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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for the following awards of the George Medal and 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 brave conduct.

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

Robert Botcherby TINDALE, Investigation Officer, Croydon.

A woman slipped down the steps and fell into the water at the north end of London Bridge. She went below the surface twice, and the fast ebb current at this point carried her for a distance of about 75 feet. Her cries for help were heard by Mr. Tindale who ran down the steps, divesting himself of his clothing as he went. He dived without hesitation into the river and swam towards the woman. A strong ebb tide was running at the time and was pulling at her. When Tindale was about 3 feet from the woman, she made a grab at him but missed, and again went under the water, but he dived, caught hold of her and brought her to the surface. He then swam against the strong current back to the steps, fending off driftwood as he went. Mr. Tindale reached the steps in a state of extreme exhaustion but was able to help the woman out of the water.

Awarded the George Medal:

Herbert Francis DAVIS, Press Photographer, Essex. (Woodford Bridge.)

Three police officers went to arrest a woman escapee. The woman had taken refuge in a house and with a .22 rifle and well supplied with ammunition, she took up a position at the first floor window overlooking the street, and threatened that she would shoot anyone who

came near her. When Mr. Davis arrived at the scene he commenced taking photographs of the incident. The woman obviously liked being the subject of so much interest by a representative of the National Press and soon Davis was close enough to reveal his identity and ask her to pose for him. He realized that he was able to play on her vanity and decided that having gained her confidence he might be able to persuade her to take up a position close enough to allow him to disarm her. Davis knew that a policeman had already been shot but nevertheless, he decided to try to put his plan into action. He made his way into the house and from a first floor landing window he climbed onto a small canopy above the front door and thence to a small ledge immediately outside the window of the room where the woman was standing. By encouragement he soon had her leaning further out of the window overlooking the street and took photographs of her. She followed his instructions implicitly and when she placed the rifle barrel within his reach, Davis, despite his precarious foothold suddenly grasped it. A struggle for possession ensued during which the rifle was discharged but the shot went wide. Mr. Davis was immediately joined by two of the police officers present and together they were able to take possession of the firearm and arrest the criminal. Mr. Davis acted with extreme courage in disarming an armed and dangerous criminal.

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

William ASHTON, Foreman and Traffic Supervisor, Cadishead.

An accident occurred on a railroad serving four blast furnaces. One of these was being water-cooled and a large amount of water spillage lay on the rail track. A diesel locomotive was pushing two full ladles, each containing 50 tons of molten iron, to rail points. As the locomotive passed over the points Mr. Ashton, who was standing nearby, noticed that molten metal had begun to pour out through the bottom of the leading ladle. As the locomotive began to run over the spilt metal it was enveloped in flames and smoke. Mr. Ashton immediately climbed on to the locomotive took over control from the driver and