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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 appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the British Empire Medal, 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 Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry.*

Keith Roger ALLSOP, Pharmacist, Stafford.

A sub-postmistress was preparing to close her premises for the weekend when two men entered, walked around the inside of the counter and attempted to gag her. The sub-postmistress screamed and struggled and in an effort to attract attention smashed the glass frontage piece of her counter. She continued to scream and the two men left the premises without stealing anything. Her screams were heard by Mr. Allsop who was in his shop. He saw the two men running out of the post office towards a saloon car which was parked some thirty yards or so away. Mr. Allsop immediately gave chase. One man got into the driving seat and the other into the front passenger seat of the car, but before it could be driven off Mr. Allsop reached the driver's door, opened it and attempted to pull out the driver. He was able to hit him a number of times about the face with his right fist in an effort to restrain him and also detain him. The driver shouted to his companion to shoot and Allsop then noticed there was a shot gun lying across the rear seat of the car. The passenger reached into the rear of the vehicle, picked up the gun and Allsop seeing this immediately loosed the driver and grabbed hold of the butt end of the weapon which was pointing towards him. With his free hand he con-

tinued to strike the driver. There was a struggle for the gun and Allsop gained possession but in doing so he staggered backwards and this gave the two men a brief opportunity to make good their escape which they took and drove off at a fast speed. Mr. Allsop was able to give a description of the men and they were later arrested. Mr. Allsop showed a complete disregard for his personal safety when endeavouring to effect the capture of two armed, violent and dangerous men.

Miss Joan PARTRIDGE, Computer Programmer, Barking.

Four men wearing stocking masks, one of whom was armed with a sawn-off double-barrelled shot gun, entered the living room at the rear of a sub-post office. Miss Partridge was alone in the room. She screamed and this brought her father in from the shop. The raiders forced him to give them the keys of the safe from which they stole cash, postal orders and other valuables. The sub-postmaster's wife, who was upstairs in bed, heard her daughter scream and went to the window and shouted for help. One of the raiders broke open the door of her room and took her downstairs. A Constable who was on motor cycle patrol was directed to the sub-post office and on reaching the premises he went to the rear and looked through an open door into the kitchen where he saw a man with a stocking over his face. He entered the room and as the man tried to force his way past him the officer struck him with his truncheon. Followed by the Constable the man then ran into the living room where the other raiders and the Partridge family were, and shouted for his companions to shoot the Constable. The man with the gun picked it up and pointed it at the Officer who took cover. Miss Partridge without thought of the consequences to herself immediately grabbed the gun, pushed the barrels down towards the floor and wrested it away. The Constable at once advanced into the room and all four raiders fled, two upstairs, and two into the shop premises. Police reinforcements then arrived and the raiders were detained.