

scene of a serious road accident shortly after it had occurred. A car had left the road, crashed into a ditch and caught fire trapping all four occupants.

The car was blazing from end to end and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson found a young woman hanging out of the driver's door. Unfortunately, they were unable to free her from the blazing car because her legs were trapped in the wreckage. The girl was conscious and repeatedly asked for help.

As there was no-one else at the scene and Mrs. Robinson cannot drive, her husband had no alternative but to leave her alone with the girl while he went to call the emergency services. Alone on the deserted country road Mrs. Robinson, with a complete disregard for her own personal safety, held the girl under the shoulders within inches of the fiercely burning car. Eventually, as the interior of the car burnt away, something gave way sufficiently to allow Mrs. Robinson to drag the badly burnt girl from the wreckage. She managed to pull her along the top of the muddy ditch and got her well away from the fire; she then beat out the flames which still engulfed the girl's legs. It was some time before Mrs. Robinson's husband returned with a fire extinguisher which he used on the car without much effect. They then became aware that there were the remains of other people in the car, but such was the intensity of the fire it was obvious that no-one could have survived. They remained with the still-conscious girl until the ambulance arrived and took her to hospital. The girl died of severe burns a few weeks later.

Mrs. Robinson displayed great bravery when, disregarding her own safety, she stayed alone with the injured girl so close to the blazing car that she also suffered burns and in the knowledge that the vehicle could explode at any time.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Donald Edwin BAKER, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had entered a restaurant and threatened the manager.

William Arthur BAKER, Game Warden, The Safari Park Windsor.

For attempting to rescue a keeper who was attacked and killed by a tiger.

Dennis BARNES, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Francis Stanley FOX, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Randolph Stewart HUNTER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in tackling and arresting a gang of armed robbers.

Peter Robert BEDDOWS, Constable, West Mercia Constabulary.

John GRIFFITHS (Deceased), Labourer, Bromsgrove.

For services leading to the arrest of a man armed with a knife who was wanted for suspected robbery.

Graham Keith BIRSE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Arthur James BRANSGROVE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a mentally-disturbed woman who had climbed from an attic window on to a sloping roof and was threatening to jump.

Trevor BRADSHAW, Sergeant, Greater Manchester Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had attempted to hi-jack an aircraft.

Roland Edward CLARK, Fireman, County of Avon Fire Brigade.

John Michael NEEDS, Leading Fireman, County of Avon Fire Brigade.

For services in tackling a severe fire which had been deliberately started by an armed and dangerous man who was on the premises.

John Stanley COLE, Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

For preventing a driverless, runaway lorry from colliding with a petrol tanker on a motorway.

Richard Tinto DAVIDSON, Sergeant First Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Norman William RUSSELL, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the rescue of an injured woman from the blazing wreckage of a damaged car.

Andrew Charles DICKINSON, Constable, North Yorkshire Police.

For disarming and arresting gunman who had shot and fatally wounded a man.

Cyril John EDWARDS, Chief Inspector, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

For attempting to pacify a man armed with a sawn-off shotgun who was threatening to commit suicide.

George Harold GIBSON, Sergeant, Greater Manchester Police.

For services in restraining and disarming an armed man who had threatened him with a pistol in an attempt to obstruct him during the course of his duty.

John Arthur GODLEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of a drunken driver who had caused him grievous bodily harm.

David John GOWAN, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had robbed a jeweller's shop.

John Robert HANCOCK, Assistant Auxiliary Coastguard, Coastguard Auxiliary Service, H.M. Coastguard, Department of Trade.

Ronald Clark NICHOLSON, Auxiliary Coastguard in Charge, Coastguard Auxiliary Service, H.M. Coastguard, Department of Trade.

Harold ROWNTREE, Auxiliary Coastguard, Coastguard Auxiliary Service, H.M. Coastguard, Department of Trade.

Ejvind Emil SORENSEN, Auxiliary Coastguard, Coastguard Auxiliary Service, H.M. Coastguard, Department of Trade.

For services leading to the rescue of a man and his young son when their small boat was in distress in bad weather.

Geoffrey Arthur HAXELL, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Norman Robert Caven HUNTER, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Alan JARDINE, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Anthony Ernest JENKINS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Ronald David JONES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Alan Joseph LE PERE, Manager, Midland Bank Ltd., Welling, Kent.