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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