

challenged by both officers, but before he could be questioned he sprayed fluid at them, temporarily blinding them. The fluid had a lesser effect upon Constable Clabby; he quickly recovered, chased the man and gained on him sufficiently to strike him with his truncheon. The man stumbled slightly but continued to run and had gone only a few yards further when he turned and fired a shot at the Constable from a long barrelled pistol. The Constable continued the chase and the man again turned and fired at him and after a short distance fired another two shots; the officer ducked between two cars but in a few seconds again chased the man who, after firing a further shot, got into another car. He at once started the vehicle and drove it at the Constable who jumped aside throwing his truncheon at the windscreen, but unfortunately the blow had no effect and the car made off at high speed. The man was eventually arrested some time later. Constable Clabby displayed great courage and devotion to duty when unarmed and suffering from the effects of the liquid sprayed into his eyes, he continued to chase the gunman who showed no hesitation in using the gun on his pursuer.

George MENEELY, Constable, Belfast Harbour Police.  
For gallantry.

William James NORRIS, Station Officer, Belfast Fire Brigade.  
For gallantry

David Robert RUMBLE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Following a report by a motorist that an armed robbery was taking place outside a nearby bank, a police officer near the scene saw a security van being driven towards him. He noticed that the driver was wearing civilian clothes and he immediately broadcast alerting other police units in the area. Constable Rumble who was patrolling nearby in his Panda car quickly collected the officer and pursued the van. Eventually the police car was able to draw alongside the van and with the help of the driver of a commercial van which was moving very slowly ahead, the security van was forced to stop. Two men jumped out of the security van and one of them was carrying a sawn-off shotgun. Constable Rumble ran after this man, who turned and pointed the gun at the officer. The Constable pushed the gun away with his truncheon and the man started running again; the officer caught up with him, hitting him with his truncheon and knocked him to the ground. The officer leapt upon the man and the shotgun fell out of his hand, but it was picked up by another of the robbers who raised it and attempted to strike the Constable who parried the blow and the gun struck his arm. Although he was knocked to his knees the officer gained control of the gun. After ensuring that the gun was unloaded Constable Rumble continued to pursue the first man for some distance and finally caught and arrested him. In tackling a man armed with a shotgun who he knew had also taken part in a violent robbery, Constable Rumble displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Francis Dwight ATKINSON, Constable, Metropolitan Police.  
For assisting with the arrest of a robber following a bank raid.

Terence BABBIDGE, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police  
For services in pursuing and arresting an armed man.

Bernard BARRITT, Constable, West Yorkshire Constabulary.  
Brendan FITZPATRICK, Constable, West Yorkshire Constabulary.

For services in rescuing a mentally disturbed man from the roof of a five-storey building.

Ronald Frederick BEAUMONT, Sergeant 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Raymond William Latin PICKERING, Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of two armed bank robbers.

William Albert COLLINS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.  
Thomas Michael DINSDALE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in arresting an armed man who was causing a disturbance.

Clarence William FOSTER, Bank Manager, Lloyds Bank, Daventry.

Gordon Alexander RICHARDS, Sub-Manager, Lloyds Bank, Daventry.

For disarming and detaining a man who attempted to rob a bank

Bernard John Benedict JOPSON, Sergeant 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Ronald LUTTON, Sergeant 3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For attempting to prevent the suicide of an armed and mentally disturbed man.

Leslie KING, Constable, Belfast Harbour Police.  
For gallantry.

David PARE, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

For rescuing a colleague who had collapsed while descending a turntable ladder at a fire in a chemical warehouse.

Alan John PURKISS, Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a driver of a stolen car.

Gerald THOMAS, Constable, Warwickshire and Coventry Constabulary.

David John WESTWOOD, Constable, Warwickshire and Coventry Constabulary.

For assisting in the arrest of an armed man following the fatal shooting of a policeman

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The QUEEN has been pleased to award the Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry to the late Constable Peter Charles Guthrie of the Warwickshire and Coventry Constabulary in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:

An alarm call from the premises of a firearm dealer's shop was received in the early hours of one morning by the police in Coventry. Constable Guthrie, who was the first of a number of police officers to arrive, noticed an intruder inside. He climbed into the shop through a broken window and as he did so a colleague called to him that the intruder was armed. Constable Guthrie did not take cover, however, but continued to move towards the man, who discharged the gun into Constable Guthrie's chest at close range. Constable Guthrie died shortly afterwards.

Constable Guthrie's courage and devotion to duty were in the highest traditions of the police service.

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