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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of 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 British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division)

Ray Surfien COWDEN, Detective Sergeant 2nd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Trevor Edward BENNETT, Detective Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Keith WATERS, Detective Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Detective Sergeant Cowden together with Detective Constables Waters and Bennett were in the rear of a Police van watching premises which were visited by a man who was being sought by the Police in relation to a number of serious criminal offences involving the use of firearms. The man was seen to alight from a taxi cab and go into an adjoining street. Waters and Bennett followed and called upon the man to give himself up. He turned and fired several shots at the officers who returned the fire but the man climbed a fence and disappeared behind a large shed. During the exchange of shots Waters was struck by a bullet, the impact fracturing his right leg. Bennett continued the chase and was joined by Cowden. Shots were exchanged between the gunman and the officers. In the meantime, Waters had managed to hop on his left leg to the van and called for additional assistance by means of the radio. Bennett also returned to the vehicle and they decided to circle the block in the van to cut off the offender's escape. Cowden had seen the man in the backyard of one of the premises and followed him over several fences.

During the pursuit the gunman pointed his pistol at the Detective Sergeant and pulled the trigger but the pistol did not discharge. Cowden continued the chase, caught the man and arrested him.

Kevin Edwards COOK, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Trevor Lloyd MORRISON, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

A telephone message was received at Campsie Police Station from a woman who complained that she had been followed by a man who was annoying her. Senior Constable Cook and Constable Morrison were detailed to investigate the complaint and when the complainant pointed out the man who had been following her they walked towards him. As Cook approached, the man suddenly stabbed him in the stomach with a knife and then turning quickly stabbed Morrison in the chest. Cook had been doubled over by the force of the blow to his stomach and as he straightened up he saw Morrison being attacked. He immediately went to the Constable's assistance and seized the offender's right wrist in an effort to force him to drop the knife. After a struggle which lasted for several minutes the officers overpowered the man and arrested him.

William Thomas John DAY, Constable, County Borough of Eastbourne Police.

A police patrol car driven by Constable Day, who was accompanied by an Inspector and another Constable, was travelling along Marine Parade, Eastbourne, when an elderly man stepped from the promenade into the road and waved the driver down. Day stopped the car and the man threw a wallet into the nearside window, turned, stumbled to the promenade and disappeared out of sight. The three officers jumped out of the car and went after him. They then saw him in the sea, floating on his back, about 20 feet from the sea wall. Day, an excellent swimmer, at once went into the sea fully clothed and managed to reach the man and grab

his clothing. There was a very heavy sea running, with gusts of wind up to gale force. Day tried to pull the man ashore but owing to the undertow was unable to do so. He was joined by the Inspector and the other Constable and by forming a human chain they attempted to drag the man ashore. Unfortunately the very heavy seas swept them all against the sea wall and, as a result, they lost their grip. Day still held on to the man and was swept amongst concrete piles which support the beach at this point. He struck his head against one of the concrete piles and lost his grip of the man's clothing. He managed to hold on to the piles but the man was swept out again by the undertow. Day waded ashore where he stripped to his underclothes and, having had a rope tied to him which was held by the other two police officers and several bystanders, dived into the sea again and swam out to the man who was by now about 90 feet from the shore. He managed to grasp his clothing and both were then pulled ashore. Unfortunately the man had drowned.

Terence LEE, Detective Constable, Buckinghamshire Constabulary. (Aylesbury).

Detective Constable Lee was on duty with a Detective Sergeant when they saw a motor car parked in an entrance to a private drive. A man was sitting in the driving seat and a girl in the front passenger seat. Lee went to the car and stood a few feet in front of it. The Sergeant announced that they were police officers and that he wished to speak to the occupants. The driver of the car moved it forward and Lee waved his arms at him and shouted to stop. However, the driver drove straight at him. Lee threw himself on the bonnet of the car which was driven on to the main road and away at a fast speed. Lee remained on the bonnet of the car lying on his stomach holding on to the windscreen wipers. The car travelled very fast in this fashion for about a quarter of a mile when the driver suddenly braked hard and stopped almost throwing Lee off the bonnet. The driver got out of the car and threatened Lee who slid off the bonnet and attempted to restrain him. A struggle ensued but the driver freed himself and re-entered the car. Lee tried to open the door but the car moved forward and he again jumped on to the bonnet and was carried for a further half-mile. During this time the car was driven at high speeds and swerved violently from side to side. Eventually the driver stopped, got out and aimed a kick at Lee who slid off the bonnet to avoid being struck. The driver quickly re-entered the car and began driving away, but Lee wrenched open the rear passenger door and jumped in. In the rear of the car he found two pillow-cases containing a quantity of silverware. He tried to reason with the driver to stop the car and give himself up but he continued to travel at a high speed until he stopped suddenly, jumped out of the car and ran off into a crowd. The girl passenger also ran off but Lee managed to stop her and arrest her. The driver was arrested later.

James William TODD, Assistant Divisional Officer (now Divisional Officer), Norfolk Fire Brigade. (Great Yarmouth).

A fire started at an underground Radar Control Centre in a store room situated at the far end of the building, two storeys down, which was accessible only through a series of narrow passages. The intensity of the fire was increased

by the burning of furniture, bedding and timber and fibreboard partitions in the rooms below. A rapid build up of dense smoke was circulated by the mechanical ventilator system throughout the passages. Assistant Divisional Officer Todd arrived soon after the fire-call and led three men into the building using breathing apparatus. Torches were ineffective in the smoke-logged atmosphere and guide lines had to be used. Todd worked continuously for five hours and had entered the building nine times wearing breathing apparatus before he was relieved by a Divisional Officer. Later, the crew detailed to relieve the Divisional Officer found him collapsed at the bottom of the stairs with his face mask off. He was an exceptionally heavy man and the efforts of two officers to move him were in vain. On hearing of this Todd without hesitation led a rescue team into the building to rescue him. With their aid he managed to lift the unconscious man to the top of the stairs, where with help they were able to get him out into the open. Todd, who had sustained considerable burns to the face and neck and had worked continuously at the incident for seven hours was the last to come out.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

John Henry BARNES, Electrician, Littlehampton Urban District Council.

Leslie GOODBODY, Inspector, West Sussex Constabulary. (Shoreham-by-Sea).

Kenneth Ernest WILTSHIRE, Sergeant, West Sussex Constabulary. (Littlehampton).

Christian PETERSEN, Constable, West Sussex Constabulary. (Littlehampton).

John Christopher YORKE, Constable, West Sussex Constabulary. (Littlehampton).

Leonard SMITH, Assistant Divisional Officer, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Horsham).

Laurence Victor MONK, Station Officer, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Southwick).

John William MOORE, Leading Fireman, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Littlehampton).

Michael Gerard VERMETTE, Fireman, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Littlehampton).

For services when a man was overcome by gas at a Sewage Pumping Station.

Campbell BORLAND, Purser, "S.S. Arafura", Eastern and Australian Steamship Co. Ltd.

For disarming a seaman who ran amok armed with a meat cleaver.

Maurice Leslie DOLLING, Constable, Suffolk Constabulary. (Felixstowe).

For apprehending a mentally disturbed man armed with a hand grenade.

Thomas Bernard GIBSON, Metal Machinist, Worksop.

For rescuing three children from a burning caravan.

James LATIMER, Driver, Forth Road Bridge Joint Board. (Hill-of-Beath).

Harry Louis LYDIATE, Constable, Fife Constabulary. (Dunfermline).

Robert Kirk WILSON, Bridgemaster, Forth Road Bridge. (South Queensferry).

For services when a man threatened to jump from the Forth Bridge into the sea.

John MCKITTRICK, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when pursuing armed criminals who had stolen a motor car.

Kenneth POTTINGER, Deck Hand, Fishing Vessel "Radiant Star", Lowestoft Herring Drifters Ltd. (Lerwick).

For attempting to rescue a member of the crew of a fishing vessel who was swept overboard in a heavy storm at sea.

William Griffin ROBERTS, Deputy Treasurer Bradford (Hospital Management Committee). (Wrenthorpe).

For resisting armed criminals who rammed a wages car and seized a cash box.

John Graham WIGGINS, Constable, Liverpool City Police.

For helping to rescue children from a fire in a dwelling house.

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