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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
 15th December 1959.

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

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

Henry John Rixon TAYLOR, Manager, Westminster Bank, Leicester.

Mr. Taylor was behind the desk at a branch bank when a man came in, jumped on to the top of the counter, then behind it. He was holding a sawn-off shotgun in his right hand and a bag in his left. There was no one else in the bank. The man waved the gun at the Manager and demanded money. Mr. Taylor immediately grappled with him and he dropped the bag and started to climb back over the counter. The Manager pulled him down by the legs. There was a struggle and the man, holding the gun like a club, struck Taylor on the head with it causing a severe scalp wound. Taylor continued to struggle with the gunman who finally broke away and ran off leaving behind the sawn-off shotgun and bag. Mr. Taylor chased him but collapsed outside the bank. He had tackled

the armed man without thought of himself and prevented the theft of money from the bank.

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

Albert THACKERAY, Station Officer, East Riding of Yorkshire Fire Brigade. (Brough.)

Station Officer Thackeray was the officer in charge of an appliance which was called to a fire in a dwelling house in Gilberdyke. The fire had reached serious proportions when the Brigade arrived and Thackeray was informed that two unsuccessful attempts had been made to rescue an elderly lady who was known to be in the house. He entered the house with a fireman but due to the intense heat and smoke the fireman was overcome and had to be removed. With the aid of covering jets Station Officer Thackeray went up the burning staircase, and searched the upstairs rooms. The floor of one of the rooms had partly collapsed but in another room he found the old lady unconscious in bed and brought her out of the house.

*Queen's Commendations for Brave Conduct :*

Charles Joseph Henry BAYLEY, Postman Driver, London Postal Region, General Post Office. (London E.1.)

Charles Edward HILL, Postman, London Postal Region, General Post Office. (Hainault.)

Francis William Edward PALMER, Technician IIA, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office. (London E.3.)

For services when an attempt was made to rob a mail van.