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State Intelligence

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
12th October 1976.

The PRINCE OF WALES announces that, from January 1st 1980 he will consider the grant of Royal Warrants of Appointment to Tradesmen, both Manufacturers and Retailers, who have, during the preceding three year period commencing January 1st 1977, made a continuous, satisfactory and direct supply of goods or services to His Royal Highness.

Applicants for such Warrants of Appointment to The Prince of Wales should, at the end of this three-year qualifying period, apply on the appropriate form, to the Secretary, Royal Household Tradesmen's Warrants Committee, Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, London S.W.1. This form is obtainable either from the Secretary, Royal Household Tradesmen's Warrants Committee, or from the Secretary, Royal Warrant Holders' Association, 7 Buckingham Gate, London S.W.1.

In general, and in accordance with the accepted Rules relating to Royal Warrants of Appointment, Manufacturers and Retailers who supply goods indirectly, i.e. through a Government Department, are ineligible for the grant of such a Warrant of Appointment, as also are those, such as Bankers, Solicitors, Art Dealers, Employment Agencies, etc., who render professional services.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
12th October 1976.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the Queen's Gallantry Medal to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 2nd October 1976)

James Patrick BIRMINGHAM, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

David William POTTER, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

On the night of 2nd January 1976, police were called to an address in Brisbane where a drunken man armed with a rifle had gone berserk and attempted to kill a woman.

The gunman fled from the house and continued his rampage, firing numerous shots at the police.

Constable Birmingham and Constable Potter were told by police radio of the man's route and took up positions awaiting his arrival. As the armed man approached, the Constables unhesitatingly challenged him and the gunman then fired a number of shots in the officers' direction. As a last resort to protect their lives, Constable Birmingham, with the aid of the unarmed Constable Potter who shone a spotlight at the offender, fired three rounds at the gunman who was wounded by one of the shots and collapsed to the ground. He was then quickly overpowered and taken into custody.

Constable Birmingham and Constable Potter displayed gallantry of a high order and devotion to duty when without regard for their personal safety and from very little cover they unhesitatingly confronted this armed and dangerous man.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

At the Court at Buckingham Palace the 15th day of September 1976.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Secretary of State for the Environment, after giving to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Norton, in the County of Cleveland, ten days' previous notice of his intention in that behalf, has, under the provisions of the Burial Act 1853 as amended by subsequent enactments, made a Representation to Her Majesty in Council that burials should be discontinued forthwith in St. Mary the Virgin's Churchyard, in the said Parish, shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto.

Provided that—

- (a) In any vault or walled grave now existing in the said Churchyard, burial may be allowed subject to the condition that every coffin buried in such vault or grave be separately enclosed by stone-work or brick-work properly cemented.
- (b) In any earthen grave now existing in the said Churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons heretofore buried in such grave, subject to the condition