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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*10th February, 1953.*

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following 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:—*

Frederick Leslie JONES, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

An argument developed between two men in an hotel at Gwabegar. One of them obtained a rifle from his room at the hotel and, returning to the scene of the argument, pointed it at the other man. The latter was pulled out of range by onlookers. Constable Jones, who was on duty nearby, was called and saw the man with the rifle standing about half way up a flight of stairs leading to the yard of the hotel. The Constable called upon him to put down the rifle, but he refused and threatened to shoot him. Constable Jones ignored the threats and climbed the stairs towards the man. When near enough he grabbed at the rifle but the gunman stepped back up the stairs and wrenched the barrel from the Constable's hold. He then fired and the bullet entered the Constable's leg below the knee. In the meantime three other men had moved through the inside of the hotel to the balcony above the miscreant and before he could load and fire again, they disarmed him.

The action of Constable Jones in approaching an armed offender and, despite the latter's threat to shoot, attempting to seize the loaded rifle, reflects courage of an extremely high order.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Eric Joseph RIPPON, Sergeant, 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal  
 (Civil Division):—*

Trevor Victor FIELD, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Following complaints about a man, Sergeant Rippon and Constable Field interviewed him at his home. During their questioning the man ran into the house. The two Policemen followed him whereupon he shouted to them from an adjoining room to get back or he would shoot them. He then approached the doorway of the room in which the two Police Officers were standing, at the same time pointing a double-barrel shotgun at them. Sergeant Rippon moved to the wall alongside the doorway and the Constable stepped behind a cupboard on the other side of the doorway. The Sergeant saw a portion of the shotgun barrel protrude past the door at his side and succeeded in forcing it upwards as the trigger was pulled. The shot passed over the Sergeant's left shoulder and lodged in the wall on the opposite side of the room. The man with the gun stepped backwards into the adjoining room, pulling the weapon from the Sergeant's grasp. Sergeant Rippon immediately followed him and although the shotgun was pointed at his chest, he crouched low and, pushing upwards with his right hand, managed to divert the barrel as the man pulled the trigger. The shot narrowly missed his head. Constable Field heard the first shot and thinking the Sergeant may have been injured, ran to his assistance and was just passing through the doorway as the second shot was fired. There is little doubt that but for the deflection of the barrel, either the Sergeant or Constable Field, who were both in line with the weapon, would have been killed or injured.