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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards of the Queen's Gallantry Medal and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal

John ALLPORT, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

On Friday 21st November 1975, a patrol car received a message that a car had been stolen locally. Later they saw the car and followed it until it stopped. However, as they left their vehicle to question the occupants, the car drove off at high speed and a chase developed. The police car was sounding its siren so that those in the stolen car were in no doubt that they were being pursued by the Police. The stolen car turned back along the route and as it did, the rear window was smashed and a shotgun was fired at the police car, then a second and third burst all of which struck the car, but fortunately no-one was hurt.

Constable Allport, who was off duty and travelling in his private car with his two children, was overtaken at high speed by the two vehicles. He immediately took up the chase and followed the cars. Shortly afterwards the stolen car approached a left-hand bend near the entrance of an R.A.F. station where it struck a vehicle coming in the opposite direction, went out of control, swerved across the road, colliding with the railings of the camp. Constable Allport stopped his car close to the rear of the stolen car to prevent it being driven away. He saw three men scramble out of the vehicle and chased one of them into the grounds of the R.A.F. station where he caught and held him. As he and the man struggled on the ground a second man armed with a sawn-off shotgun ordered the officer to release his prisoner; the Constable refused and the

gunman shot him in the lower part of his legs. Despite his wounds Constable Allport still held on to the man, but eventually the man struggled free and escaped.

Constable Allport displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty when he attempted to arrest one of these armed and dangerous criminals.

Joseph Martin Henry BEECROFT, Sergeant 2nd Class, New South Wales Police.

Gerard Francis BUCHTMANN, Captain, Nepean Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Ernest Branwell PEDERSEN, Police Medical Officer, Denistone, New South Wales.

Mervyn Charles THOMAS, Registrar, Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay, New South Wales.

Miss Margaret Joyce WARBY, Sister, Parramatta District Hospital, Parramatta, New South Wales.

Daryl Raymond WILLIAMS, Inspector 2nd Class, New South Wales Police.

On the morning of 18th January 1977, there was a major rail disaster at Granville, a suburb of Sydney. The disaster happened when a crowded passenger train left the rails near the station. The locomotive struck the supporting stanchions of an overhead four-lane road bridge which collapsed on to the train, badly crushing some of the carriages. Eighty people were killed and many more injured. Eleven passengers were trapped alive under the collapsed concrete and steel slab of the bridge. These people were rescued during the course of the day by members of the New South Wales Police Rescue Squad and other volunteers.

In his capacity as the Police Department's Liaison and Emergency Officer, Inspector Williams supervised and co-ordinated all personnel involved in the enormous rescue operation. With a complete disregard for his own safety he made a number of detailed inspections during the course of the rescue operation beneath the giant collapsed slab of the bridge which actually subsided a further five centimetres on two occasions.

Sergeant Beecroft was untiring and successful in his efforts to rescue victims buried deep inside almost inaccessible sections of the wreckage. Over a period of six hours immediately following the derailment, he rescued three victims and subsequently continued to assist and advise in every other rescue. He supervised and encouraged his team and remained on duty working on the recovery of bodies until the afternoon of the following day.

Mr. Buchtman led and co-ordinated fifteen members of his Squad in the operations and personally penetrated deep into the wreckage to assist in the rescue of an entombed woman.

Dr. Pedersen not only co-ordinated and advised medical personnel at the scene but, ignoring the danger, crawled into every accessible part of the wreckage searching for survivors.

Dr. Thomas was the leader of the Hospital Medical Team and also crawled into dangerous and practically inaccessible areas and attended to trapped and seriously injured victims.

Sister Warby rendered aid to seriously injured people trapped in the wreckage. She remained on duty for many hours attending to victims who were surrounded by dead and mutilated bodies.

All these individuals displayed outstanding bravery and dedication to duty when, with a complete disregard for their personal safety, they worked in highly dangerous conditions to rescue the victims of the disaster.

Gardiner DAWSON, Reserve Constable Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Aubrey DRISCOLL, Governor, H.M. Prison, Liverpool.

During the afternoon of 22nd December 1976, a civilian workman was taken hostage by a prisoner who had a history of violence. The prisoner had barricaded his cell, and was insisting on speaking to the Governor. Mr. Driscoll was on sick leave, but when he was informed of the situation by telephone he immediately went to the prison.

On arrival at the scene, Mr. Driscoll kicked open the door to remove the obstruction behind it and went into the cell. The prisoner told him that the hostage would be killed if he went any closer, but Mr. Driscoll continued to move forward, still talking to the prisoner who then threatened to kill him. When he was close enough, Mr. Driscoll jumped between the prisoner and the hostage, grappling with the prisoner. The man, who was armed with an improvised knife, attempted four times to stab Mr. Driscoll, but fortunately his overcoat gave him some measure of protection, although one stab penetrated through it into the chest above his heart. By this time, other staff who had been waiting outside the cell were able to enter, they overpowered the prisoner and took out the hostage who was unharmed.

Mr. Driscoll acted with great courage, initiative and a complete disregard for his own safety when he tackled this extremely violent prisoner and brought about the release of the hostage.

Guy Richard Goronwy EDWARDS, Racing Driver.

On 1st August 1976, Mr. Edwards was one of the racing drivers competing in the West German Grand Prix.

During the second lap of the race one of the leading drivers lost control of his car on a fast curve, crashed into a catchfence, caught fire and was thrown back

on to the middle of the track. Mr. Edwards, who was following, could have avoided the crashed car and continued in the race with a chance for a final classification, but he stopped his car and ran to the burning vehicle. The crash had occurred at the beginning of the race and the car's petrol tank was therefore in danger of instantaneous explosion, but ignoring this hazard Mr. Edwards brought the driver out of his burning vehicle, assisted by other drivers who had by then joined him.

Mr. Edwards displayed gallantry of a high order when, despite a badly sprained wrist, he took the initiative in rescuing the trapped driver who, but for this action, would undoubtedly have burned to death in the blazing wreck.

William Robert ELLIOTT, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Kenneth Ralph KAY, Fireman, Berkshire Fire Brigade.

On 6th December 1976, the Berkshire Fire Brigade received a call from the Police for assistance with a car which was submerged in the River Thames. They were told that there were people inside, possibly children.

Three appliances were sent to the scene and Fireman Kay and another Fireman immediately dived into the river and swam to the car which by this time had come to rest in about 10 feet of water 20 feet away from the bank. It was dark and the water was bitterly cold.

In spite of the severe conditions the two men remained in the water and attempted to dive to the submerged vehicle, but due to the time it took to locate it and the intense cold, they were unable to stay submerged long enough to gain access to the car. Fireman Kay then swam back to the bank while the other officer remained in the water above the car. He put on a set of fire brigade breathing apparatus and again entered the water. He then dived to the car and found two unconscious women. He freed the first and brought her to the surface and, assisted by his colleague he swam with her to a nearby boat. The two men then returned and Fireman Kay dived again to the car extricated the second woman who was also brought to the surface and taken to the boat.

Both officers returned to the car once more and Fireman Kay dived again to search for the children originally reported. He remained submerged long enough to make a complete search to ensure that no one else was in the car before swimming back to the bank. Both women were given artificial respiration and taken to hospital. Firemen are not trained for this type of rescue and the breathing apparatus used by Fireman Kay weighs approximately 40 lbs. and is neither designed nor intended for sub-aqua work. But for his actions in conditions of extreme discomfort, hazard and difficulty the occupants of the car would undoubtedly have drowned.

Fireman Kay displayed a high degree of gallantry, and tenacity in carrying out the operation in difficult and dangerous conditions which extended well beyond the normal call of duty.

William KINNIBURGH, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

At about 11 p.m. on 12th April 1976, Constable Kinniburgh was on duty in plain clothes as the member of a radio controlled police vehicle. The crew received details of a car which had been stolen from a nearby area. The crew of the police car then saw

the stolen vehicle being driven towards them; they immediately turned their car and followed the vehicle for about three-quarters of a mile to a junction where it stopped at the traffic lights. The police car was positioned in front of the stolen car to block its escape and the three occupants were questioned. Constable Kinniburgh recognised the driver and leaned into the car and removed the ignition key. As he did he noticed that one of the men sitting in the rear of the car had produced a pistol. While the Constable's attention was distracted by what he saw, the driver struggled free and escaped. One of the other police officers struggled with the armed man who quickly freed himself and fired at the officer who was fortunately uninjured.

The man who had fired the pistol ran off, chased by Constable Kinniburgh. After about twenty yards he stopped and threatened the officer who tried unsuccessfully to reason with him, but the man ran off still pursued by the Constable. During the chase the man continually turned and pointed the gun at his pursuer. Shortly afterwards Constable Kinniburgh was overtaken by a police car which stopped, but as the crew started to leave their vehicle they were also threatened by the gunman. As the man approached them he was followed by Constable Kinniburgh who again called on him to surrender. The gunman hesitated for a short while and then, realising he was seriously outnumbered, he gave up quietly and was arrested.

Constable Kinniburgh displayed courage and devotion to duty of a very high order when he faced this armed man who had already fired his weapon in an attempt to evade arrest.

James Charles PEARCEY, Estate Agent, Walthamstow, London E.17.

On 10th June 1975, three men entered a jeweller's shop; one man was armed with a loaded pistol and the other two had small axes. They threatened the staff and customers and told them to lie on the floor.

Mr. Pearcey was a customer in the shop and, without thought for his own safety, walked up to the man with the pistol. Despite the fact that the pistol was aimed at him, he seized hold of the weapon and wrestled with the gunman. During the struggle the gun was fired into the floor, the bullet passed through Mr. Pearcey's trouser leg, ricocheted off the ground and passed through the shirt of the Manager of the shop. The gunman broke free and struck Mr. Pearcey several times on the head with the pistol, but he once again wrestled with the man. Seeing that Mr. Pearcey was gaining the upper hand one of the other robbers struck him on the head with the blunt side of his axe. Despite this attack Mr. Pearcey retained his hold on the gunman and the second man again attacked, this time using the sharp edge of the axe and inflicting serious wounds on his left arm and hand. The three men then ran out of the shop to a waiting car, taking a tray of rings. During the struggle the gunman dropped his spectacles and within seconds returned for them; Mr. Pearcey, thinking he might be attacked again picked up a chair as the gunman was still pointing his gun at him, whereupon the man made no attempt to find his property and ran off. Mr. Pearcey was later treated at hospital for his wounds but was not detained. The robbers escaped but were later traced and arrested.

Mr. Pearcey displayed extreme courage when he grappled with these dangerous criminals.

James Ferguson STEELE, lately Seed and Implement Merchant, Belfast.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

YIP, Long-ping, Salesman, Shing Yuen Goldsmith's Shop, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

On 22nd June 1976, Mr. Yip was in his father's shop with his brother and another assistant when three men entered the premises while a fourth remained outside. One of the men, who was holding a revolver, grasped the assistant, pointed the weapon at him and told him not to move. The accomplices began to smash the glass display counters with hammers.

Mr. Yip grabbed a knife from under the counter and ran into the middle of the shop with the intention of grappling with the robber holding the revolver. Simultaneously his brother sounded the burglar alarm and armed himself with a stool; they were also aided by the proprietor. At this point the armed man fired three shots, one of which hit Mr. Yip in the lower abdomen; during the melee Mr. Yip managed to wound the gunman in the hand.

The robbers fled and Mr. Yip, still armed with the knife and undaunted by his wound, pursued one of the men until he stopped and threatened to kill Mr. Yip. By this time the effects of the gunshot wound were beginning to tell on Mr. Yip and he had to abandon the chase. The criminals were later caught and arrested.

Mr. Yip showed great courage and a complete disregard for his own safety when he resisted these armed robbers and, in spite of his wounds, pursued one of the culprits.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Alexander ALGIE, Sergeant 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of an intoxicated man who had threatened him with a loaded rifle.

Jack BANNISTER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.
John Frederick SPINKS, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.
Michael TURNER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For tackling and arresting three armed bank robbers.

Peter Francis BEACROFT, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Neil Henry HARRIS, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of a mentally disturbed man who was armed with a loaded shotgun.

Barry Steven BREWSTER, Medical Practitioner, Settle, North Yorkshire.

For services leading to the disarming of a mentally disturbed man, who was armed with a shotgun and threatened to kill himself.

David BRIGHT, Constable, Essex Police.
Peter Patrick CROXFORD, B.E.M., Chief Inspector, Essex Police.

Roy DONOVAN, Sergeant, Essex Police.

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

David Charles BROCKWAY, Constable, West Mercia Constabulary.

Terence Anthony John ROBERTS, Constable, West Mercia Constabulary.

For disarming and arresting an armed and dangerous man who had shot and severely wounded a man.

Anthony BROOKS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.
Eleanor Amelia, Mrs., WOLSTENHOLM, Housewife, London.

For services leading to the arrest of a burglar who was armed with a knife and had attacked them.

Kenneth Reginald BULL, Constable First Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For disarming and arresting a mentally ill man who was firing a rifle indiscriminately.

Richard Alexander BULLER, lately Constable, Norfolk Constabulary.

Nicholas Paul WELLS, Constable, Norfolk Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a dangerous and violent gunman.

Richard Ronald COOK, Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Victor Reginald HUMPHREYS, Inspector, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Jack MOULDER, Chief Superintendent, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Brian Hesketh WATTS, Chief Inspector, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a woman who was using threatening behaviour.

John Henry DALE, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Brian William DAVEY, Joiner, Wallasey.

For services in disarming and overpowering a man armed with a sawn-off shotgun.

Ivor John Maxwell EVANS, Sergeant, Leicestershire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed youth who was threatening the life of another police officer.

John Alexander FRASER, Inspector, Northern Constabulary.

Norman Angus NICOLSON, Sergeant, Northern Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a man armed with a shot-gun who had gone beserk.

Noel FRYER, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

John Clifford Patterson RANKIN, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Martin Slade GOSS, Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

David McArthur HOWE, Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the disarming of a man who had a shotgun.

Richard Ernest Dunbar HAMM, Medical Practitioner, Onchan, Isle of Man.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had been firing shots at a public highway.

John Patrick HOLLOWAY, O.B.E., Q.P.M., Commissioner of Police, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had held him at knifepoint following an affray.

Thomas Eric HUGHES, Lorry Driver, Angel Driver Transport Company, Glamorgan.

For remaining at the wheel of his blazing lorry until he could drive it off the road away from the surrounding traffic.

David Hazlett HUNT, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Robert John MCPHERSON (Deceased), Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Denis Michael MALONEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Leonard Henry QUINNELL, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

David Anthony WOOD, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of three armed criminals.

Miss Barbara Florence MURPHY, Nursing Sister, Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay, New South Wales.

Glenn Bruce SUMMERHAYES, Trainee, Nepean Volunteer Rescue Squad, New South Wales.

Gary WARNER, Member, Medical Team, Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay, New South Wales.

Jack David WALKER, Ambulance Rescue Officer, Liverpool, New South Wales.

John Michael WILSON, Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Shirley-Ann, Mrs. WILSON, Nursing Sister, Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay, New South Wales.

For rescue services following a major rail disaster.

John Sidney PROOPS, Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

For confronting and arresting a mentally disturbed man who was armed with a lethal weapon.

Richard Thomas PUGH, Sub-Officer, Powys Fire Brigade.

For services connected with the attempted removal of a blazing fire appliance in an effort to avert the further spread of a forest fire.

Robert Ivor Cleaton ROBERTS, Leading Fireman, Berkshire Fire Brigade.

For services leading to the rescue of two unconscious women whose car had become submerged in a river.

Lo, Yin Hok, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of a dangerous and violent man who had attacked and wounded him.

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