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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:*

Loknauth SINGH, Constable, British Guiana Police Force.

Constable Singh, who was on duty in uniform and armed with a revolver, escorted the Paymaster in a jeep, with a payroll of \$34,000 locked and sealed in a canister, to the pay office at Anna Regina. The Paymaster removed the canister from the jeep and was taking it to the paying office with Singh following, when a man suddenly attacked the Constable from behind striking him on the head with a piece of iron. Singh fell to the ground, dazed. He attempted to draw his revolver but the criminal whipped out a knife, stabbed the Constable, severed the lanyard to which the revolver was attached and took possession of the weapon. Singh shouted for help but no one came to his immediate assistance. He ran into the pay office followed by the criminal who then shot him four times. Singh, although severely wounded, closed in on his attacker and succeeded in disarming him, picked up the revolver which he had dropped and shot him twice, wounding him on the chin and left thigh. The payroll was recovered intact.

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

John Henry BARRETT, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Woodford Green.)

Constable Barrett was keeping observation on a parked car, the number plates of which were known to be false when he saw a man unlock the car and get in. The Constable ran to the

car and told the man that he wanted to speak to him. The man started the engine and drove the car at the officer, forcing him to jump on to the bonnet to avoid being run down. For the next five minutes the driver swerved the car from side to side and braked and accelerated it sharply in sustained attempts to dislodge the officer, who was only able to maintain his position by holding on to the rain channels on either side of the car. The car was driven deliberately at vehicles parked at the sides of the roads, swerving away at the last minute, but on two occasions collisions did occur. All the while the driver banged the officer's fingers to try and loosen his grip and kept shouting at him to get off or be knocked off. Barrett however hung on and finally the man braked suddenly and jumped out of the car which continued to career, uncontrolled down an incline with the officer still on the bonnet. He was thrown from it when the car hit a small roadside tree and stopped. Although dazed, having landed on his head and shoulders, Barrett went after the man but lost him when he ran into a side street. Knowing that the man must be hiding nearby, he kept watch until assistance arrived and the man was soon found and arrested.

Albert Victor BROWN, Warder, Victoria and Albert Museum. (London S.E.23.)

Two men entered the Victoria and Albert Museum, and went straight into the Muniment Room where Warder Brown was in charge. Brown saw one man close the door and kneel down by it with a hammer in his hand. Brown went quickly across, took him by the shoulder asking him what he was doing. At that instant he was grabbed by the other man and hit hard across the neck and jaw, knocked to the floor and kicked. The blows were dealt with great force and his jaw was broken in two places. He was left lying on the floor. The man with the hammer was nailing to the floor a prepared wedge which placed beneath the inward opening door, effectively sealed off the Muniment Room and prevented the two other warders from going to Brown's assistance. The man with the hammer attacked the case and broke the window.

The other man had an iron bar with which he broke two cases. Brown managed to press the personal attack alarm button near the door and on hearing the alarm the men ran out through the broken window. Brown despite his severe injuries followed them but the thieves escaped to a car waiting outside.

Garry COOPER, Steel Erector, West Bolden, Co. Durham.

Thomas Anthony MCCARTHY, Timber Yard Labourer, Poole.

Fire broke out in a cafe consisting of three floors. Mr. Cooper who was passing in the street, saw that the building was on fire and on hearing that there were three children inside, entered the building in an attempt to rescue them. He heard a scream from upstairs and rushed up to the second floor. In spite of the heat and smoke, which prevented him from seeing, he reached the children's room which was also well ablaze. Being unable to feel or hear them he made his way back to the top of the stairway. Mr. Cooper was severely burnt by this time, and he threw himself out of the bedroom window on to the roof. Mr. McCarthy was sleeping in one of the bedrooms on the first floor and he was awakened when the alarm was raised. He made an immediate attempt to ascend the now fiercely blazing stairway to try to rescue the children. The intense heat forced him to return. He then put on his jacket and tried again but once more he was forced back. He next fetched a blanket from his bed, soaked it with water, draped it over himself, and succeeded in reaching the top of the stairway. But although he searched for the children amongst the flames and smoke he was unable to find them. Cooper and McCarthy were rescued by the Fire Brigade and taken to hospital suffering from burns. Both men made a valiant attempt to save the lives of the children.

William John GOULD, Bridge Inspector, Saltash.

Mr. Gould was on duty at the Tamar Bridge when a passing motorist told him that he had seen a woman outside the safety rail on the superstructure and about midway between the spans. Gould reached the point near to where she was, looked over the bridge and saw her walking on the edge of the superstructure. He climbed over the rail and slid down the suspender cable to the superstructure behind her. She was still walking away from him. He walked up behind her and put his arm around her waist and with the other hand caught hold of the safety rail. She started to struggle but he managed to hold her until assistance arrived and she was pulled out of danger and taken to hospital.

Ronald James NELAN, Constable, Tasmania Police Force.

Ronald Edward PHILPOTT, Constable, Tasmania Police Force.

A telephone call was received from a woman informing the Police that her husband was being assaulted outside their home. Constables Nelan and Philpott went to the property, which is a small fruits farm with several fruit pickers' huts upon it. An employee had attacked the farmer

with his fists after being informed that his employment had been terminated. This attack was broken up by several fruit pickers and as the farmer walked towards his house the man came towards him with a shot-gun in his hands. Shots were fired and the farmer ran down the road to warn the Police that the man was armed. The man then went into one of the pickers' huts with the gun still in his hands. The Constables approached the hut doorway and saw him sitting on a bed with a shot-gun resting on his knees. When he saw the Police he pointed the gun towards them and threatened to shoot. The Constables spoke with the man endeavouring to pacify him, during which time he continued to point the gun at them and threaten them. While talking the man then momentarily pointed the gun towards the floor, still with his right hand on the trigger. The gun discharged into the floor and the Constables immediately rushed and disarmed him.

*Queen's Commendation for brave conduct :*

Frank Thomas BYERS, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Robert Reginald LIDDEN, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when arresting a man armed with a shot gun.

Henry Edward John DONOVAN, Fetter, Robertson, New South Wales.

Leonard George Valentine JENKINS, Sergeant, 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For rescuing the crew of a train which had caught fire following a collision.

Arthur Harry GORING, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London S.W.5.)

Linford James PERKINS, Rail Checker, London W.10.

Arthur William STANLEY, Battery Charger, London W.10.

For rescuing a child and attempting to rescue other persons trapped in a blazing house.

John GRANT, First Electrician, s.s. "Erne", Trident Tankers, Ltd. (Liverpool.)

Matthew ROSS, Second Engineer, s.s. "Erne", Trident Tankers Ltd. (Saltburn.)

For attempting to rescue a man overcome by gas in a pumphoom.

Miss Susan Elizabeth Gilbert HARRIS (deceased), Student Teacher, Plymouth.

For attempting to rescue a boy from drowning.

Jens Francis HISLOP, Constable, West Riding Constabulary. (Todmorden.)

John Emerson JUKES, Constable, West Riding Constabulary. (Mexborough.)

For rescuing a mentally deranged man who had threatened to throw himself from the roof of a church.

Cecil Robert Theodore LASTIC, Sub-Officer, Portsmouth Volunteer Fire Brigade, Dominica.

For rescuing a child from a burning building.

Gordon LAW, Constable, Birmingham City Police.

For services when attempting to arrest a youth armed with a knife.

Peter John PATERSON, Executive Officer, London W.2.

For rescuing a boy from drowning.

John Francis STANLEY, Sergeant, 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting an emotionally disturbed man armed with loaded weapons.

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