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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve 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

CHAN Kwan-fai, Auxiliary Constable, Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.
TUNG Chi-kan, Auxiliary Constable, Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

On 21st June 1979 Auxiliary Constables Chan and Tung were among a number of police officers manning a routine road block.

During the course of the exercise a private van approached the road block: Constable Tung signalled the driver who stopped and Constable Chan checked his driving licence. At the same time it was noticed that a vehicle licence was not displayed on the windscreen, nor could this be found: an immediate search of the vehicle was then carried out, but nothing suspicious was discovered. The patrol, however, received instructions to detain the van and its three occupants and another Constable at once removed the ignition key from the dashboard.

The three suspects immediately jumped from the van and the two passengers produced guns, telling the Police not to move: then without warning they opened fire on the Police party who immediately took cover, but not before Constable Chan received a bullet wound in his arm. Other officers managed to fire at the men causing them to break off and run from the scene.

Constable Chan and Constable Tung hotly pursued the three criminals and during the ensuing chase one of the men stood his ground firing several shots in the Constables' direction, but the officers continued the chase: Constable Chan, despite his wound, fired five shots and Constable Tung fired one shot.

Realising that the criminals might make good their escape, the two officers commandeered a taxi and followed the three men who were seen boarding another taxi: the officers told the driver of their vehicle to pull up alongside to prevent the gunmen's taxi moving away.

Although fully aware that his ammunition was exhausted, Constable Chan left the taxi and, from the cover of another vehicle, pointed his empty gun at the criminals in an attempt to deter them. Meanwhile Constable Tung who had remained in the taxi drew the fire of the gunmen by opening fire with his four remaining shots: this resulted in further shots being fired by the criminals. During this final exchange of fire other police arrived to give support, but the criminals' taxi was driven off at high speed and escaped.

Auxiliary Constable Chan displayed a very high degree of gallantry when, although injured in the initial exchange of fire, he pursued the three criminals, knowing at least two of them to be armed. Auxiliary Constable Tung also displayed gallantry of a high order throughout the incident. Both officers put their lives at extreme risk when they continued their efforts to bring about the arrest of these armed and dangerous men.

Allen DREW, Constable, Dorset Police.

On 7th June 1978, Constable Drew and another police officer were on uniformed patrol. In the early hours of the morning both officers were directed to a school premises where an automatic alarm had been activated.

On arrival at the scene they noticed a light at the rear of the building and, as the officers moved nearer to cover possible lines of retreat, they saw two men inside the Science Laboratory. At the same time, the audible burglar alarm sounded and the intruders made towards an open window to escape.

The first man climbed out of the window, stumbled and Constable Drew saw a flash as the intruder came towards him: the second man climbed out of the window and ran off. Constable Drew moved forward and warned the first man that he was a Police Officer, but the man faced him with a gun and threatened to fire again. Notwithstanding the threat, Constable Drew continued to move forward and was about 5 feet from the intruder who fired at him. The officer felt a blow on his thigh and realised that he had been hit but, despite this wound, he continued to move towards the man and, as he did so, threw his torch at the attacker. The torch hit the gunman on the neck and he turned round and threatened to shoot again, whereupon Constable Drew moved to grapple with him and the gunman fired at him twice more. The officer was hit in the knee and fell to the ground unable to pursue his attacker who fired a shot in the direction of his colleague before escaping into a nearby wood.

Constable Drew displayed bravery of a very high order and a complete disregard for his own safety when, having been shot and wounded, he continued to pursue this armed and dangerous man until he was shot and injured again.

Victor Emanuel John FRACCA, Manager, Euston Art Gallery, London N.W.1.

On 11th October 1978, a man, who had earlier visited a boutique, returned just before the shop closed when the Manageress and an Assistant were at the till checking the day's takings.

The man produced a gun and, although she tried to run to the art gallery on the floor above to raise the alarm, the Manageress was forced at gunpoint to go down again and to lock the shop door. In the meantime Mr. Fracca, who managed the gallery, was leaving the basement of the premises preparing to go home when he was told by one of the Assistants that an armed man was in the shop.

Mr. Fracca hurried to a nearby shop to ensure that the Police were informed and then quickly returned to the shop before it was locked where he saw the armed man standing by the till. The gunman pointed the weapon at him and again told the Manageress to lock the door. As she went to obey, she was pleading with the man, and seeing that she had momentarily distracted his attention, Mr. Fracca grasped the gun, grappling with the criminal in an attempt to disarm him. During the short fierce struggle which ensued, the gunman gradually managed to force the weapon into Mr. Fracca's side and shot him. Mr. Fracca collapsed seriously wounded on to the floor and the gunman fled empty handed from the premises.

Mr. Fracca was removed to hospital where he underwent serious and lengthy surgery for the gunshot wound from which he has not yet fully recovered.

Mr. Fracca displayed gallantry of a very high order and a complete disregard for his own safety when, in order to protect the lives of the women whom he believed to be in danger, he faced and attempted to disarm this highly dangerous man.

William James FULTON, Inspector, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

John Munro ROBERTSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Michael Leslie JONES (Deceased), Medical Practitioner, Keighley, Yorkshire.

During the afternoon of 23rd August 1979, Dr. Jones, the leader of the British Karakorum Canoe Expendition to the Himalayas, with two members of the party planned to canoe a short section of rapids on the River Braldu, a fierce river flowing off the K2 Mountain.

The three canoes set off, each successfully negotiating an obstacle near the start. However, on coming to a second obstacle one of the canoes capsized and the occupant was sucked out of his craft into water which was only just above freezing point. Dr. Jones had already avoided this obstacle and was near slack water when he saw the accident. Using the standard rescue technique he paddled across the river so that the man in the water could grab the stern of his canoe and be drawn to the bank. The speed of the water and the continuous nature of the rapids made the rescue attempt extremely difficult and the man lost his grip on Dr. Jones' craft several times. Dr. Jones persevered with the rescue attempt but had to warn the man to release his hold when he saw there was another dangerous obstacle immediately ahead which could not be negotiated while his team mate was holding his canoe. Meeting the obstacle Dr. Jones' canoe was propelled into the air, he was ejected into the water, swept downstream through long sections of wild water and not seen again. The other man was also swept downstream for about a mile and then was fortunately caught by an upstream current which had formed where the river was shallower and, with the aid of the third member of the party, managed to pull himself on to the bank.

Dr. Jones displayed great courage when he sacrificed his life to bring about the rescue of his colleague from the dangerous, wild and icy waters of the river.

Ronald James RUSBY, Doorman, Inn on the Park Hotel, London W.1.

Following the assassination of an exiled politician outside the main entrance of an hotel on 9th July 1978, Mr. Rusby who was on duty nearby heard the fatal shots which had been fired in quick succession. Although he could not see the main entrance of the hotel, he had a clear view of its small driveway leading into the road and saw a young man armed with a revolver hurrying away from the scene: without hesitation he ran towards this man and tried to cut off his escape. Early in the pursuit

which ensued the gunman turned, aimed and deliberately fired a shot at Mr. Rusby who was then within 14 feet of his quarry, but managed to avoid injury by swerving and ducking as he ran. The man again ran on still pursued by Mr. Rusby who called upon him to stop: after approximately a further 10 yards the gunman managed to fire another shot in his direction, fortunately without hitting him. Undeterred Mr. Rusby continued the chase and was about 6 feet from the man as he reached the main road: at this stage he was joined by another man who had witnessed the gunman's attempts on Mr. Rusby's life. Together they ran after the gunman who was now making towards the centre of the road and as the criminal turned his gun towards them Mr. Rusby grabbed him and, with the man's assistance, managed to overpower him and take away the weapon. They then placed their captive into a taxi which had drawn up alongside, took him to the nearest police station and gave him into official custody.

Mr. Rusby displayed bravery of a very high order when, at the risk of serious attempts to injure or kill him, he never lost sight of the gunman and brought about the disarming and arrest of this highly dangerous assassin.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Alan David REED, Chauffeur, London E.5.
For services in assisting to bring about the disarming and detention of a dangerous assassin.

Oliver Charles BAILEY, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

Barry Joseph POLLITT, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.
For services leading to the rescue of the driver and passenger who were trapped and unconscious in a blazing car whose petrol tank was ruptured and in imminent danger of exploding.

John Peter BATTEN, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Robert Melvyn WILSON, Constable, Metropolitan Police.
For services in arresting an armed and violent man following an attempted robbery.

Peter Graham BISSETT, Constable, Derbyshire Constabulary.
For services in pursuing and disarming a man who was brandishing a firearm and was known to have murdered three people and seriously injured another.

Ferdinand CALAME, Fitters Mate, Acton Works, London Transport.
For services in foiling an attempted robbery by three armed and dangerous men.

Paul Ronald CARSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Anthony John Stuart HAINES, Inspector, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

David Johnston TEENEY, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.
For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Anthony William CASE, Constable, Sussex Police.
Neil SMITH, Constable, Sussex Police.
For rescuing an intoxicated and mentally unstable man who was attempting a suicide leap from a cliff in gale force weather conditions.

Robert Hugh COOPER, Fisherman, Easter Skeld, Shetland.

Ian Francis GRAY, Fisherman, Easter Skeld, Shetland.

Magnus James Gilbert SCOTT, Skipper/Owner, mfv "Alert", Easter Skeld, Shetlands.
For services leading to the rescue of six seamen from a liferaft in danger of drifting on to a dangerous reef in heavy seas and violent storm conditions.

David COUGHLIN, Ladle Man, Alpha Steel, Newport, Gwent.
For services in preventing further serious explosions of molten metal following a dangerous and violent steam explosion in the back wall of a steel works mould.

Anthony Thomas DAVIES, General Hand, "Pembroke Grebe", Marine and Port Services, Pembroke Dock, Dyfed.
For services leading to the rescue of one of the occupants of a small boat which was swamped and sinking in rough seas and gale force winds.

Paul Anthony EDWARDS, Head Keeper, Longleat Estate Safari Park, Horningsham, Nr. Warminster, Wiltshire.

John Roger HOUGHTON, Prison Officer, Winchester, Hampshire.
For services when a ferocious chimpanzee escaped from captivity.

Michael Edward FIELD, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.
For tackling and disarming a man who had threatened him and fired two shots at him following a high speed car chase.

Frank FODEN, Driver, London Midland Region, British Rail.
For services in extinguishing a fire which had broken out beneath his locomotive in very close proximity to the fuel tank.

Ronald William GOODWIN, Lately Division Officer, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

David John Percy RAYNER, Station Officer, Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service.
For services in attempting to rescue a woman and her three children who were trapped in their fiercely blazing home.

Michael John GREEN, Constable, Metropolitan Police.
For services in disarming and detaining a man who had threatened to shoot him following an attempted robbery at a sub-Post Office.

Gordon Montague JONES, Chief Inspector, Gwent Constabulary.
For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a mentally disturbed man who threatened him with a loaded shotgun.

Anthony Henry KING, Ambulanceman, East Sussex Area Health Authority.
For services leading to the arrest of an armed man following a shooting incident.

LEUNG, Kam-chu, Auxiliary Constable, Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.
For services leading to the arrest of three armed suspects who had fired at a police patrol.

Robert LUNNON, Slinger, Ministry of Defence, HM Dockyard, Devonport.
For services leading to the rescue of a naval rating who had slipped and fallen from his ship into the water in intensely cold weather conditions.

Christopher John MCDONALD (Deceased), Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary.
For services in the pursuit and attempted arrest of a dangerous criminal.

Uri NACHSHON, Salesman, Jewelcraft Manufacturing Company, London E.C.1.
For services leading to the arrest of an armed criminal who threatened him with a loaded shotgun.

William Brown ROBERTSON, Boilerman, J. and D. McGeorge, Dumfries.
For services leading to the rescue of two seriously injured workmen following an explosion.

George Ernest SEIB, Detective Sergeant First Class, Queensland Police Force.
For services in preventing the escape of an armed and dangerous criminal who had robbed a bank and fired on police during the high speed car chase that followed.

Raymond Walter STROUD, Sergeant, Dorset Police.
For services in pursuing an armed and dangerous criminal who had shot and wounded his colleague.

Woo, Kin-leung, Customs Officer, Investigation Bureau, Customs and Excise Service, Hong Kong.
For services in confronting and detaining three armed robbers.

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