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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and for the following awards of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division) 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.

To be an additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for Gallantry :

James Scott Grant ROY, Manager, Gallowgate Branch, Clydesdale Bank, Glasgow.

Shortly after Mr. Roy arrived at the Bank premises one morning, a man with his face partially covered by a balaclava helmet entered the bank carrying a sawn-off shot gun. The man forced three bank employees and a window cleaner at gunpoint into a staff room.

Mr. Roy, who was making a telephone call, heard the noise in the main part of the Bank and looked up to see a man standing in the office pointing the shotgun at him. Mr. Roy dropped the telephone, grabbed the barrel of the shotgun and pointed it away from himself. The gun was fired, but Mr. Roy retained his hold on the barrel of the firearm during the ensuing struggle in spite of being kicked about the body and legs. The man fired the gun twice more during the struggle and each time Mr. Roy managed to keep the barrel pointed away from himself.

In the meantime a second man, also wearing a balaclava helmet, had entered the bank and demanded, without success, that the staff should open the safe. When he saw the struggle in Mr. Roy's office he ran

over and struck Mr. Roy repeatedly on the head and face with a cosh. Mr. Roy released his hold on the gun and fell to the floor. The two men then ran from the bank premises.

Mr. Roy displayed courage of a high order in tackling a man younger than himself who was armed with a shotgun and showed no hesitation in firing the gun three times during the struggle. He exposed himself to considerable danger and his determined action led to the failure of the raid.

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

George Michael BURROWS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Stanley CONLEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

James SMITH, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Burrows and Constable Conley, who were engaged on a special duty for which they were armed with revolvers, were patrolling in a police vehicle. They heard an emergency message over the police radio network that a number of armed and masked men had entered the Office of the Indian High Commission and were holding several members of the staff as hostages. The Constables immediately drove to the scene.

As there were already a number of other Police officers at the front of the building, they went to a side door and entered. They quickly ran upstairs to the reception area, drawing their revolvers as they ran, and stopped at a set of swing doors through which they could hear shouting and screaming. The two officers pushed open the swing doors and saw a masked man, partially hidden by a large pillar, who pointed a revolver and threatened to kill them. Dropping to the ground the officers let the doors swing shut in front of them and then Constable Burrows pushed open one door slightly while Constable Conley called out to the man that they were armed police officers and that he should put down the gun. The man continued to point the weapon at him and Constable Conley fired a single

shot through the gap. Both officers shouted several times that they were armed and called upon the man to throw down his gun but he merely ducked out of sight behind the pillar. The officers then saw another masked man with a knife in one hand and a gun in the other run towards several people lying on the floor threatening that he would kill them. Constable Burrows called upon him to stop and he turned slightly and pointed the gun at the officers. Firmly convinced that the lives of the hostages were in danger both officers fired at the man and he fell to the floor.

Constable Conley then approached the gunman who was behind the pillar by crawling into the room on his stomach. Making skilful use of the furniture as a shield, and with Constable Burrows providing covering fire from the doorway, he was able to reach a position from which the man was completely exposed. Throughout this time the man continued to point the weapon at Constable Burrows in the doorway until Constable Conley shouted "Drop that gun". The man spun round pointing the gun directly at the officer who fired one shot which hit the man in the chest and he fell to the floor. Both the men were killed.

While Constable Conley and Constable Burrows went to the side door, Constable Smith, who had also answered the emergency call, arrived at the front entrance. Shortly afterwards a window was smashed from the inside and through it he saw a masked man with a pistol in his right hand and a knife in his left. Constable Smith immediately shouted to the man that he was a police officer and ordered him to drop his weapons, but the man pointed the pistol at him and as he did so the officer heard shots within the building. Aided by other officers who had just arrived, he cleared a number of pedestrians from the immediate area and stopped traffic. Hearing further shots and screams coming from the High Commission and seeing members of the staff struggling with a masked man, Constable Smith climbed through the broken window armed only with a truncheon and went to their assistance. He hit the masked man with the truncheon and was then able to arrest him and search him for weapons.

It was later found that the guns the raiders had been using were imitations, although the police officers could not possibly have known this. The knives, a sword, and a pump full of acid which the men had also taken into the premises were, however, capable of inflicting lethal injuries upon the officers or the hostages. Constable Burrows, Constable Conley and Constable Smith displayed outstanding bravery when they faced these three violent men.

Robert Evans MOORE, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Ivan MORRISON, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

John Michael O'GRADY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William Joseph THOMPSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Keith Stanley SHEAHAN, Lorry Driver, Coogee, New South Wales.

Two cars collided at a road intersection. Leaking petrol ignited, trapping the three occupants inside one car.

Mr. Sheahan, who was driving past at the time, immediately alighted from his vehicle and with a fire extinguisher in his hand, ran to the burning car and attempted to open the nearside front door which he found was jammed shut. He broke the windscreen of the vehicle and attempted to rescue the occupants, but the intense heat made this impossible. He then broke the nearside windows of the car and reached into the front seat and lifted all the occupants through the side window. The fire had by this time completely engulfed the car and Mr. Sheahan suffered burns to both arms and his face, requiring treatment at the hospital. The people he rescued from the car were in a serious condition, suffering burns to about 30 per cent. of their bodies, which needed specialist treatment.

Mr. Sheahan showed courage of a high order in risking his life in extremely dangerous circumstances when he saved the lives of the three victims.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :

Calvin Lance ALLEN (Deceased), Leather Worker, Littleborough, Lancashire.

For assisting three of his younger brothers to escape from a fire which destroyed their home.

Ernest John Edward ALLEN, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Michael John COOPER, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Robert Ian YOUNG, Leading Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

For services leading to the rescue of a hysterical man who had climbed 70 feet on to a sloping suspension girder on Tower Bridge.

Billy Thomas Albert COATH (Deceased), Construction Worker, H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.

For attempting to save the life of a man who was trapped by a fire in a dockyard shaft.

Frederick Thomas CUMMINGS, Constable, Birmingham City Police.

For disarming and arresting a violent man who was armed with a knife and had assaulted a woman.

Harold Joseph DOVER, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For overpowering and arresting a mentally disturbed man who was armed with two meat cleavers and had gone berserk.

Geoffrey Stephen HANCOCK, Constable, Leicester and Rutland Constabulary.

Clive Patrick HANNON, Constable, Leicester and Rutland Constabulary.

Robert Arthur STRETTON, Constable, Leicester and Rutland Constabulary.

For disarming and arresting a man who had violently attacked them with a knife and had discharged a firearm.

Arthur Owen HUGHES, Inspector, Thames Valley Police.

Stephen Arthur TURNER, Constable, Thames Valley Police.

For arresting an armed man following a shooting incident.

Alphonsus Bede MAYERS, lately Chief Prison Officer,
Maitland Gaol, New South Wales.
Boston Moore SMITH, Prison Officer, Maitland Gaol,
New South Wales.

For foiling the attempted escape from gaol of three
dangerous prisoners.

Vyvia Frank SIMMONS, Foreman, British Steel
Corporation, Llanwern, Newport, South Wales.

For attempting to rescue a workmate who had been
seriously injured in an explosion.

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The QUEEN has been pleased to award The Queen's
Police Medal for Gallantry to the late Constable
Andrew Gordon Harron of the Royal Ulster
Constabulary.

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