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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 George Medal and 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 George Medal :

Kenneth John BOWERMAN, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London N.2.)

Terence Victor BROWN, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.8.)

Alasdair Cameron Ferguson MACLEOD, Constable, Metropolitan Police (now Dumbartonshire Constabulary).

Douglas WHITHAM, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Enfield.)

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

Roy Gordon EYLES, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Swanley.)

Patrick Glanville GIBBINS, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (London N.1.)

Alan ROBSON, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Bushey.)

Information was received by the Police that a dangerous escaped criminal would be at a certain address and police officers in plain clothes were sent to the vicinity to effect an arrest. Constables Whitham and Brown saw the criminal and his wife drive up in a car which they left and entered a shop. Several officers entered the shop and discovered the man and his wife on a flat roof over the front of the

shop. They were called upon to give themselves up but moved to the roof of the next shop where the woman tripped over a wall. A constable grabbed her as she fell whereupon the man turned and fired a gun at the officers. A second shot was fired and then another in the direction of police in the street below. Constable Whitham had taken up position in a doorway of an adjoining shop and as the man and his wife emerged and started to run towards their car he struck the man with a broom which he had picked up. The man staggered but kept running and fired at Whitham and other officers who were following him. At this point Constable MacLeod rushed at the man and brought him down with a tackle but he broke loose and fired again. The woman reached the car but was overtaken by Sergeant Gibbins who pinned her against the side of the car. The criminal approached from the other side of the car and fired two shots over the roof in the direction of Gibbins. He then got into the car. Constable Brown who had picked up the broom used earlier, broke the glass of the driver's window and attempted to strike the man but he was shot at through the window. The criminal then dived through the window into the street where Constable Bowerman grabbed him and hit him with a truncheon but was struck over the eye with the pistol barrel and the man ran off. He was pursued by other officers and overtaken by Sergeant Eyles who tackled him. The man turned and fired at Eyles from about two feet and broke away. Eyles and other officers continued the chase and Sergeant Robson caught up with him and tackled him but he kicked his way clear and jumped a fence into a back garden where he was finally caught and overpowered.