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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the George Medal and the Queen's Gallantry Medal and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Awarded the George Medal.

David Hugh PENGELLY, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

Miles David Jeremy BARTON, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Keith Henry BLAKELOCK, (deceased), Lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Robin CLARK, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Richard John COOMBES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Martyn John HOWELLS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Stephen Anthony MARTIN, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Kenneth Gordon MILNE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Ricky PANDYA, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Maxwell Scott ROBERTS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Michael Bernard SHEPHERD, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Alan Richard TAPPY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

On Sunday 6th October 1985 a serious breakdown of law and order took place in north London. A riot by youths involved the throwing of petrol bombs, arson, burglary and the use of arms against the police. Shortly before 10.00 p.m. a supermarket on the first floor of a block of flats was looted and a fire began.

A team of fire officers, escorted by Sergeant Pengelly and Constables Barton, Blakelock, Clark, Coombes, Howells, Martin, Milne, Pandya, Roberts, Shepherd and Tappy made their way to the supermarket. The police officers took up a defensive position around the fire officers to allow them to begin their operation. Within a few minutes a large crowd of youths appeared and attacked the officers with petrol bombs, bricks and other missiles. Sergeant Pengelly ordered a withdrawal. The firemen were placed in the middle of the group for maximum protection. During their retreat down a stairway the mob hacked at the protective shields held by the police with machetes, swords, knives on poles and similar weapons. When the police and fire officers reached the ground they became open to attack from all directions from a crowd of some 300 youths. They had no alternative but to split up and to try to fight their way through the crowd to safety. Constables Blakelock and Coombes fell or were knocked to the ground. A mob of youths set upon Constable Blakelock and brutally attacked him. Sergeant Pengelly sought to beat off, with his truncheon, those around Constable Blakelock. The other police, instead of seeking safety, either joined Sergeant Pengelly, and managed to drive back the heavily armed youths, and drag their severely injured

colleague away: or turned to Constable Coombes who had been attacked and was lying on the ground nearby. He was protected with shields. The advancing mob was fought off and the officer was eventually dragged to safety.

Sergeant Pengelly, with total disregard for his own safety, was the first to drive back the heavily armed youths from around Constable Blakelock. All the officers involved displayed outstanding bravery and devotion to duty when they were faced by this hostile mob.

Edwin GOODMAN (deceased), Lately Retained Fireman, Clwyd County Fire Service.

On 4th March 1987 Fireman Goodman was among a number of fire and rescue officers called to a farm where two brothers, both farmworkers, had become trapped inside a grain silo. From the opening at the top of the silo it was observed that the brothers were lying motionless on the grain, having been overcome by an accumulation of gases.

Fireman Goodman entered the silo wearing breathing apparatus. He lowered himself through the narrow opening and descended a ladder to the surface of the grain. Visibility was very poor. Fireman Goodman attempted to resuscitate the brothers by giving them cardiac massage. A fire service rope was lowered. The officer attached it successively to the brothers who were hauled up by those outside. As the rescuers were struggling to get the second casualty through the opening the warning whistle sounded, showing that ten minutes of air was left in Fireman Goodman's breathing apparatus. Shortly afterwards Fireman Goodman appeared on the ladder without his face mask. He was having difficulty in breathing, and before his colleagues could reach him, fell back onto the grain. Despite the efforts of colleagues to rescue him, Fireman Goodman died.

In attempting this rescue in an extremely confined and dangerous situation Fireman Goodman displayed devotion to duty and gallantry of a high order.

Martin Stephen PROCTOR, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

On 26th April 1987 an emergency call was received stating that a woman was threatening to commit suicide by jumping in front of a train at an underground station.

Constable Proctor and another officer arrived at the station and descended to the platform where they saw a woman about 25-30 yards inside the tunnel. The Constables attempted to engage the woman in conversation but this proved fruitless. The other officer then left the scene to arrange for the current to be turned off and to stop any trains from approaching. Shortly afterwards Constable Proctor heard and saw the headlights of a train approaching in the tunnel. The woman appeared unsure whether to run or remain where she was. Constable Proctor immediately leapt from the platform onto the track and ran towards her. He reached the woman but she pushed him away. A short struggle ensued. The Constable picked her up and ran towards the platform. At this stage the train was very close but Constable Proctor managed to lift the woman onto the platform before seeking refuge himself. The train stopped in the mouth of the tunnel.

Constable Proctor displayed gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order in rescuing this woman from the path of an oncoming underground train.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Steven James ARCHIBALD, Self-employed Carpenter, Ash, Surrey.

For services in overpowering and detaining an armed man who had robbed a branch office of a building society.

Kenneth George ASHLEY, Station Officer, West Midlands Fire Service.

For services in effecting the rescue of a disturbed man who had climbed a 220 foot high builders lift hoist and was threatening to jump.

John Edward BRAKE, Detective Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of the occupants of a vehicle who had carried out a number of shoplifting offences.

Kevin Ronald BROOM, Constable, Bedfordshire Police.
Stephen Michael Frank DILLEY, Constable, Bedfordshire Police.

Graham Sidney FITCH, Constable, Bedfordshire Police.

Terence Walter MILLER, Service Engineer, British Gas plc.

Timothy Graham STEPHENS, Constable, Bedfordshire Police.

For services leading to the detention of an armed man who had barricaded himself inside a flat, turned on the gas supply and threatened to blow up the block.

John Leslie BROUGHTON, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Timothy John LONG, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a woman who was trapped by heat, flames and smoke during a severe fire in a flat in an apartment block.

John EDWARDS, Constable, Derbyshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of man armed with a loaded shotgun.

Keith William Peter EDWARDS, Boatswain, Royal Maritime Auxiliary Service.

For services in diving into freezing water to bring about the rescue of a man who had attempted to commit suicide.

Laurence Patrick GAHAN, Ambulanceman, Surrey Ambulance Service.

Philip Sidney WALLIS, Ambulanceman, Surrey Ambulance Service.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a man who threatened them with a loaded shotgun.

Stewart INGLIS, Killin Mountain Rescue Team.

William Leslie STITT, Killin Mountain Rescue Team.

For services leading to the rescue of a member of the crew of a helicopter which had crashed into the side of a mountain.

William Henry MATTHEWS, Constable, Gloucestershire Constabulary.

For services in attempting the arrest of a man despite being taken hostage and threatened with a firearm.

Ronald Austin PEARCE, Corporal, The Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

For services leading to the rescue of a man trapped inside a vehicle following a road traffic accident.

John Richard SPEED (deceased), Lately Sergeant, West Yorkshire Police.

John Ravi RAJ, Constable, West Yorkshire Police.

For services in attempting to detain an armed criminal who had previously shot a police officer in order to evade arrest.

Peter John STEVENSON, Care Assistant and Driver, Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre.

For services in rescuing elderly persons from a blazing ambulance.

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