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**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE  
ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace,  
London S.W.1  
18th June 1974.

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:*

Reginald Ansell Willing, Emergency Service Officer,  
Melbourne Harbour Trust

Mr. Willing with his diving crew, was called to a wharf in Melbourne Harbour where a vessel had sunk on its side with members of the crew trapped aboard. The whole of the after superstructure was submerged.

Mr. Willing entered the water and eventually located the fore-castle head door which was badly blocked with debris. He surfaced, entered the water a second time and located the stern door. He entered the vessel, and after losing his way twice and negotiating various obstructions and cargo, he found an air pocket some 9 inches deep. He removed his face piece and eventually heard a reply to his calls from within the hull. He established a guideline but then his light went out. He was also affected by the foul air, and had to retrace his route to the surface in total darkness.

He then dived for a third time without an airline, but became entangled in a tarpaulin. He placed a new underwater lamp in position, before returning to the surface, where he regained the airline and finally re-entered the air pocket. He worked in the vessel for a further two hours before returning to the surface in a distressed condition.

Mr. Willing recovered and re-entered the water a fourth time accompanied by another diver. When they reached the air pocket Mr. Willing's colleague remained there while Mr. Willing pushed his way on through heavy debris and found a crew member. After reassuring the man Mr. Willing led him back to the air pocket and the seaman was eventually brought to safety.

Mr. Willing displayed bravery and devotion to duty of a high order when, in spite of the hazards of floating cargo and debris and suffering from exhaustion, he entered the water no less than four times to save a man's life.

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

Edward George BAKER, Sergeant, Kent County Constabulary.

Sergeant Baker was called to a house where a man, who had consumed a large amount of alcohol, was threatening to commit suicide and to shoot one of the police officers already on the scene.

When Sergeant Baker arrived at the house the man was sitting on the floor and had placed a loaded shot gun between his legs with the barrel pressed under his chin. He had tied a string from the trigger to his ankle and another string from the barrel to his wrist, so that anyone attempting to take the firearm away would cause it to be fired and he would be shot.

Sergeant Baker talked to the man for some time and tried to calm him, but eventually he pointed the barrel of the gun at the officer's chest and placed his finger on the trigger. The man told the Sergeant that he would shoot him first and himself afterwards. He then raised the barrel of the gun towards Sergeant Baker's head. Realising the man was about to shoot, the officer leapt forward, grabbed hold of the barrel and threw himself on to him. Almost immediately the gun was discharged harmlessly into the wall, and with the help of other police officers the man was restrained and removed to hospital.

Sergeant Baker acted with conspicuous gallantry throughout this incident and showed a complete disregard for his own safety when he tackled and disarmed this over-wrought and dangerous man.

Michael Philip BROOME, Constable, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

Ernest Frederick JONES, Sergeant, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

In response to an emergency call Sergeant Jones went to a creek where a young boy was reported to be trapped on some tidal mud flats. There was a sewage works at the head of the creek from which effluent flowed through the mud flats to the river and land reclamation was also being carried out. The reclamation was being achieved by dumping tons of rubble on to part of the mud flats and the weight of this rubble had caused the soft mud to be

forced up into deep banks around the area of the dump. On arrival Sergeant Jones found the boy standing on the bank up to his knees in the thick mud. By adopting a prone position the Sergeant edged his way over the mud towards the boy who had by then sunk up to his waist. Some workmen had made several unsuccessful rescue attempts and the officer retrieved the rope which they had thrown to the boy, but he was unable to use it as the boy had continued to sink into the mud to the level of his armpits. Sergeant Jones tried unsuccessfully to pull the boy free by grabbing his arms which were held above his head. Constable Broome, who in the meantime had summoned the Fire Service, also crawled out across the mud to join the Sergeant. Both officers remained with the boy, supporting his head and talking to reassure and calm him as any struggling or panic on his part would have submerged him still deeper in the mud. By the time the Fire Service arrived both police officers were almost completely immersed in the mud themselves, but they managed to use a Fireman's ladder which was passed to them to lever the boy out of the mud and he was able to crawl back to safety. It was several minutes after this that the Sergeant and the Constable were rescued themselves with the aid of a ladder.

Without any doubt the young lad would have died, but for the prompt action of these two officers. They did not hesitate to crawl to the boy and prevented him from being completely immersed in the mud, although they were both in danger of suffering a similar fate. In a dangerous situation they displayed courage of a very high order.

William Ian GRIFFITHS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

As a result of a telephone call, Constable Griffiths and another police officer went to a shop where they saw a man and woman who were already wanted for seriously assaulting a police officer. While his colleague went out to the back of the shop to call for a car to take the couple to the police station for questioning, Constable Griffiths stood between them and the closed door to prevent their escape.

The woman suddenly pushed Constable Griffiths violently and the man immediately stabbed him in the left side of the neck with a pair of sharply pointed scissors. As the Constable staggered from the blow he was stabbed twice more in quick succession, once on the left temple and once over the left ear. The violence of the blows bent the scissors and the officer fell to the floor but, regardless of the pain he was in, he jammed his feet against the shop door to prevent it opening. In their desperate bid to escape the couple kicked him viciously on the body and legs until they were able to partially open the door and push their way through. As the woman left the shop the Constable grabbed her ankle, but the man pulled her free and together they ran off.

The police officer with Constable Griffiths had by this time run back into the shop and the two officers pursued the couple, although Constable Griffiths was bleeding profusely from the wound in his neck. The other officer managed to catch the woman and left her in the custody of Constable Griffiths who, although weak from the loss of blood, managed to hold her until another police officer arrived. The man managed to escape, and was eventually arrested by other officers. Shortly afterwards the Constable's condition appeared so critical that he was driven to hospital and was unconscious on arrival. He was detained for treatment to his wounds and discharged three days later.

Constable Griffiths displayed courage of a very high order when, despite his serious injuries, he detained this violent woman.

David Andrew WOLFENDEN, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Wolfenden was told by a member of the public that a young man had climbed on to an outside ledge on the 5th floor of a departmental store.

The Constable immediately ran to the store and saw the man who appeared to be in an extremely distressed state. Fearing that he would jump, the officer ran up to the 5th floor and went to the ledge, which at that point only had a guard rail round it. The Constable climbed out on to the ledge, but was seen by the man who moved away to a point where the guard rail ended and the ledge narrowed to about 3 feet. Constable Wolfenden followed and, seeing the man brace himself to jump, grabbed his clothing and both men fell struggling on to the ledge in imminent danger of falling to the pavement 100 feet below. There was a prolonged struggle, but the officer managed to retain his hold on the man.

Meanwhile, three other police officers had also seen the man and ran to follow Constable Wolfenden out on to the ledge where he was still trying to restrain the man who was fighting violently. Eventually the four officers managed to drag the man back along the ledge where they pushed him to safety through a window.

Constable Wolfenden showed a complete disregard for his own safety and acted with great courage when, in very dangerous circumstances, he managed to bring about the rescue of this young man.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

John Elliott, Constable, West Midlands Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a violent gunman, who had attempted to kill him.

Raymond Goodall, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

For rescuing a workman who was trapped following the collapse of the 25 feet deep trench in which he was working.

David Albert Hardy, Constable, Derby County and Borough Constabulary.

Frederick George Holmes, Sergeant, Derby County and Borough Special Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a driver acting in a dangerous manner who threatened them with a loaded firearm.

Miss Julianne Horn, Sydney, Australia.

Gerald Smith, Gardener, Hampton Court Palace, Department of the Environment.

Leslie Walter Strudwick, Leading Hand Gardener, Hampton Court Palace, Department of the Environment.

For services leading to the rescue of a man who was overcome by fumes in a culvert.

Ernest George Edward Kitchingham, Petrol Station Manager, Sittingbourne, Kent.

For foiling an attempted armed robbery at a petrol filling station.

Keith McBean, Sergeant, Teesside Constabulary.

For tackling and restraining a man who had attacked and stabbed his wife.

Murdo Macdonald, Fireman, Lanarkshire Fire Brigade.

Archibald Strang, Sub-Officer, Lanarkshire Fire Brigade.

For rescuing a badly injured boy who had fallen into a sewer.

Paul Andrew John Mackaness, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Frank Renate Monti, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting a man who had attempted to commit an armed robbery.

Anthony William Paine, Sales Assistant, Worthing.

For rescuing a woman who was trapped in a burning building.

Miss Jacqueline Sandra Parrish, Woman Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

For disarming and restraining a hysterical woman who was armed with a carving knife.

Frank Smith, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Alan Thomas Wright, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For disarming and arresting a mentally disturbed man who was armed with a loaded shotgun.

Thomas William Spencer, Lodge Porter, Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool.

For going to the assistance of the driver of a security vehicle who was attacked by armed men during a wage snatch.

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