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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and to approve the awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division) 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.

To be an additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for Gallantry:

Michael Alexander BARKER, Higher Scientific Officer, Ministry of Defence.

For gallantry

George Medal

Kevin John KEMP, Constable, Tasmania Police Force.

Information was received by the Police that a man was menacing people in the street at Glenorchy. Two policemen went to the spot and tried to restrain the man who was carrying a shot-gun and had a belt full of cartridges; the gunman fired at the policemen and escaped. In the meantime the unit of which Constable Kemp was a member had arrived on the scene and the man was located in the boiler room of a mill where he was threatening to shoot his pursuers. The Constable tried to persuade the man to give up his weapon, but he refused and fired a shot in the air and eventually, at the man's request, the Constable put down his own weapon and started walking up the boiler room steps. Although the man kept him covered and continually threatened to shoot, the Constable unhesitatingly moved forward and, when he was within six inches of the man, grabbed the barrel

and disarmed him. In facing a man who was under the influence of liquor and had already fired at other Police officers, Constable Kemp displayed courage of a very high order.

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

Alan Robert CHESTER, Panel Beater, Brighton, Sussex.

Gordon Cox, Lorry Driver, Brighton, Sussex.

Mr. Cox was driving home when he saw flames coming from a house and was told that a man and a child were trapped inside. Mr. Chester had also seen the fire, telephoned for the Fire Brigade and then gone back to the house. Mr. Cox entered the house by using a step-ladder and climbing onto someone's shoulders; he reached a first floor window, broke the glass pane with his hands and got into a smoke filled room. He made his way to the top of the stairs and could see flames from the ground floor, he then heard a noise and entered another room where he found an unconscious man lying on a bed. He was then joined by Mr. Chester who had meanwhile gone to the rear of the house and climbed a drainpipe to the first floor bedroom, having first searched the kitchen. Mr. Cox was by this time badly affected by smoke and had to leave the house by climbing from the window. Mr. Chester tried to move the man towards the window, but he was too heavy and Mr. Chester constantly needed to return to the window for air; when the Fire Brigade arrived he informed them he had found the man. By this time he was having difficulty in breathing but he made one more effort to move the man. Fire Officers wearing breathing apparatus then entered the room and advised him to leave; he went out to the landing and heard a noise from behind another door, he tried to open the door, but could not do so. By this time he was almost overcome by the smoke and had to leave the house by the same window as Mr. Cox. It was appar-

ent at the time Mr. Cox and Mr. Chester entered this house that it was burning fiercely on the ground floor and was full of suffocating smoke and intense heat. Despite this, they both made a gallant effort to find the persons trapped and placed themselves in very serious danger.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Garry BALDWIN, Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Albert Bruce THOMPSON, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting and disarming a man armed with a loaded rifle.

John Roger BROWN, Constable, South Wales Constabulary.

For arresting an offender armed with a knife.

Roy COOK, Road Tanker Driver, Southampton.

For services in preventing an explosion following an escape of liquid propane in a factory yard.

Richard Arthur Edgar HAMMOND, Fitter, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Paul Alexander Peter WOODARD, Fitter, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

For services in preventing further damage following an explosion in a hospital boiler room.

John William HARVEY, Leading Fireman, Suffolk, and Ipswich Fire Brigade.

For services in preventing a mentally disturbed man from committing suicide.

Eric HASLAM, Q.P.M., Deputy Chief Constable of Kent.

Maurice PENFOLD, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

For disarming and arresting an armed intruder who had entered a house and held the owner and his family hostage.

Peter John HOBDAI, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Barry Joseph Sidney WILLMOTT, Lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting two youths armed with knives.

Nicholas Western LEMOIR, Constable, Bristol Constabulary.

For services in arresting and disarming two juveniles following an attempted robbery.

William LLOYD, Small Heath, Birmingham.

For the attempted rescue of a fellow employee who was trapped when a trench collapsed.

John O'HARE, Sub-Officer, Central Area Fire Brigade, Stirling.

For rescuing two children from a blazing house.

Lance Patrick WICKS, Sergeant 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For confronting and disarming a mentally disturbed offender.