the fallen Constable to render first aid. He then saw a rifle fired from a side window of the house. Soon afterwards, Sergeant Walker arrived. He procured a service revolver, went to the side of the house and ordered the man inside to drop his firearm. The man fired at him and the Sergeant returned the fire. The man moved away from the window from which he was firing and Walker then went up to the front door, where he was joined by the Army Officer. The man fired two more shots through the front door and when the door was kicked open fired another shot. Sergeant Walker then advanced through the open door. The man pointed his rifle at the Sergeant but before he could fire the Sergeant shot him in the leg and he fell to the floor. He was then overpowered and disarmed.

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

Norman Eric BARTHOLOMEW, Constable, Metro-
politan Police. (London S.E.19).

Richard Ellis THOMAS, Constable, Metropolitan
Police. (London S.E.5).

Constables Thomas and Bartholomew went to a building site in Camberwell where a block of flats, 165 feet high, was under construction. Twelve feet from the building and attached at intervals to its side by steel ties was a builder's hoist of lattice-girder construction. The hoist was 200 feet high. On arrival the Officers saw a man on the scaffolding of the building about six floors up throwing planks of wood and other loose building materials at people in the road. The scene was illuminated by searchlights of the London Fire Brigade. The man climbed up the girder work to the top where he started swinging about on the side of the hoist and shouting. Thomas and Bartholomew entered the building and climbed the partly constructed stairway to the top floor. At this level there was a loading platform of scaffolding and planks extending 8 feet from the building alongside a girder 12 inches wide by 12 feet long. The man was clinging to the hoist some feet above this level. Constable Thomas walked out to the end of the girder, holding on to a scaffolding pole, and tried to persuade him to come down. Constable Bartholomew followed and sat down astride the girder to support Thomas. The man refused to come off the hoist but suddenly collapsed and fell but Thomas leaned out and managed to grab hold of his raincoat and to hold him in mid-air. Constable Bartholomew locked his legs around the steel tie and held Thomas around his waist to support him. Between them they managed to pull the man on to the loading platform and into the building. The two officers were in great danger during their efforts to get the man off the hoist. Had they fallen between the hoist and the building to the ground some 165 feet below they would almost certainly have been killed.