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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 award 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):*

Frank William EVANS, Chargehand Fitter, Royal Ordnance Factory, Bridgwater, Somerset.

A serious accident occurred in the Formaldehyde plant of the Royal Ordnance Factory, Bridgwater and a quantity of inflammable liquid escaped from the plant inside the heavily-constructed building causing an explosion followed by a fierce fire. The brick walls were forced outwards, the concrete roof and associated steelwork fell and a large section of the building was destroyed. Three men were killed by falling masonry and three others were injured. The conditions immediately after the explosion were alarming and the rescue of the various people employed in the building was carried out under extremely hazardous conditions. There was a distinct possibility that there might be further explosions, fires or falls of masonry or structural steelwork. Mr. Evans was in charge of maintenance men working in another part of the building at the time of the accident. This part had not been damaged and he escaped unhurt. After his escape he at once returned to help others and was the first to find and help release two men trapped by fallen debris on the flat roof of a low part of the building. In spite of the obvious danger of further occurrences he worked with great courage and determination until both the trapped and injured men had been released.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

George William ADAMS, Fire Brigade Officer, Royal Ordnance Factory, Bridgwater.
 Roy Henry Lloyd LEE, Chargehand Fitter, Royal Ordnance Factory, Bridgwater.

For services when an explosion occurred in the Royal Ordnance Factory, Bridgwater.

George Christopher BOWDEN (deceased), Bristol.

For attempting to rescue two persons from drowning.

John Arthur CHEESEMAN, Taxi Driver, Brighton, Sussex.

Stephen John MENTE, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

For services when a man armed with an automatic pistol and a knife attacked a policeman.

Thomas Frederick EVANS, Shop Manager, Hereford.

For services when a man was attacked by another armed with a loaded shotgun.

Peter David JACOBS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting a man armed with a firearm.

Gordon JUKES, Draper, Walsall Wood, Staffordshire.

For services when two armed men broke into a dwelling house.

Claude Edward MORTIMER, Sergeant Second Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Robert John MYATT, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting a man armed with a loaded rifle.

Edward Syme REID, Slater, Edinburgh.

Brian Sidney STEER, Constable, City of Edinburgh Police.

For rescuing a girl from the roof of a high building.

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