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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George 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 for their brave conduct:—

Awarded the George Medal:—

Robert CAMPBELL, Constable, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary.

Following a report that a madman was running about the streets armed with a gun, Constable Campbell, with a Sergeant and another Constable, set out in a police car to look for him. While on their way they saw a man standing on the footpath with his back to the wall of a building and with his hands behind him. The Sergeant, who was driving the car, stopped it near him. It was seen that the man was in possession of a shotgun which he was trying to conceal behind his right leg.

As the Sergeant began to wind down the driver's window the man raised his gun and fired. The shot shattered the car window and struck the Sergeant on the face and the right side of the head killing him instantly. Almost immediately the man fired the second barrel. This shot inflicted deep ragged wounds on the other Constable's right wrist and left elbow.

As the second shot was fired Constable Campbell, who was in the back of the car, jumped out and closed with the man, who was reloading. A struggle followed in which the man put up a strong resistance but Campbell managed to overpower him and hold him flat on his back on the ground. He then handcuffed him and later took him to the police station.

Constable Campbell acted with courage, coolness and promptitude in closing with a dangerous assailant who had shot two men and who was still armed with a gun which he did not hesitate to use.

Clifford Robinson MITCHELL, Second Class Constable, Jamaica Constabulary.

Constable Mitchell was on station guard duty at Sandy Bay, Hanover, and during the day visited the cell of a convicted criminal. On opening the door the man rushed at Mitchell and slashed him on the left side of the face with the long blade of an open razor. Mitchell attempted to close with the criminal but he slashed him again and ran away. Mitchell, who was bleeding freely, then gave chase and followed the prisoner over a stone wall. He caught him but was slashed in the abdomen and the man broke away. Despite his severe wounds the Constable continued the chase and came up with the prisoner in a cane field about 200 yards from the cell. He tackled him and in the ensuing struggle was severely cut on the hand but he eventually overpowered him and with the assistance of others took him into custody.

Constable Mitchell displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty.