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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 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.

To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—

Kitty Anna, Mrs. Hesselberger, Farmer, Kenya.
 Rhoda, Mrs. Raynes-Simson, Farmer, Kenya.

One night, at about 9 o'clock, Mrs. Hesselberger and Mrs. Raynes-Simson were attacked by a Mau Mau gang armed with knives.

The two ladies were sitting alone in their isolated farm house when four or five attackers entered. A larger number are known to have been outside the house. Mrs. Hesselberger was walking towards the table with her back towards the door through which the gang entered. Mrs. Raynes-Simson saw the gang enter and sprang to her feet, picking up her revolver which was in readiness on the seat of her chair, and at the same time warning Mrs. Hesselberger. A member of the gang armed with a knife came towards Mrs. Raynes-Simson. She fired at him and he fell dead. Another member of the gang had thrown Mrs. Hesselberger into a chair, had a grip on her neck and was just raising a knife when Mrs. Raynes-Simson fired at him. He ran out of the room. Mrs. Hesselberger jumped up, grabbed her automatic and followed him. Mrs. Raynes-Simson picked up another

revolver and followed her. From the next room they heard sounds in the corridor which was in darkness. They fired down the corridor and by this action stemmed a determined attack by the gang which broke up and fled in disorder. Later an African was found lying dead in the corridor with a knife by one hand and some rope in the other. The two ladies re-loaded their guns and fired off the warning signal to their neighbours.

Mrs. Hesselberger and Mrs. Raynes-Simson showed great determination and courage in taking the offensive against a savage gang and set a great and much needed example of alertness and preparedness to the people of all races of the Colony. Their gallant action gave much heart to the community.

Awarded the George Medal :—

Wilfred Cain, Constable, Nottingham City Police (Bulwell, Nottinghamshire).

Shortly after midnight Constable Cain saw a man in the River Trent near Trent Bridge, Nottingham, and heard a call for help. Cain went to the river side and by the light of the headlights of a radio patrol car could see that the man was in difficulties in the centre of the river. With complete disregard of his own safety, the Constable immediately stripped off his uniform and swam to the rescue. The drowning man was about 150 feet from the bank, and the river, which is between 12 and 15 feet in depth at that part, was running with a very strong current. The water was extremely cold and the man fought and struggled continuously. Cain, however, persisted in his efforts and swam with him for a distance of about 350 yards before he was able to bring him to the river bank. Throughout the rescue, which was on a very dark night, the only lighting at the scene was from the headlights of the Police