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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE
 ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.
 18th March 1975.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for 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 specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct and Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air.

Awarded the George Medal

David Clifford STEWART, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal

William Robert GRAHAM, Auxiliary Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Samuel James NELSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

James Gary ARMSTRONG, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William John FERGUSON, Inspector, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

George Fredrick LIVINGSTONE, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

George Maxwell ROWE, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

David BRADY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Ryan Kenneth DAVID, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Michael Thomas PEPPER, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Four men armed with two sawn-off shotguns robbed a Sub-Post Office of cash and postal stock and escaped in a stolen car. They were later seen by a police patrol car whose occupants did not know a robbery had been committed, but decided to stop the car because of the manner in which it was being driven. Giving a running commentary on their radio, they pursued the car for several miles before losing sight of it.

As the result of the commentary Constable David travelling in another patrol car recognised the stolen vehicle as it came towards him and drove his patrol car

across the road to block it, but the driver managed to get past. Constable David immediately reversed the police car and continued the pursuit. Although a passenger in the stolen car fired at Constable David and his colleague, striking the windscreen of the patrol car they continued the chase. Meanwhile, ahead of these two vehicles, another police car had been placed across the road forming a road block. On reaching the block the robbers' car turned sharply into a cul-de-sac, still followed by the police, and as it was halting the occupants fired two shots at the officers manning the block, but neither was hit.

Constable David grappled with one of the gunmen to gain possession of his weapon, while the other gunman, who had been beating the officer on the arm with his gun, began loading his shotgun. Constable David was obliged to release his grip but he managed to pull one of the unarmed members of the gang from the car and arrested him. At the same time other police officers ran towards the car and arrested another robber.

Sergeant Pepper arrived on the scene. Knowing that armed police officers had been requested, he decided to try and talk the two armed criminals remaining in the car into surrendering and so avoid the possibility of a gun battle. He approached the gunmen's car and spoke to one of the men who was abusive and threatened to kill him. The officer indicated that he was unarmed and, despite the two guns pointing at him, continued to try and persuade them until one of the men began to reverse the car, still keeping his shotgun directed at the Sergeant.

Constable Brady was one of a number of other officers who had arrived at the scene, he threw his truncheon in an unsuccessful attempt to stop the stolen vehicle which, however, collided with a metal post and shattered a rear window. Constable Brady immediately ran to one of the police cars, reversed it and rammed it into the stolen car, whilst another Constable driving a police van assisted by ramming the car from another direction. One of the gunmen fired a shot at Constable Brady, causing slight wounds to his face and left hand. Sergeant Pepper, with other police officers, then rushed the car and after a violent struggle overcame the two armed men.

All the officers involved in the events leading to the arrest of these armed and dangerous men, who did not hesitate to use their weapons, displayed devotion to duty, great courage and a complete disregard for their own safety.

Nigel Timothy BRYANT, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

Arthur KELSO, Sergeant, Kent County Constabulary.

Robert Roxby NEVILLE, Inspector, Kent County Constabulary.

When an emergency call was received in the early hours of the morning that a man had fallen from a pier into the River Thames, the area car crew, which included Constable Bryant, were already engaged on another call nearby. Leaving the other crew member to deal with this, Constable Bryant went to the pier. He saw a man struggling in the water some 30 yards from the shore. Pausing only to remove his jacket and shoes the Constable entered the water and swam to the man and with some difficulty was able to bring him alongside the pier supports.

Inspector Neville and Sergeant Kelso had also been notified of the incident and drove to the pier. On arrival they found a number of onlookers on the pier steps and from what they were told they were able to locate Constable Bryant by means of a hand torch. The Constable had managed to find a hold on the supports and was holding the man. While Sergeant Kelso returned to the police car for a rope to lower to the Constable, Inspector Neville, believing that Constable Bryant would need some assistance in securing a rope, prepared to enter the water.

At that moment the man started to struggle with Constable Bryant and broke free. He was again found with the aid of a hand torch and seen to be about 40 yards from the shore. Realising now that the man was in the river by design and not accident, Inspector Neville made sure that Constable Bryant was all right, and then entered the river. He swam to the point where the man had last been seen, searched and finally found him floating just beneath the surface. He dragged the man to the surface and tried to calm him, but he struggled violently with the officer and several times dragged him beneath the water. Inspector Neville managed to break the man's grip and was successful in keeping him on the surface.

In the meantime Sergeant Kelso had collected a rope and returned to the pier. He could see Inspector Neville and the man struggling in the water; he quickly stripped and dived 20 feet into the river. He swam to Inspector Neville and the man who had by now been carried some 80 to 100 yards up river by the current. Together the two police officers were able to contain the man's violent struggling, despite being pulled beneath the surface again on a number of occasions. Eventually they were able to wrap the rope round him and temporarily secure him.

The officers held on to the man until the Port of London Authority launch manoeuvred alongside them and dropped another rope which after some difficulty they managed to wrap around the man. The crew and the police officers managed to drag the man into the boat, but he continued to be extremely violent and a doctor also boarded the launch from another vessel. It took the efforts of two members of the crew, the two police officers and the doctor to restrain him.

In entering the river at a point where it is extremely dangerous due to underwater currents Inspector Neville, Sergeant Kelso and Constable Bryant all displayed outstanding courage and a complete disregard for their personal safety when they rescued this mentally unbalanced man.

James Edward FUTCHER, Senior Captain First Class, British Airways.

After four armed hi-jackers had shot their way on to a Super VC10 aircraft, wounding a stewardess in the process of boarding, they demanded that the Captain should join the aircraft. They supported this demand by placing a bound passenger in the doorway of the aircraft, threatening to kill him unless the Captain boarded. Without hesitation Captain FUTCHER left the safety of the air terminal building, intent on going aboard. He was stopped by security guards, but he insisted on joining the aircraft and was allowed to do so. His action immediately reduced the threat to the safety of the passengers and the crew.

After assuming command of the aircraft, Captain FUTCHER took off for an unknown destination, finally landing at Tunis. On the ground at Tunis he went back into the passenger cabin and talked to passengers individually and remained calm through a series of critical deadlines imposed by the guerrillas. The strength of the terrorists' intent was shown by the shooting of one of the passengers and their threat that they would shoot a hostage every two hours until their demands were met. Captain FUTCHER later took a deliberate decision to remain on board, when it seemed likely that the hi-jackers were planning to fly on to another destination, although he knew that the guerrillas had placed explosive devices on the flight deck.

Captain FUTCHER displayed great courage by volunteering to remain on board the aircraft rather than allow another Captain to take his place. Although tired and under great

stress he believed he had an understanding of the pattern of behaviour of the hi-jackers and this might preserve the lives of those on board. Undoubtedly his calmness and courage throughout the incident were instrumental in saving the lives of passengers and crew.

Charles Moore HENRY, Constable Royal Ulster Constabulary.

George Alfred IRVINE, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William Townsend TURKINGTON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Frederick Andrew IRVINE, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Miss Ann Kathleen ANDRE (Deceased), Croupier, Carlton Casino, Torquay, Devonshire.

For approaching and attempting to pacify an armed and mentally unbalanced man who had entered a casino and murdered a man.

Jeffrey Raymond BARLEY, Constable, Gwent Constabulary.

Raymond John LEWIS, Constable, Gwent Constabulary.

For services leading to the rescue of a mentally disturbed man who threatened to jump from a transporter bridge.

David BRADBURY, Driver, W. H. Palmer (Bulk Transport) Ltd., Basildon, Essex.

Derek HILLIAR, Driver, W. H. Palmer (Bulk Transport) Ltd., Basildon, Essex.

For services in removing tanker wagons containing highly dangerous fluids away from a serious fire in a tanker park.

Bryan Peter BRADSHAW, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had robbed a Sub-Post Office.

Steven Ronald COBURN, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Raymond Leonard COLLETT, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Antony Wright FITZSIMONS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Charles Hamish GRAHAM, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of four armed criminals who had robbed a Sub-Post Office and driven away in a stolen car.

Jeffrey Thomas GARLAND, Constable First-Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when an armed and dangerous man repeatedly fired a rifle in a public thoroughfare.

John Curtis GORMAN, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Douglas George HICKS, Security Officer, Potts Point, New South Wales.

For overpowering and arresting an armed and violent man who attempted to rob a car park cashier.

Christopher HORGAN, Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Exeter.

For attempting to rescue a prisoner who was overcome by fumes in a blazing prison cell.

Leslie George HOW, Rigger Diver, H.M. Naval Base, Portsmouth, Ministry of Defence.

For services leading to the rescue of a diver who was trapped underwater by a large block of masonry.

Cyril Robert JONES (Deceased), Labourer, Liverpool.

For services leading to the rescue of his two children from their blazing home.

Gregory Malcolm JONES, Constable, North Wales Police.

For services leading to the arrest of two armed criminals who were driving a stolen car.

Kenneth LEPINE, Imports Manager, Croydon, Surrey.

Ernest Albert MOWER, Manager, Capital Cars, London S.W.20.

Michael William MOWER, Insurance Agent, West Croydon, Surrey.
 Richard James MOWER, Proprietor, Capital Cars, London S.W.20.

For restraining and disarming a man who had shot and killed a man.

Michael Morton MASON, Constable, Cumbria Constabulary.

For disarming and arresting a violent and drunken man who had attempted to fire a shotgun at him.

John Francis Gerald MURPHY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Frederick John PATERSON, Lorry Driver, Uphall Station, West Lothian.

James PATERSON, Welder, Uphall Station, West Lothian.

For tackling and disarming a drunken man who was threatening his wife with a loaded shotgun.

Alan John PURKISS, Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed and violent man.

James Dickson RANKIN, Lorry Driver, British Oxygen.

For services in uncoupling a blazing tanker loaded with acetylene gas cylinders and then clearing the immediate danger zone of residents and road users.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air
 Miss Indira Rebecca MILTON, Stewardess, British Airways.
 Frank SHARPLES, Engineer Officer, British Airways.
 Michael Leslie WOOD, First Officer, British Airways.

For services during a hi-jacking at Tunis.

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18th March 1975.

The QUEEN has been pleased to award The Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry to the late Constable Dennis Arthur SMITH of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:

Constable Smith, who was on Panda patrol in Torquay, radioed that he was chasing a car whose driver appeared to be drunk. In subsequent radio messages he said he had stopped the car and arrested the driver, and asked for assistance. Exactly what happened then will never be known, but it appears that Constable Smith detained the driver and removed the keys of his car, but the driver then succeeded in escaping back to the car, where he had a loaded pistol. A witness heard Constable Smith attempting to reason with the man; but the Constable was shot at very close range in the chest. The man fired two more shots at point-blank range while Constable Smith lay on the ground, and then drove off in the police car. Constable Smith died shortly afterwards.

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

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