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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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15th December 1970.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve 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)*

John Malcolm GRIFFITHS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Griffiths and another officer were on patrol in a police car when they received a message that suspects were believed to be on premises nearby. The officers drove to the area and Griffiths went to an alleyway running parallel to the rear of the houses whilst the other officer drove to the front. As Constable Griffiths entered the alleyway he saw a man carrying a holdall. The Constable stopped him, told him he was a police officer and produced his warrant card. The man thereupon pulled out a sawn-off double-barrelled shot gun from the bag and threatened the Constable. Griffiths immediately knocked the gun from his hand and the man ran down the alley. The Constable gave chase and the man turned around and threw an open lock-knife at him. The man then took an iron bar from inside his left sleeve and started hitting Griffiths about the chest and stomach with it. A struggle ensued, the man managed to get away with the Constable in pursuit. As Griffiths came up to him he was again violently assaulted with the iron bar but eventually managed to overpower the man and arrest him.

Lieutenant Commander David Herbert JOHNSON, R.N. (Retired), Bookseller, Limpsfield, Surrey.

Edward TURNBULL, Plant Operator, Limpsfield, Surrey.

A man with a long criminal record, broke into a house by forcing the front door. He stole various items of jewellery, silver and porcelain which he placed in a pillow-case. He left the house by the front door carrying the pillow-case and started to walk towards the main road. He was seen by Lt.-Cdr. Johnson and another neighbour, a woman, and they both ran up the road after him. Johnson was able to outpace his companion and he caught up with the burglar, stopped him and asked him what he had been doing in the house. The man threatened Johnson at the same time pulling what appeared to be a small automatic pistol from his jacket pocket. He then turned and ran off followed by Johnson. From time to time the man turned and pointed the gun towards his pursuer who nevertheless continued to follow him. At one point he turned and fired the pistol. The chase continued and Mr. Turnbull then arrived on the scene, and he immediately joined the chase with Lt.-Cdr. Johnson. They continued to follow the man at a distance of 20 to 30 paces despite the fact that he continually turned and levelled the pistol at them. On reaching the main road he pointed the gun towards Mr. Turnbull and fired it. He then ran across the road and tried to enter a car which was momentarily stationary in a line of traffic. He was not successful and as he turned away Turnbull jumped at him. The man turned and fired the gun but Turnbull closed with him and threw him to the ground. Johnson then disarmed him and both men kept him in their custody until the arrival of the police, when he was handed over together with all the property stolen from the house.