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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following 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)*

James DOCHERTY, Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Sub-Officer Docherty was a member of the crew of a fire appliance called to a house fire. When the appliance arrived flames were coming from the first floor window and smoke from the second floor window, at which three people could be seen. An escape ladder was pitched to the second floor and Sub-Officer Docherty climbed through the heat and smoke to the window, where two men and a woman were standing on a dressing table. Sub-Officer Docherty grabbed the ankles of one of the men to direct his feet on to the ladder, but owing to the intense heat from below, the man withdrew. At a second attempt Sub-Officer Docherty succeeded in pulling the man, through the window on to the ladder, pinning him to it with his body. After turning the man so that he was facing the ladder, Docherty passed him between his legs and a fireman brought him to the ground. Sub-Officer Docherty then took a jet up to the second-floor window where he found that the other man and the woman had fallen across a bed near the window. Aware that he would not get them out without assistance and in order to protect the man and woman from the fire, Docherty positioned his body through the window and directed a jet on to the fire which had reached the doorway. Further

appliances arrived and a Station Officer ascended the ladder and, with Docherty, entered the room and passed the man out to other firemen on the ladder. Firemen wearing breathing apparatus broke through into the bedroom and helped to get the woman out to the ladder. In the extremely hazardous conditions. Sub-Officer Docherty acted with great courage and determination.

Peter Laidlaw LAWSON, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Clive Lester ARNOLD, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

A man who was estranged from his wife went to her home and when she refused to go back with him he became abusive, shook her by the neck, and threatened to murder her, the children and any others who had helped her. The eldest daughter went to a neighbour's house and shortly afterwards the man went there, demanded the return of his daughter and threatened to shoot the three occupants one of whom then telephoned police. Sergeant Lawson and Constable Arnold, went to the house from which screams could be heard and after repeated knocking the door was opened by the man who threatened to kill the officers if they entered. Arnold forced the door open and on entering the house the two officers saw the man standing in a room holding his wife in front of him with his left arm around her neck. In his right hand he held a pair of long bladed scissors with the points on the woman's neck. Both Officers threw themselves at the man who after a struggle released his wife. He then appeared to go berserk. He still held the scissors in his right hand and he made an outward sweep of his arm and brought the scissors towards Lawson's side. Arnold was able to parry this and subsequent blows but was only able to reduce their force. Sergeant Lawson was then stabbed, collapsed and fell unconscious to the floor. Constable Arnold continued the struggle until other officers came to his assistance and the man was overpowered and arrested.

Leonard Joseph George RYLAND, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

As the result of information that a man believed to have taken part in a number of serious crimes involving the use of a firearm was to be picked up by car from a block of maisonettes, Sergeant Ryland and two other officers were under cover in a nondescript police vehicle outside the address. The officers saw a motor car driven by a youth enter the road turn around and stop. A man then ran from the building and entered the car, which started to drive away. The three Officers left their vehicle and ran towards the car shouting that they were police officers, at which the car stopped. As Ryland went towards the passenger side of the car he saw the man draw a revolver from his waistband. Ryland opened the passenger door and saw the gun was pointed at him. He immediately grabbed the gun around the chamber and forced the muzzle away from himself at the same time grappling with the man who was face to face with him and who threatened to kill him. The other officers tried to force the man to drop the gun but it was fired and the youth fell from the car screaming. The man then forced the gun towards Sergeant Ryland's stomach and pulled the trigger but the hammer struck Ryland's left hand between the thumb and forefinger and the gun did not fire. The three officers then managed to force the gun away and after a violent struggle, and only then with the assistance of other officers who had arrived at the scene, the man was arrested.

Adolf NINAUS, Shift Boss, Mount Isa Mines, Queensland.

Four mine employees including Ninaus, the shift boss, were drilling and charging the ore drive face 2,700 feet underground and when the face had been charged with explosives, Ninaus went into a neighbouring ore drive to warn other miners of a pending explosion and to go to the place where they normally waited for the firing. Two miners then lit the fuses and were walking away when a premature explosion occurred with the resultant blast knocking both men prostrate. Although there was danger of further explosions Ninaus, who was at that time 600 feet from the face, immediately ran towards it. When approximately 60 feet from the face he saw a man lying face downwards. He picked him up and as he did so saw another staggering towards him. Ninaus placed the first man over his shoulders and carried him out of the danger area and then with the help of another miner brought the second man to safety.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

William Henry ABBOTT, Sergeant, Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Charles Thomas CRITCHLEY, Sergeant, Gloucestershire Constabulary.

For services when a man threatened to jump from the top of a high building.

Norman Thomas William ALAN, M.V.O., Commissioner of Police, New South Wales Police Force.

Donald George FERGUSON, Detective Superintendent 2nd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

The Reverend Clyde John PATON, Cronulla, New South Wales.

For services when a mentally deranged man threatened to kill a woman and a child.

Raymond Arthur BARRETT, Retained Fireman, Norfolk Fire Brigade.

Derrick Harry John BOWMAN, Retained Sub-Officer, Norfolk Fire Brigade.

For rescuing two small children from a burning house.

Donovan Albert BROWNING, Farm Manager, Hedge End Farm, Blandford, Dorset.

John Randolph Meythr TORY, Farm Manager, East Farm, Winterborne, Whitechurch, Blandford, Dorset.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

Stuart Guest BULGER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services when arresting a youth armed with a pistol.

Anthony Gerald DAVIES, Station Officer, Surrey Ambulance Service.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

William Thomas John DAY, B.E.M., Sergeant, Sussex Constabulary (Eastbourne Division).

For rescuing a man from the sea.

Terence GRANT, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Tordiff HARRISON, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For services when arresting an armed man.

Henry James HUSE, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting a man armed with a pistol.

Urho KARBBINEN, Miner, Mount Isa Mine, Queensland.

For services when an explosion occurred in a mine.

Frank Theodore PEACH, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

For arresting a man armed with a shot-gun.

Miss Georgina Mary Ince SLATCHER, Ambulance Attendant, Chester.

For services when a fire broke out in a dwelling house.

John Anderson SYME, Constable, City of Edinburgh Police.

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

Alan Charles WARMAN, Inspector, Thames Valley Constabulary.

Nigel RAYMENT, Constable Thames Valley Constabulary.

Christopher Michael ROGERS, Constable, Thames Valley Constabulary.

For services when arresting a youth armed with an offensive weapon.

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