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**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
20th February 1973.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards of the George Medal, the Bar to the British Empire Medal, 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 George Medal*

James Hogg BRUCE, Inspector, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.  
Chor CHOI, Fireman, Fire Services Department, Hong Kong.

Inspector Bruce was off duty when he saw dense smoke from the vicinity of Aberdeen Harbour, Hong Kong. He immediately drove to the Police Marine Base where he met other officers and saw the Jumbo Floating Restaurant burning fiercely. Acting on his own initiative he requested nearby civilian boat crews to proceed to the vicinity to assist rescue operations. He then commandeered a speed boat and with other police officers travelled towards the blazing restaurant; at 50 yards the intense heat prevented further approach, but he saw there were some 15 people clinging to the hull of the restaurant who were in danger of drowning or succumbing to heat. Without hesitation, braving the heat and flying debris caused by internal explosions, he and other officers swam towards the side of the restaurant. When he reached the hull he saw a man and a woman holding the underpart of the vessel, the woman sank but he succeeded in bringing her to the surface and the man, who was panic stricken, grabbed him by the neck and he had to tow both of them for some yards before another police officer took charge of the woman. The man continued to struggle violently and Inspector Bruce had to wrestle with him, but managed eventually to tow him to a rescue sampan. The Inspector returned twice to the restaurant and rescued three more men and he was making a fourth attempt to reach another survivor in a junk when a large explosion took place in the restaurant and caused the junk to change course and the man was eventually pulled to safety by other rescuers. Inspector Bruce then returned to his sampan and with other officers conducted a search in the vicinity of the restaurant and satisfied himself that rescue operations had been completed. Fireman Chor Choi was in a small boat

and whilst approaching the restaurant assisted in rescuing three people from the sea. When the boat broke down, without hesitation, he stripped off his clothing and dived into the water. Despite intense radiated heat and numerous explosions he swam to the side of the burning vessel and with the assistance of another fireman succeeded in rescuing three people who were hanging on to the hull. Fireman Choi subsequently again swam to the burning vessel and with the aid of a life-buoy rescued two more people by towing them to a nearby boat. Later, during search operations he assisted in the rescue of a police constable from the water. Inspector Bruce and Fireman Choi displayed gallantry of a very high order in carrying out these rescues in conditions where the heat was so intense that an approach to the restaurant in a wooden boat was hazardous and to swim in the heat area was a tremendous test of courage and endurance.

*Awarded the Bar to the British Empire Medal for  
Gallantry (Civil Division)*

Joseph Hervé AGLAR, B.E.M., Constable, Mauritius Police Force.

A life raft with the crew of a stricken ship on board was overturned several times by very heavy seas throwing the men into the water. The survivors struggled to the shore and a number of police waded into the water to aid them. Some of the crew, however were caught in a deep channel about half a mile out with a fast running current; two of them were in difficulties and were being swept away. Constable Aglar went into the sea almost fully clothed and managed to swim to the drowning men. He caught hold of them and at one point it seemed that all three would be swept away; however, with incredible determination and strength the Constable succeeded in swimming with the two semi-conscious sailors and managed to drag them into shallower water and then eventually to the shore. Constable Aglar, although in a state of exhaustion at the end of this operation, insisted on continuing to help with the rescue; and did so for a further hour until given a direct order to stop. It was only by the personal courage, initiative, skill and endurance of Constable Aglar that the two men's lives were saved.

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

Ross Butchart BALFOUR, Constable, British Airports Authority Constabulary.

Constable Balfour was called to an incident at London Airport where three youths, one of whom appeared to have a gun, were causing a disturbance. On arrival at the scene the Constable was told that the youth with the

gun had gone into some nearby toilets. Refusing assistance from a civilian witness, the officer entered the toilets alone where he found a youth who answered the witness' description. He asked the youth for his name and address and the youth, who made no reply, pointed a gun at the Constable's head and threatened to shoot. Without hesitation Constable Balfour dived at the youth, hitting him across the shoulders and was then able to get possession of the gun. He searched the youth completed the arrest and, with the help of other officers, escorted the youth and his two companions to the Heathrow Airport Police Station. Although the gun was subsequently found to be a starting pistol Constable Balfour had no reason to believe that it was anything but a lethal weapon at the time he was being threatened and he showed great bravery by placing his life in apparent jeopardy while completing a difficult arrest.

Robert James BLOOMER, Leading Fireman, Belfast Fire Brigade.

For gallantry.

David Douglas BUTTERS, Miner, Hampton, Middlesex.

Following an explosion in a tunnel which was being excavated beneath the Great South West Road, two men were trapped. Attempts were made to clear timbers and enter the tunnel, but this collapsed further as soon as any debris was moved. The Fire Brigade soon arrived and firemen, together with miners from another excavation, began digging down at each end of the tunnel. It soon became evident that this would be a lengthy operation and it was decided to drill down from the top of the road above the spot where the men were believed to be trapped. When the tunnel was breached there was a rush of escaping gas; efforts to clear the gas by the use of an air-line proved unsuccessful and firemen were prevented by the bulk of their breathing apparatus from entering the small hole which had been created. Mr. Butters, who had been assisting in the rescue, jumped into the crater and without hesitation eased himself through the hole down into the tunnel. He had difficulty in breathing as the tunnel was still full of choking fumes, but regardless of his own safety, he went into the tunnel where he saw an unconscious man and dragged him back to the rescuers at the opening. Pausing only to breathe some fresh air Mr. Butters went back into the tunnel and rescued the second man; he then tried to leave the tunnel but was overcome by the fumes and collapsed; he was pulled to the surface and revived by artificial respiration. Both the rescued men were taken to hospital and treated for burns and shock. In view of the danger of asphyxiation, a further explosion or subsidence Mr. Butters put himself in great danger and by his prompt and courageous action saved the lives of the two trapped men.

John Philip COMER, Constable, Bristol Constabulary.

Constable Comer with another police officer waited and questioned the driver of a Jaguar car which had been parked outside a shop and had a defaced tax disc displayed on the windscreen. Whilst being questioned the driver started the car and when the officers tried to stop him he drove towards Constable Comer who jumped forward on to the bonnet of the car while the other officer unsuccessfully tried to open the car door. The car was then driven in a fast and reckless manner for three miles with the Constable spreadeagled across the bonnet clinging with both hands to the guttering at the sides of the windscreen. During the journey the car was driven across five cross roads at high speed, two of which had "stop" signs for major roads and four "T" junctions; it was also driven round corners at speed, swerving from side to side, braking sharply, and accelerating erratically in an attempt to throw the officer off the car. Finally the car ran out of petrol and the driver jumped out while the car was still moving downhill leaving it to continue out of control, with the officer still on the bonnet, until it collided with a wall. The Constable fortunately was unhurt and immediately gave chase; the driver evaded capture, but was arrested the following day. In his attempt to bring about the arrest of a man who had every intention of causing him grievous bodily harm, Constable Comer showed great courage, tenacity and a complete disregard for his own safety.

David James DAVIDSON, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

James HAZLETT, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Robert WRIGHT, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

William Jeffrey KIRK, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Albert McCLEERY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Samuel James MALCOLMSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Peter MACRAE, Sergeant, City of Glasgow Police.

Following a shooting incident at a house to which two constables had already been summoned, Sergeant MacRae, with other officers went to give assistance. On arriving at the scene, they found a gunman in the hallway pointing a shotgun at the two constables. While the sergeant was trying to calm the situation the man said he would like to talk to someone; the sergeant then entered the living room and sat down, but the man insisted that all the other officers should leave the house. On the pretext of complying with this request, Sergeant MacRae stood up and distracted the gunman's attention by heading for the door, he then changed direction swiftly, lunged at the gunman and managed to grip the barrel of the shotgun which he pushed upwards. The gunman immediately pulled the trigger, but the gun discharged harmlessly into the ceiling. With the assistance of the two constables who rushed into the room, the Sergeant disarmed the man and after a brief violent struggle arrested him. Sergeant MacRae displayed a high sense of duty, a complete disregard for his own safety and exceptional bravery in acting as he did in the knowledge that the man who had twice previously fired at people was fully capable of doing so again.

Ian Charles METCALFE, Constable, Manchester and Salford Police.

Constable Metcalfe who was on patrol duties was directed to attend an emergency call. On arrival at the house he and two other policemen were confronted at the front door by a man armed with a rifle, air pistol and an axe. The man was apparently mentally deranged and had an Alsatian dog with him which was under his control. As Constable Metcalfe and the other officers went towards the man he released the dog and incited it to attack the officers; Constable Metcalfe, however, continued to approach the man who raised his rifle and fired at the Constable, the shot missed the officer; then with the rifle trained on him he followed the man into the house. At this time the man had an index finger on the trigger of both guns, but despite this the officer closed with him and managed, after grappling with him, to disarm him; with the assistance of the other officers he was finally overpowered. Constable Metcalfe showed extreme courage in tackling an obviously dangerous man. His devotion to duty is displayed by his actions in following the man into the house with a gun trained upon him immediately after a loaded firearm had been discharged at him.

#### *Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

George ALLOTT, Chief Inspector, Manchester and Salford Police.

Jack Picton BUTLER, Sergeant, Manchester and Salford Police.

For arresting and disarming an Army absentee.

Helen Kay, Mrs. ANELLI, Housewife, Leith, Edinburgh.

Peter ANELLI, Second Officer, m.v. "Shansi", John Swire and Sons Ltd., London.

For attempting to rescue a man from shark-infested seas in New Zealand.

Neil Milne BAIN, Constable, Aberdeen City Police.

George Christie Garden BOOTH, Constable, Aberdeen City Police.

Gordon Rennie MILNE, Sergeant, Aberdeen City Police.

For preventing a suicide attempt from a railway bridge.

David Joseph BROADBENT, Fireman, Oldham Fire Brigade.

For services when rescuing an injured boy trapped in the base of the shaft of a dust extractor tower.

Alexander BRYANS, Ambulance Driver/Attendant, Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority.

Joseph EDGAR, Ambulance Driver/Attendant, Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority.

For gallantry.

Shing-tak CHAN, Fireman, Fire Services Department, Hong Kong.

Shing-yuk CHAN, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

Shing-chau LEUNG, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

Shin-kuen LO, Station Officer Fire Services, Fire Department, Hong Kong.

Chiu-kwan LUI, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

Wai-cheung PUN, Assistant Station Officer Fire Services, Fire Department, Hong Kong.

Wai-hung TAM, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

Shiu-hung WONG, Fireman, Fire Services Department, Hong Kong.

For services in assisting survivors to escape from a fire which engulfed a floating restaurant in Aberdeen Harbour, Hong Kong.

John Henry CLARKE, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Colin David FERGUSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Kenneth Noel LARKIN, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Karl Ernest WILSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William John WILSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

James Ronald CRAWFORD, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Robert Andrew CROZIER, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William DUDDY, Postman, Claudy, County Londonderry.

Tobias Andrew McCARTER, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William George McSPARRON, Postman, Claudy, County Londonderry.

Desmond JONES, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Christopher DEAN, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

Charles Ian STILL, Sergeant, Lancashire Constabulary.

For arresting and disarming a man who had shot and wounded a woman and two policemen.

David Michael GREASLEY, Constable, Nottinghamshire Combined Constabulary.

Vallance WRIGHT, Constable, Nottinghamshire Combined Constabulary.

For intervening and separating two rival factions who were fighting each other.

John HARTEY, Station Officer, Manchester Fire Brigade.

Leslie Gordon ROTHWELL, Fireman, Manchester Fire Brigade.

For rescuing from drowning a driver who was trapped in the cabin of a dump truck which had overturned into a large pond.

James Edward HARTFIELD, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Ernest Percival JACKSON, lately Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting and disarming a mentally deranged man.

James Alfred KINVER, Cashier, Barclay's Bank Ltd., Ash, Surrey.

Rosaleen Sylvia, Mrs. MORGAN, Cashier, Barclay's Bank Ltd., Ash, Surrey.

For assisting in the arrest of an armed bank robber.

Kam-yau LAU, Branch Manager, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Hong Kong.

Yuen-chi TSE, Bank Guard, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

For services in attempting to prevent an armed bank robbery.

Edward McCONNELL, Ambulance Driver/Attendant, Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority.

Robert SHIELDS, Ambulance Driver/Attendant, Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority.

For gallantry.

Robert John McNAMARA, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Herbert Brynmor TALARICO, Sergeant 2nd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services in pursuing and arresting an armed criminal.

Stanley Alexander MURROCK, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting and disarming a youth who was firing an air rifle at a house.

Joseph O'DONNELL, Rotary Press Assistant, Scottish Daily Express, Glasgow.

Vivian Eleanor, Mrs. Tweedie, Constable, City of Glasgow Police.

For services in rescuing a potential suicide from the ledge of a bridge over the River Clyde.

Peter Edward PEARCE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Peter Michael WILES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services when arresting two violent criminals.

Lawrence Thornton ROACH, Inspector, Metropolitan Police.

Ronald Philip Norman WEBB, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Victor Legender Herbert WILKINSON, Chief Superintendent, Metropolitan Police.

For services in arresting a bank robber who threatened to cause a bomb explosion.

Eileen Sylvia, Mrs. ROBINSON, Staff Nurse, Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

For going to the assistance of another nurse who was being attacked by a dangerous mental patient.

Roger SNOOK, Medical Assistant, Bath Hospital Management Committee.

For services in rendering medical aid to an injured driver who was trapped in his lorry beneath a badly damaged house.

Joseph Ronald WHITE, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For overpowering, disarming and arresting an armed bank robber.

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