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HONOURS AND AWARDS

**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.