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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London S.W.1
13th February 1981

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

Stephen Paul AINSWORTH, Shift Boss, Geevor Tin Mines Ltd., Pendeen, Penzance, Cornwall.

Alan BREWER, Mine Captain, Geevor Tin Mines Ltd., Pendeen, Penzance, Cornwall.

During the day shift on 15 January 1980, two miners were digging in the sides of an ore pile which had partially sibsided, when there was a further major subsidence and they were engulfed and buried alive at the bottom of a narrow cavity.

Mr. Ainsworth and Mr. Brewer were the first officials at the scene and realised the very serious difficulties presented by the overhanging sides of loose rock on the exposed walls of fractured granite; by the narrow working area and, not least, by a mass of unsupported ore sticking between the walls of that working space which might fall at the slightest vibration. Access to the men, therefore, had to be achieved without disturbing the sides of the pile or the central hanging mass and, at great personal risk, they improvised an unorthodox means of descent. With the assistance of a timber spreader which they erected between the walls, they suspended a pulley used in conjunction with a winch on the level above. They were then lowered by this contraption on a wire rope into the hole where they quickly located the men, but were unable to uncover their faces. Mr Ainsworth, a trained rescue team member, immediately directed an oxygen supply into the rock pile to assist the trapped miners' breathing. Mr Brewer and Mr Ainsworth then worked alone in the cavity and began to make timber barricades to prevent the rock pile shifting or falls of rock rolling down and further burying the men. The rope pulley and winch could not be used to lower more men because of the ever increasing instability of the overhanging rock wall. When a safer and better access had been established additional men then descended by the less precarious means of a steel ladderway and assisted in putting up the wooden casings. Eventually after more than twelve hours the trapped men were freed and, at the time of their release, the conditions were so cramped that there was insufficient room to lay them down and they had to be supported upright to be strapped into the stretchers. Both men were alive when released, but one unfortunately died almost immediately afterwards.

Mr. Ainsworth and Mr. Brewer displayed bravery and devotion to duty of a high order when, without regard for their own safety, they worked in dangerous and cramped conditions for many hours to bring about the rescue of the trapped men.

William David BROWN (Deceased), Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.
For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

William James WHITE, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.
For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Philip BAILEY, Diver, Wharton Williams Ltd., Dyce, Aberdeen.

Dougald Ewen Cameron MATHESON, Diver, Wharton Williams Ltd., Dyce, Aberdeen.

For services in attempting to rescue two divers who were trapped in their damaged diving bell on the sea bed.

Edward Kelly BATHGATE, Inspector, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who attempted to rob the Branch Office of a Building Society.

Paul Francis CALLAGHAN, Constable, Western Australian Police Force.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed and masked intruder who had shot and seriously wounded another police officer.

James Andrew CLARKE, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

George Reilly ELLIS, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Ian McGregor DONALDSON, Constable, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary.

Robert Henry GLAISTER, Sergeant, Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of the occupants of a stolen vehicle.

Alfred Connolly GREER, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Raymond McCREADY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

James Robert HENDERSON, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Miss Lynn LUNEY, Woman Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Michael John Christopher HUNTER, Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Hubert Frank NORMAN, Sub-Postmaster, Walsworth, Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Keith Malcolm WILTON, Constable, Hertfordshire Constabulary.

For services following an attempted armed robbery at a Sub-Post Office.

Miss Dawn Harvene LAWRENCE, lately Woman Police Constable, West Midlands Police.

Miss Elizabeth Anne SHACKELL, Woman Police Constable, West Midlands Police.

For services in effecting the rescue of a hysterical young woman who was threatening to jump from the 10th floor of a multi-storey building.

Florence, Mrs. McCULLOUGH, Woman Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

John McNIE, Constable, Central Scotland Police.

For facing and arresting an armed and dangerous criminal who had attempted to murder three police officers.

Miss Jennifer Helen TAOR, Medical Practitioner, Charing Cross Hospital, London W.6.

For services in tackling an armed and mentally unbalanced man who stabbed and badly injured a Consultant Physician.

Stephen Thomas TILLY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

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