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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