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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
 THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD**

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.  
 6th December 1977.

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 publication in the *London Gazette* of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Brave Conduct.

*Awarded the George Medal*

Raymond Peter KIFF, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

*Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal*

Peter Anthony CHALK, Engineer, Post Office.  
 Joseph STEPHEN (Deceased), Lately Railway Motorman,  
 London Transport Executive.

On 15th March 1976 at 4.45 p.m. a terrorist bomb exploded in the leading carriage of a Metropolitan Line train injuring a number of passengers.

Following the explosion the train stopped and a man was seen to jump from the damaged coach on to the track and Mr. Stephen, who was the driver of the train, was seen to alight from the driver's cab. Mr. Stephen then moved towards the front of the train where he waved his arms to signal to an oncoming train on another track to stop. As he did this he came face to face with the man who, after altercation, raised a gun and shot Mr. Stephen who fell mortally wounded.

Mr. Chalk was at the station when the explosion occurred, he saw the debris and thought it was a bomb. His immediate thought was for the wounded and he ran through the station and on to the line. He saw

some injured and promised to get help. He then went on to the carriage where the explosion had been to see if anyone was trapped. He saw the gunman, who was covered in blood with his clothes torn; when he was close to the man he saw he was apparently reloading a gun which was immediately pointed at him. Telling the man that he wanted to help the injured, Mr. Chalk continued to move forward and walked by within three feet of the gun in his effort to reach the wounded; he was shot in the chest when he was about 4 feet past the gunman.

The gunman then seemed undecided which direction to take and it was at this juncture that a Constable arrived nearby in his Panda car. He had heard the explosion and driven immediately to a road which ran parallel with the railway. He saw the man standing near the front of the train and was warned that he was armed and had shot a man; at the same time the gunman fired a shot at the officer which missed. The Constable immediately gave a clear account of the events on his personal radio, then got back into his vehicle and reversed to a point some 50 yards up the road. He again left the car and saw the man walking towards him along the track, the gunman again took deliberate aim and fired at him, but the Constable continued his commentary.

The gunman then made for the nearest station during the course of which he threatened one more person. He then climbed on to the platform, down the exit stairs into the street. Meanwhile Constable Kiff, who had heard the Constable's radio commentary, had arrived at the station and been told the gunman was coming down the track. He cleared the platform, jumped on to track, but failed to find the man. He then heard shots in the vicinity of the booking hall and so ran down the stairs

where he saw a man lying on the path, but holding a revolver in both hands. The Constable went to tackle the man who got up and went along the road, still brandishing his weapon. The officer followed the man who kept turning and threatening him so he crossed the road and followed from there. The gunman turned into a factory yard and Constable Kiff ran to the shelter of a van parked opposite the yard entrance from where he saw through the driver's window that although the man was semi-prone on his back he appeared to be aiming at a target within the yard. In view of this, the Constable immediately left the cover of the van and ran towards the gunman's back, jumped on him striking him with his truncheon and at the same time disarming him. After the gunman was arrested it was discovered that he had shot himself in the chest.

In facing this dangerous and armed terrorist in the knowledge that he had already caused a bomb explosion and mortally wounded a man, Constable Kiff displayed gallantry and devotion to duty of a very high order. Mr. Chalk and Mr. Stephen also displayed outstanding gallantry and a complete disregard for their safety when they faced this armed criminal.

*Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal*

Michael Victor Gordon FAIRFIELD, Sergeant, Warwickshire Constabulary.

On 20th January 1977, following a wages ambush, Sergeant Fairfield was among officers who responded to a police radio call.

As he drove his Panda car towards the scene he noticed a car parked on some waste ground and although this was not the vehicle reported to have been used in the robbery, he became suspicious and decided to stop and investigate. His suspicions were further heightened when the car's two occupants averted their faces. He radioed details of the car to his police control and then left his car; as he approached the other vehicle he saw the passenger lean over to the back seat and pick up a revolver-type weapon. The Sergeant quickly returned to his Panda to report the situation and the other car drove off at high speed. The Sergeant immediately drove in pursuit.

By very skilful driving Sergeant Fairfield managed to keep his vehicle close to the gunman's car in the high speed chase that followed, although the passenger leaned from the car window, took deliberate aim and fired the gun at him. The gun was aimed at him at least five times in the course of the next mile or so, but by taking evasive action he caused the passenger to become unsighted. The man then produced a double-barrelled shotgun and the Sergeant again took evasive action. When the pursued car was forced to stop at a busy road junction the gunman fired on the officer at very close quarters, but Sergeant Fairfield continued to pursue the car, constantly taking evasive action as he was fired upon and pellets from the gun struck the front of the Panda car.

Meanwhile a Constable in another police car had heard reports of the chase, and placed his vehicle across the road when he realised the pursuit was coming in his direction. As the two cars approached him at high speed the gunman's car, by mounting the kerb, managed to pass the blockade closely followed by Sergeant Fairfield. The second officer also followed.

The driver of the stolen car, which had been damaged in mounting the kerb, was by now having difficulty in controlling his vehicle, but his passenger continued to

aim his gun at the Sergeant and fired the weapon. Finally the damaged car came to a halt and the two men got out. The gun was aimed at Sergeant Fairfield who swerved his Panda towards the man. The Constable also saw the men trying to escape and drove his car at them, forcing them into a ditch, but as he left his car to grapple with the men he was forced to take cover as the shotgun was pointed in his direction. The robbers then attempted to drive away in the Constable's vehicle but Sergeant Fairfield turned his car with the intention of ramming them to prevent their escape and drove at the gunman who immediately turned his gun directly at the Sergeant. The panda car struck the gunman who was quickly arrested and disarmed. The second man was also arrested.

Sergeant Fairfield displayed bravery of a high order, resourcefulness and devotion to duty and his actions throughout the pursuit undoubtedly led to the speedy arrest of two armed and desperate criminals.

Brian Leslie GRAHAM, Constable, Northumbria Police.  
David Alexander James HEPWORTH, Sergeant, Northumbria Police.

Late in the evening of 22nd January 1977, a man who had been drinking heavily, assaulted his wife and then left his home.

He later produced a sawn-off shotgun from a sack and fired a shot at two men in the street. He returned home and attacked his uncle, beating him savagely about the head with the shotgun and seriously injured him. The gunman again left the house and returned to the street where he once more fired the gun and also struck a youth. He then disappeared, but some time later arrived, still armed with the shotgun, at the home of an acquaintance and forced his way inside. The owner of the house managed to get his wife and child away from danger and contacted the police who were already searching the area.

Sergeant Hepworth and Constable Graham went to the house where the gunman was sheltering and, finding it locked and in darkness, forced an entry. The two officers went upstairs and saw the gunman sitting in a lighted bedroom, facing the door with the shotgun held in both hands. They ran forward towards the man and, as they did, he pointed the gun at them; without hesitation the two officers jumped on him. Sergeant Hepworth grabbed the gunman's left arm and took hold of the barrel of the shotgun. Constable Graham grabbed the man's right arm and held him down on to the bed. A fierce struggle ensued and Sergeant Hepworth eventually managed to wrest the gun from the man's grip, kneeling on his arm while he broke open the weapon which had both barrels loaded. Both officers restrained the man until further assistance arrived.

Sergeant Hepworth and Constable Graham displayed great courage and a complete disregard for their own safety in dealing with an armed criminal in the knowledge that he had already fired his weapon.

Norman Adrian Robert WRIGHT, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

On 9th March 1977 a man entered the office of an Embassy, produced a pistol and threatened the staff. When a woman employed in the office was slow to obey his orders, he fired a shot at the desk, then covered her with his weapon and ordered the rest of the staff to leave the room. As they hesitated he again fired the pistol.

Constable Wright, a uniformed motor cyclist who was on duty nearby, was approached by two of the woman's colleagues. The Constable sent one to warn police officers in the vicinity and then returned with the other to the Embassy. On arrival at the office he saw the gunman standing with his back to the wall and the weapon trained on the woman. As the officer entered he was immediately threatened with the gun, but he engaged the intruder in conversation, at the same time removing his crash helmet for use as a weapon should an opportunity occur to disarm the man. The Constable managed to place himself between the gunman and the woman and also gradually eased himself to within five feet of the gunman and the first time the man's attention was diverted he grappled with him. In the course of the struggle the gunman was thrown over a desk and the officer lost his grip on him. The gunman then crossed the room, turned to face the officer and again threatened to shoot him. Constable Wright once more managed to get within four or five feet of the man, calling on him to surrender his weapon and telling him that the premises were surrounded by police, whereupon the man still holding the gun put his hands above his head. The officer immediately jumped on the gunman, disarmed him and detained him until other police officers arrived. The weapon was subsequently found to contain four live cartridges after it had been seized by Constable Wright.

Constable Wright displayed outstanding courage when he tackled and disarmed this dangerous and mentally unbalanced man.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Frederick John BENSLEY, Constable, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of an intoxicated man who was armed with a double barrelled shot-gun.

CHEUNG Ching, Fireman, Hong Kong Fire Services.  
NG Choi-leung, Senior Fireman, Hong Kong Fire Services.

For services leading to the rescue of the occupants of a four-storey building who were trapped by a severe fire.

David DADD, Fireman, Kent Fire Brigade.  
Kenneth James FAIRCHILD, Fireman, Kent Fire Brigade.  
James William HOGGEN, Fireman, Kent Fire Brigade.  
John SHARP (Deceased), Leading Fireman, Kent Fire Brigade.

For services leading to the rescue of members of the public from a fire which engulfed a restaurant.

Harry Gardner, Deputy Foreman, Birmingham Battery and Metal Company Ltd.

Ernest GOODMAN, Chargehand Metal Checker, Birmingham Battery and Metal Company Ltd.

For services leading to the rescue of the driver of an overhead crane who was trapped by fire in his cab following an explosion.

Peter GASCOYNE, Sergeant, Derbyshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a violent man who was armed with a carving knife and threatening to kill his children.

Jeffrey HARNISH, Constable, Cleveland Constabulary.

Brian WILDE, Constable, Cleveland Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a man who had threatened his family with a knife.

Peter Neville HOWSE, Chief Inspector, Derbyshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a man who was armed with an axe and holding a woman hostage following the death of four members of her family.

LEE Wai-Lung, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

For services in arresting and disarming an armed robber.

Miss Audrey Annie Ethel PARRY, State Registered Nurse, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Miss Christina SCHILLER, State Enrolled Nurse, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

For services in detaining and restraining an armed and mentally disturbed man who had attacked and injured them.

Charles PATRICK, Constable, Warwickshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of two armed men following a wages ambush.

David WHEAL, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed terrorist following the explosion of a bomb on an underground train.

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