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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders 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.

Awarded the George Medal:

Laurence SCOTT, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.
(London N.14.)

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

Douglas Frank Albert DAVIES, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Potters Bar.)
Alexander Antony EIST, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Cheshunt.)

In the course of an investigation into a series of house-breakings, Sergeants Davies and Scott established that the thieves were using a car hired in an assumed name. The car was seen parked outside a house and the officers decided to enter the house. Sergeant Eist and other officers were called in to help. With Sergeants Scott and Eist covering the sides of the house, Sergeant Davies knocked at the front door. While he was speaking to the woman who opened it, Sergeant Scott, watching through the letter box of a basement door, saw a man emerge from a room. He called out to this man that he was a police officer and asked him to open the door. The man returned to the room and later emerged, carrying a rifle, and ran across the passageway into the back garden. Sergeant Scott kicked the door open and followed him to the end of the garden. Here the man sat on a wall pointing the rifle at Scott and threatening to shoot if he came any nearer. Davies and Eist joined Sergeant Scott and Eist at once recognised the man as an escapee from prison. The man was

well known to all three officers as a vicious and callous criminal. The man jumped down from the wall and made off across the next garden with Sergeants Scott and Eist in direct pursuit and Sergeant Davies attempting to cut him off from the rear. After covering a short distance, the gunman stopped and aimed the rifle at Scott and Eist in turn and threatened to shoot them. He then backed away from the officers, still levelling the gun at them. They threw flower pots at him and he turned and ran. At the end of the garden he stopped again, put the rifle to his shoulders, aimed it deliberately at Sergeant Scott who was nearest to him, and said he would shoot if he came any closer. Despite the threats Scott and Eist together closed with the man and with the assistance of Sergeant Davies who joined in the struggle, he was soon disarmed and overpowered. The rifle was found to be loaded with three .22 bullets and a fourth bullet in the breach ready for firing. After the arrest Sergeant Davies went to search the car in front of the house. He encountered and challenged a caller at the house who struck out at the officer and a violent struggle ensued in the course of which the two men fell together some eight feet into the basement area. Hearing the noise, another police officer came from the house and helped Sergeant Davies to overpower the second man.

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

Raymond John BROWN, lately Constable, Norfolk Constabulary.

The Police were notified that a house had been entered and a shotgun stolen. Two patrol cars went to the scene and a search was made by one of the officers who shone his torch through the window and was confronted by a man pointing a shotgun in his direction. The Officer withdrew and summoned assistance. The intruder had taken refuge in a ground floor room serving as a shop. The main doors to this room were locked. Constable Brown and a Sergeant took up position near this door and the Sergeant endeavoured to talk the man into giving himself up but to no

avail. The intruder threatened to shoot any person who attempted to enter the shop and at one stage pushed open the door and pointed the gun into the back room. In the poor light it appeared to Brown that the intruder was using both hands to open some boxes and had put down the gun. Seizing this opportunity, he threw himself into the shop to find that the intruder still had the shotgun under his arm, but before the man could bring the gun to bear on him the Constable rushed forward and grasped the barrels. The armed man was standing some 12 feet from the doorway by which Brown entered. The Sergeant followed Brown into the room and was able to assist in disarming the intruder after a struggle. Constable Brown acted with initiative and with the highest sense of duty in seizing a very brief opportunity to come to grips with an armed and dangerous criminal.

John Montague CUNNINGHAM, Baker's Roundsmen. (London W.5.)

A girl aged six years wandered onto some railway lines. Mr. Cunningham was nearby and on being told that there was a child burning on the line he immediately ran to the railway where he saw the child about fifteen yards from a level crossing lying face down with her left arm and body under the electricity conductor rail and her right arm over it. Her left arm was smoking and Mr. Cunningham thought she was dead. After looking to see that no trains were coming Mr. Cunningham jumped between the rails and, without any regard for the fact that he could also be electrocuted, he grabbed hold of the child's arm and pulled her over the other lines to safety. He then applied artificial respiration. The child finally rallied and was conveyed by ambulance to hospital where she was detained with burns to her arms and legs.

John Patrick FENNELLY, Ganger. (London W.10.)

Three or possibly four men armed with a pistol, a sawn-off shotgun and a water pistol containing ammonia, raided a bank. During the raid ammonia was squirted at the bank staff and shots were fired. Mr. Fennelly was working outside the rear of the bank when a workmate told him the bank was being raided. Picking up a shovel he ran into the road adjoining the bank where he saw three men, one of whom was carrying the gun, running towards a car which was standing with its engine running and another man at the steering wheel. Two of the men got into the car but as the man with the gun went to get in Mr. Fennelly attacked him with the shovel. Someone inside the car shouted to shoot and the man started to raise the gun at Mr. Fennelly who dropped the shovel, grabbed hold of the barrel and pushed it towards the ground. Mr. Fennelly was then squirted with liquid by someone inside the car and as he released the gun barrel he was hit on the back of the left hand with the butt of the gun. The man was then able to get into the car and the raiders made their escape. Mr. Fennelly sustained cuts and bruising to his hand. Although he was unsuccessful in preventing their escape, the courageous manner in which he set about the armed thieves forced them to remain at the scene of their crime thereby losing valuable time and affording another witness the opportunity to note the registration number of the getaway car. The delay occasioned by the gallant action of Mr. Fennelly was instrumental in leading to the subsequent arrest of the culprits.

Victor John LOCK, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London N.15.)

Charles Browne VON, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London N.2.)

A wages car and an escorting police car were rammed and the occupants savagely attacked by about ten masked men armed with iron bars and other weapons. The robbers made off with over £32,000 in cash. Police Constables Lock and Von, who were patrolling in a police wireless van, heard the call for assistance and went to search for the robbers. They decided to stop and question a man. At their approach he drew a revolver from the belt of his trousers, pointed it at Lock and threatened to shoot him. Both Officers moved towards the man who then pointed the gun at chest level and the Officers heard it click as the trigger was pulled. The Officers dropped to the ground and the gunman ran off with the gun in his hand. The two Constables ran after him keeping their distance about fifteen yards behind. The chase continued with the man still brandishing the revolver. At one point he stopped, turned and threatened to shoot his pursuers. Eventually, however, he began to tire and was seen to throw the revolver away. Lock and Von closed with him and he was overpowered. When the gun was subsequently recovered it was found to be loaded in five of its six chambers.

William Arthur NIELD, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.8.)

Brian Edwin WHEELER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Ilford.)

A shop window was smashed and goods on display were stolen. On hearing of this, Constables Wheeler and Nield went to the scene by car and obtained descriptions of the culprits. They then searched the area in the car. After about half an hour they came upon a man and woman who answered to the descriptions they had been given. Constable Nield got out of the car and questioned the man. Making as if to produce a receipt from his pocket, the man without warning slashed the face of Constable Wheeler, who had by now joined Nield, from mouth to ear with a barber's razor. Both Officers immediately grappled with the man, who was tall and powerfully built, and struggled to overpower him. The struggle, which lasted at least ten minutes, was extremely violent and further injuries were inflicted on both Officers with the razor. The criminal was not finally overcome until police reinforcements arrived on the scene. Police Constables Wheeler and Nield acted with commendable initiative and diligence in searching for this vicious criminal and they displayed outstanding courage and resolution in tackling him after he had seriously wounded one of them with the razor.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :

Maurice Bertie AYRUS, Sergeant, Norfolk Constabulary. (Holt.)

For services when helping in the arrest of an armed criminal.

Leslie Edgar BRACHE, Constable, Guernsey Police Force, Guernsey, Channel Islands.

For services when arresting a youth armed with a loaded shot gun.

Gertrude BUCKLEY, Woman Police Sergeant, West Riding Constabulary. (Brighouse.)

For services when armed criminals attempted to rob a bank.

James Herbert GARNER, Sergeant, New South Wales Police Force.

Anthony Francis DONALDSON, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Robert Clarence WITCHARD, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when arresting a man who was armed and had attempted to shoot his employer.

Peter Charles GURNEY, Miner, Watford.

Geoffrey Frederick THOMPSON, Sergeant, Hertfordshire Constabulary. (St. Alban's.)

For services when a man armed with a pistol created a disturbance in a ballroom.

Ross John HULL, Sergeant, New South Wales Police Force.

Lance Edward MASON, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting a youth armed with a shot gun.

Neil MACLEOD, Detective Sergeant, West Riding Constabulary. (Ecclesfield.)

Leslie MOSS, Detective Constable, Rotherham Borough Police. (Rotherham.)

John PRYCE, Detective Constable, Sheffield City Police. (Sheffield.)

For arresting two armed and dangerous criminals who had robbed and killed a man.

Raymond TWYFORD, Sergeant, Barrow-in-Furness Borough Police.

For preventing a youth from throwing himself off a bridge.

Raymond Jack WEBLEY, Civil Engineer, Watford.

For stopping a lorry, loaded with concrete slabs, which was out of control and running downhill in a crowded road.

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