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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards 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 Brave Conduct.

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

Ronald James ARNOLD, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

As the result of an emergency call Constable Arnold was one of a number of Police Officers who went to a house where a man had gone berserk, stabbing to death three members of his family and seriously wounding a fourth. The man had barricaded himself in an upstairs room by placing large furniture against the door and refused to give himself up. After repeated attempts to persuade him to leave quietly it became apparent that it was impossible to reason with him while he was in such a violent state and as several hours had elapsed it was decided to force him to leave the room by the use of CS gas. Accordingly Constable Arnold, with other officers, wearing a gas mask was stationed on the landing outside the man's room. A canister of CS gas was then fired into the room and Constable Arnold immediately began to chop down the door with an axe; this resulted in the man suddenly bursting from the room brandishing two knives as he lunged at the officers. Constable Arnold who throughout the whole siege had been stationed in front of the bedroom door in the position of greatest danger immediately tackled the man and another policeman grabbed one of the man's legs; Constable Arnold fell over backwards with the man on top of him and together they tumbled down the stairs. The man was still in possession of both knives, he continually lunged at the officers in a violent frenzy and during the struggle Constable Arnold received a stab wound to his hand and injuries to his right leg; his gas mask was dislodged and he suffered from the effects of the CS gas. With the assistance of other officers the man

was eventually disarmed and arrested. Throughout this incident Constable Arnold showed outstanding bravery and disregard for his personal safety in dealing with this very strong and extremely violent man.

Michael PITT, Constable, Somerset and Bath Constabulary.

Kevin Eamonn Anthony SAUNDERS, Constable, Somerset and Bath Constabulary.

In response to an emergency call Constable Pitt and Constable Saunders went to a house where an armed man had forced an entry and, after having shot and wounded a man, was attempting to abduct a young woman. When the officers arrived the man was in the street and had forced the girl into his car. The Constables approached them and attempted to calm the man by talking to him, but he pulled the girl from the car, dragged her down the road, at the same time threatening the officers with his gun. Both Constables, however, continued to close in, but when Constable Saunders was within some three to four feet away the man pointed the gun at him and pulled the trigger. The gun failed to discharge and after a struggle the man was overpowered, disarmed and arrested. The action of these two officers in arresting an armed man whom they knew had already discharged the firearm displayed courage of a very high order.

Alfred Joseph TAYLOR, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

George Stafford ACHESON, Medical Practitioner, Fakenham, Norfolk.

For services in restraining and disarming a mentally deranged man.

Charles BRADY, Principal Officer, Northern Ireland Prison Service.

For gallantry.

Ian Aldwyn CALLOWAY, Constable, Bristol Constabulary.

For arresting an armed man.