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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following 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.

To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry:

Gerald Laidlaw Tweedale DALLING, Manager, Globe and Phoenix Gold Mine, Que Que District, Southern Rhodesia.

During an attempt to clean out the mud in a well an African was lowered to the bottom, standing in a small tin bucket on the end of a steel cable which was wound around a roughly made winch. About half way down the African fell out of the bucket to the bottom of the well. A miner who went to his assistance also fell out of the bucket. Both men received fatal injuries. The well was approximately one hundred feet deep and about five feet by five feet wide. There was no water in the well, only mud at the bottom. The miner's body was recovered by means of a grappling iron but the African was half submerged in the mud and it was not possible to recover his body by this means. Mr. Dalling then offered to go down the well using breathing equipment, to recover the second body. With only sufficient oxygen for half an hour he was lowered down the well, standing with one foot in a loop made in a rope which was wound around the winch. He reached the bottom, stepped out of the loop and then found that he was stuck in the thick mud. He tied

a spare rope around the African's ankle, and then signalled for himself to be raised to the surface. At this time Mr. Dalling was breathing in some of the poisonous gas, and his foot was stuck in the mud. In his semi-dazed state he found that the rope was being raised and he only just managed to get his foot into the loop in time, leaving his rubber boot behind in the mud. Mr. Dalling was then raised slowly to the surface, several times bumping his head on the timbered sides of the narrow well. When he was near to the surface he was in a state of collapse.

William Reid HALL, Llansantffraid, Montgomeryshire.

Shortly after midnight a man armed with a shot gun climbed through the window of Mr. Hall's bedroom, woke him, and holding the gun a few feet from his head threatened to shoot him if he moved. Mr. Hall, although partially crippled, got out of bed as quickly as he could and attacked the intruder with a stick. The muzzle of the gun was knocked upwards and a scrimmage occurred during which the intruder was struck on his head and dazed. He calmed down somewhat and Mr. Hall managed to obtain possession of the gun. He immediately threw it from the window into the yard. His wife then telephoned the police. The burglar tried to get away by the window but Mr. Hall prevented him and kept him in conversation for some time until the police arrived.

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

Mervyn Emrys BOWDEN, Constable, Bristol Constabulary. (Bristol.)

Two men and a woman who were wanted for an offence were believed to be making for Bristol in a stolen motor car. Constable Bowden was on duty in plain clothes at a secondhand dealer's shop when he saw the