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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
 ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
 2nd July 1963.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards 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 British Empire Medal for Gallantry  
 (Civil Division):*

David Cerith DAVIES, Constable, Glamorgan Constabulary (Gorseinon).

It was reported to the Police that a man had gone berserk and was smashing windows at his neighbour's house. It was known that the man would offer extreme violence by any means at his disposal should he be opposed. Constable Davies went to the house and was informed that the man was in possession of a butcher's meat cleaver and a sharp pointed builder's hammer, which he had threatened to use upon anyone who attempted to enter his house. Davies tried the front door which was found to be locked and apparently barricaded. He then knocked upon the kitchen window, the top of which was partly open, which produced a tirade of abuse and threats. This behaviour continued for a period of 15 minutes, when the man began to calm down and was prepared to allow Davies into the house. The door was opened and Davies went in. The man then locked the door and replaced the barricade. The man was still raving and brandishing the cleaver threatening to kill anyone who tricked him. The Constable stayed in the house for nearly two hours talking to the deranged man and eventually persuaded him to give up his weapons and allow a doctor to see him.

Kenneth James ETHELLS, Detective Sergeant, Cheshire Constabulary. (Wilmslow).

Norman Birkett DAWSON, Detective Constable, Cheshire Constabulary. (Macclesfield).

Two men hired a taxi and when within four miles of their destination assaulted the driver, threatened him with a sawn off shotgun and pistol and made him part with all his money. They then drove off. The taxi driver reported the incident to the Police and from the description given of the men Detective Sergeant Etchells recognised the criminals as two men living in the district. He immediately organised a party of himself, Detective Constable Dawson and two other officers, went to the house of one of the criminals and discovered that the two men were upstairs. The stairs were very narrow and boarded in and when Detective Sergeant Etchells started to go up he immediately became the target for bottles and liquid nitric acid thrown by the two criminals who were at the top. The Detective Sergeant instructed a dog handler to go up with his dog but the men threw acid over the dog which was severely burned and had to be destroyed later. The two criminals, one carrying a sawn off shotgun, then attempted to escape. There was a considerable struggle but the combined efforts of Detective Sergeant Etchells and Detective Constable Dawson resulted in the arrest of the two men. Both Etchells and Dawson suffered severe burns from the acid and Dawson was badly cut on the head by a bottle.

Paul Michael KEENAN, Foreman Painter, Grays, Essex.

Two men were working at the top of a 150 ft. chimney when smoke began to pour from the chimney and they were enveloped by fumes containing carbon monoxide. One of the men lost consciousness but was supported by the other who shouted for assistance. Mr. Keenan ran up the ladder to the top of the chimney, caught hold of the unconscious workman and found that the other had also

become faint. He was unable to hold both men and one fell to his death. Keenan retained his hold on the other and, realising the nature of the danger, climbed into a bo'sun's chair and secured the unconscious man to the chimney with a rope. Keenan then himself became unconscious. He and the workman were eventually rescued by the Works Rescue Team.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Michael Scott BELL, Constable, Cheshire Constabulary. (Macclesfield).

Stanley David SMITH, Constable, Cheshire Constabulary. (Macclesfield).

For services when arresting two armed and dangerous criminals.

Ivor Douglas BROWN, Fireman, Bristol Fire Brigade.

For services when a man was in danger of being swept over a weir.

GAWAN ak Jangga, District Councillor, Limbang.  
For services during the Brunei Operations in December 1962.

Thomas Durrance KEENAN (deceased), Painter, Tilbury, Essex.

For services when a workman was overcome by fumes at the top of a factory chimney.

TSEU EN FOOK, Tamparuli, Tuaran District, North Borneo.

For services when a native ran amok armed with a parang.

*Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air :*

Hugh Charles Henry MEREWETHER, Deputy Chief Test Pilot, Hawker Aircraft Ltd. (Chilworth).

For landing an experimental aircraft when the engine suffered a complete failure during a test flight at 3,000 feet.

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