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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards of a Bar to the British Empire Medal and 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.

Awarded a Bar to the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division):

Patrick Glanville GIBBINS, B.E.M., Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Two employees of a firm were returning from a bank with cash when three men were seen by police officers to go to a parked car. One man got into the driver's seat whilst the two others, after taking from the car a bucket and something wrapped in a cloth, moved down an alley. The man in the car was quickly arrested and was found to be in possession of a metal bar and a plastic container filled with ammonia. Meanwhile Sergeant Gibbins, accompanied by another officer, had driven his car into the alley where he saw the other men standing against a rear wall. One held an iron bar and the other a bucket in one hand and an iron bar in the other. One aimed a blow at Sergeant Gibbins with the iron bar, but the officer avoided it and swung the car door at him, knocking him off his feet and causing him to drop the bucket from which ammonia spilt. The other man then attacked the Sergeant with an iron bar but the officer managed to avoid the blows and succeeded in felling him with his fists. As he did so the first man, who had by this time regained his feet, struck Sergeant Gibbins a vicious blow on the head with his iron bar and then ran off. Despite his injury, from which blood was flowing freely down his face and over his clothing, Sergeant Gibbins pursued him, but he escaped by climbing a fence and crossing a railway line. He was later arrested.

Sergeant Gibbins was taken to hospital for treatment to his head wound.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division):

Arthur William BUNT, Moruya, New South Wales.

A serious fire hazard was presented by bush fires which had been burning for some weeks on the western and north western sides of the township of Moruya. Volunteers from the Bush Fire Brigade were endeavouring to contain an outbreak by the use of bulldozers and water tankers. One man who had been carting water in a truck to tankers in the area, drove his vehicle down an incline into a gully but found he could not drive it out again. He decided to abandon his vehicle because of a 44 gallon drum of petrol on the back of the truck which he considered might explode in the extreme heat. By that time flames about 30 feet high were burning within 40 feet of the vehicle, which was surrounded by the fire. He then ran through a portion of the bush which had previously burned out. After about 200 yards he fell exhausted into a hole left by a fallen tree where he lay in the hope that it would afford him some protection. Mr. Bunt, who was driving a bulldozer, was informed that there was a man still in the fire area and he immediately set out to save him. The man who was lying in the hole in the ground heard the bulldozer approaching and ran through a tunnel of flame before collapsing near the blade of the bulldozer. Bunt reversed the vehicle, leaned over and pulled the man onto the foot-plate of the bulldozer. The man was so badly burned that he was unable to hold onto the vehicle and Bunt held him on the side away from the fire as they made the return journey. The intense heat forced Bunt to leave the fire trail and push a path down the side of the hill until they reached the safety of cleared land, some 500 yards away. In entering the area, where the fire was burning so fiercely, by means of a slow moving and cumbersome bulldozer which afforded him little protection, Mr. Bunt exposed himself to imminent danger of being burned, asphyxiated by the heat and smoke

or being crushed by falling trees. He displayed a high degree of courage.

Douglas Albert Charles PROCTOR, Catering Boy, m.v. "Booker Venture", Booker Merchantmen Ltd.

While "Booker Venture" was berthed alongside the quay at Georgetown Mr. Proctor and the Chief Cook were returning to the vessel across a foot-bridge over the exceedingly fast-flowing Demerara River when suddenly the Chief Cook, a large and heavy man, fell into the water. Proctor who is only a poor swimmer, immediately jumped into the water to assist the Cook, who was by now struggling beneath the surface. Proctor managed to get hold of the Cook who, in his struggles, slipped from his grasp and was swept by the strong current under the open framework of the quay. Proctor swam after him, caught hold of him again, and towed him to one of the quay's stanchions. There he supported the Cook until another member of the ship's crew gave assistance. They managed to get the Cook, who was unconscious, back on to the quay, where artificial respiration was successfully applied. Proctor showed courage and determination in effecting this rescue in darkness from a fast flowing river, known to be so dangerously infested that local inhabitants would not swim in it.

John Denis SPRAGG, Constable, Gwent Constabulary.

At about 11.25 p.m. an alarm at a warehouse sounded and a youth was seen climbing out of a window about 60 ft. above the ground. The building was surrounded and the Fire Service was called and arrived with a rescue platform. Constable Spragg and two other officers were raised to roof level as near as possible to the apex of the roof but still about 8 ft. from it. Spragg climbed the platform onto the sloping roof behind a chimney stack, and then scrambled the remaining distance to the apex of the main roof. At this point he was about 60 ft. above the ground. He then moved across the main roof. One of the intruders walked towards Spragg. The Constable had to restrain and subdue this man who made a determined effort to jump off the roof. He was quietened by the Constable and then both climbed to the apex of the main roof. The rescue platform was moved to within 8 ft. of the apex and Spragg and his prisoner then slid down the roof to the rescue platform and were lowered to the ground. Once again Spragg left the platform and scrambled to the apex of the main roof and from this position he saw a second man who ran to the edge of the roof. The Constable reasoned with him for about five minutes and eventually persuaded him to join him on the main roof. Both then slid down to the rescue platform to be lowered to the ground.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Alan Walter BAITUP, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

Arthur Brian MORRIS, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

For rescuing a woman who threatened to jump from the top of a 300 ft. high cliff.

Moisant James BENNETT, Sergeant 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Robert William YOUNG, Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For rescuing a mentally disturbed man from the top of a 175 ft. high radio tower.

William CARR, Labourer, Aberdeen.

Albert DALGARNO, Plant Maintenance Worker, Aberdeen.

Lachlan WALKER, Apprentice Bricklayer, Aberdeen.

For services when an accident occurred on a tower crane.

Josef FLEISCHMANN, Jeweller, London, W.2.

Edward Arthur FRANKLIN, Taxi Driver, London, W.9.

For services when five armed men raided a bank.

Edward McDonald GREENWELL, Constable, Liverpool and Bootle Constabulary.

David James SMITH, Constable, Liverpool and Bootle Constabulary.

For arresting an armed man.

James Stewart JAMES, Eastwood, Sydney, New South Wales.

Leslie William Henry JAMES, Seven Hills, Sydney, New South Wales.

For services when an armed man attempted to rob a bank.

Harold Powell JONES, Constable, Liverpool and Bootle Constabulary.

Alan William WOOD, Constable, Liverpool and Bootle Constabulary.

For arresting two men armed with knives.

Nigel John LEWIS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Stanley MORRIS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting two armed men.

Stuart NELSON, Cinema Doorman, London, S.W.1.

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

Hugh Hamilton PARKER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Derek TUCKER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting a man armed with a loaded pistol.

Robert Jeremy SWEET, Constable, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

For attempting to detain a dangerous criminal after being seriously injured by him.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Captain Basil Rowland BRADSHAW, Pilot, Laker Airways.

Bernard Arthur SEDGWICK, First Officer, Laker Airways.

For services when a fire broke out on board an aircraft while in flight.

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