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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
 ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
 26th October 1971.

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 DONNELLY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

John Philip WHITEHEAD, Lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constables Donnelly and Whitehead were directed to the scene of a fire on 10th February 1971, and on arrival found that the first floor landing of a house was engulfed in flames and smoke and a child was trapped in a first floor bedroom. They made two determined efforts to enter the burning room, but each time were beaten back down the stairs by the intense heat and choking smoke. Constable Donnelly, who had obtained a blanket and soaked it in water, rushed up the stairs followed by Constable Whitehead, also covered by a wet blanket. Inside the bedroom they were unable to see because of the thick smoke, but Constable Donnelly heard a whimper and eventually touched the child, picked it up, wrapped it in a blanket and both officers ran down the burning staircase to the garden. Constable Donnelly immediately gave the child artificial respiration, continuing until resuscitation was taken over by a Fire Brigade Officer using oxygen equipment.

It was entirely due to the bravery of these two officers, who risked severe burns, were affected by smoke and suffering from exhaustion,

that the child, who later died, was rescued from the fire and taken alive to hospital.

Malcolm John KNIGHT, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

While on plain clothes duty Constable Knight saw three men run into an alley. He approached the men as he had reason to believe they had earlier robbed a taxi-driver at gun-point. The men rushed him and one of them produced a gun; Constable Knight immediately grabbed the wrist holding the gun, whereupon the man's accomplices grappled with him and during the violent struggle which ensued he was struck on the back of the head by the gun, kicked and punched repeatedly. He fell once, but managed to rise again and give chase, bringing one man to the ground. However, the other assailants returned and there was a further struggle during which the men pinned the officer to the ground. Despite being attacked with a rock, severely bitten and again threatened with a gun, Constable Knight continued the struggle with his assailants until he was rendered unconscious.

Constable Knight's considerable courage in tackling these three men in the face of their continued violence and his considerable injuries played a major part in their arrest.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Aubrey BAKER, Scaffolder, Retford, Nottinghamshire.

Thomas Anthony TODD, Welder, Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

For rescuing a man who was trapped by collapsed scaffolding during alterations to the interior of a power station boiler.

Robert CONSTABLE, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting an offender armed with a loaded revolver.