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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the Bar to the George Medal, 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.

Awarded the Bar to the George Medal :

George Edward DORSETT, G.M., Constable, Metropolitan Police (Chingford).

Police Constable Dorsett was asleep at his house after a tour of night duty, when he was awakened by an explosion, the noise of glass breaking and someone screaming. Looking out of the window, he saw a youth standing in the roadway, pointing a shot-gun at a man. He ran outside where the youth, on the opposite side of the road, with the gun still in his hand, was shouting threats. Walking towards the youth, who, with his finger on the trigger was pointing the weapon at him, Dorsett said that he was a police officer and told him to put the gun down. The youth refused and threatened to shoot but the Constable continued to advance, knocked the gun aside and over-powered him with the assistance of another man who then ran forward. There is little doubt that had the youth fired while the officer was advancing towards him Constable Dorsett would have been seriously injured or killed.

Awarded the George Medal :

Thomas Isaac FORDYCE, Corporal, British Guiana Police Force.

A man well known to the Police, with a long criminal record for violence, savagely attacked a Constable with a cutlass, inflicting several wounds on his body from which he died. Corporal Fordyce was off duty when he heard of the murder and immediately rode his bicycle towards the scene of the crime. As he approached he saw the murderer running away with a cutlass in his hand. The Corporal was unarmed but he obtained a length of aluminium pipe and armed with this set off in pursuit. He saw the man on the other side of a canal and started to go across a bridge to arrest him. The man ran to the bridge and advanced towards Fordyce holding the cutlass in an attacking position and shouting threats. He rushed at the Corporal who defended himself with the aluminium rod but it bent and he threw it away. After wrestling with each other for a few seconds the two men fell into the water which is 6 feet deep at that point, with a soft mud bottom 4 feet deep. By holding the murderer's head under water, Corporal Fordyce succeeded in getting the cutlass out of his hand. He then brought him to the side of the canal, handcuffed him and took him into custody.

Awarded the George Medal :

Thomas Hartley HUDDLESTON, lately Sergeant, East Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary (Driffeld).