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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 undermentioned awards of the British Empire Medal, and for 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):*

James BARNETT, Engine Driver, Western Region,  
British Railways. (Lydney.)

Driver Barnett was in charge of a small tank engine working a ballast train from Lydney to Norton Junction. As his engine approached Ashchurch Station at about 30 m.p.h., a tube in the boiler gave way, with the result that a large volume of steam at a temperature of about 400°F. and a pressure of about 200 lbs. per square inch was released into the enclosed cab, filling it completely. Barnett and the fireman were severely scalded and the fireman moved out of the cab. Driver Barnett however, though suffering intense pain from his injuries, did not abandon the engine; he closed the regulator, placed the reversing lever in mid-gear, applied the vacuum brake and remained in the cab until the train had stopped just beyond the station platform, after travelling about 400 yards from the point at which the accident occurred. Driver Barnett displayed very considerable courage and devotion to duty in remaining in the steam-filled cab and stopping the train; if he had not done so, it would have run on unaccompanied through the station and a serious accident might have occurred.

Arthur William Glyn JENKINS, Inspector, Reading  
Borough Police. (Reading.)

A man known to be mentally unbalanced,  
barricaded himself in his house, armed himself

with an axe and would not allow anyone to enter. Inspector Jenkins and other officers went to the house with the Mental Welfare Officer and a doctor. All doors were locked and windows barricaded with furniture. The man was in a room at the rear with a window over a narrow basement passage. He was making threats and was seen to be brandishing an axe. In the room furniture and other articles were piled against the door. Below the window was an unsafe wood and glass construction and Inspector Jenkins stood on that and attempted to reason with the man, but without success. The Inspector then arranged for those in front of the house to make an attempt to enter, while he tried the window. He obtained a hammer and a dustbin lid, broke the lower part of the window with the hammer and using the dustbin lid as a form of shield he threw one leg over the window-sill, gradually put his other leg through and entered the room. He immediately closed with the man and restrained him until the door was broken down and other officers entered.

### *Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:*

Norman Wright BISHOP, Tanker Driver, North  
Geelong, Victoria.

For services when a fire broke out in a gas  
works.

Raymond John GARDINER, Electrician's Mate,  
Salisbury.

For rescuing a man from a gas-filled duct.

Peter Dawson HOLTHAM, Fire Officer, Grade I,  
Army Fire Service, Cyprus.

For services when a ship caught fire in  
Famagusta Harbour, Cyprus.

Robson UNDERWOOD, Constable, Devon Con-  
stabulary. (Plympton.)

For services when arresting a man armed with  
a shotgun.

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