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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 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 into the back garden. the door open and followed him to the end of the 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