

backed out of the room. Meanwhile Constable Ross had told Sergeant Page what was happening and together they followed the man up some stairs to a first floor room which had two exits. Constable Rich had made his way there by an alternative route. As Sergeant Page and Constable Ross entered the room the man took aim and warned them he would shoot if they came any further. He then threatened to kill them if he was not let out. Sergeant Page signalled to Constable Ross and both officers drew their truncheons. Constable Rich, who was still guarding the other exit, did the same. After a few moments the man appeared to relax and the officers saw him lower the gun. Sergeant Page immediately shouted and the three officers rushed forward and jumped on the man who was then disarmed and placed in a detention room. The three officers were equally in peril and equally aware of the risk to which they were exposed in closing with a dangerously unstable man who was armed with a loaded weapon which to all appearances he was prepared to use.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Anthony BENNETT, Security Man, Rochdale, Lancashire.

Maurice EDDISON, Security Man, Whitworth, Lancashire.

For rescuing two men from a gas filled cellar.

Richard Deacon BERRY, Electrical Fitter, South Western Region, Central Electricity Generating Board, Sonning Common, Oxfordshire.

For services when an accident occurred at an electrical Sub-Station.

David Johnston BURNS, Constable, Metropolitan Police, London N.W.10.

Patrick William SERGEANT, Roofing Specialist, London W.11.

William SHORTALL, Paint Sprayer, London W.11.

For services when the jib and counterbalance of a large crane collapsed and trapped two workmen.

John Harold CATHER, Bank Officer, Bellevue Hill, New South Wales.

Mervyn Philip COOPER, Detective Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Brian Seymour FITZPATRICK, Constable First Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when an armed man attempted to rob a bank.

John Wallace HAMMOND, Constable, Huddersfield Borough Police.

For services when arresting a man armed with a shot gun.

Kenneth John McKNIGHT, Constable, New South Wales Police Force, North Turramurra.

For disarming a mentally disturbed youth in possession of a loaded rifle.

John William MARKHAM, Postman Mail Driver, General Post Office, London S.E.5.

Thomas Edward TAYLOR, Postman, General Post Office, London S.E.13.

For services when a gang of armed men attacked a Sub-District Office.

Arthur Edward NICHOLLS, Divisional Officer, Grade III, London Fire Brigade, London W.1.

For services when a woman was rescued from a ledge of a building 60 feet above ground level.