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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

Peter BENNETT (Deceased), Higher Executive Officer,
 Board of Customs and Excise.

John HARVEY, Detective Sergeant, Hampshire Constabulary.

John Edward MOSELEY, Detective Sergeant, Hampshire Constabulary.

On 19th October, 1979, following a protracted investigation into the importation of cannabis resin, a surveillance operation was mounted in London. Mr. Bennett and Sergeant Harvey were engaged in the action and instructed to arrest the driver of a container vehicle which was suspected of carrying the cannabis. After patrolling the streets in a car driven by Mr. Bennett they saw the driver of the container who had become suspicious, abandoned his vehicle and was on foot.

Mr. Bennett quickly stopped the car on the opposite side of the road while Sergeant Harvey informed his control that they had located the suspect. Both men immediately left the car and ran through busy traffic. Sergeant Moseley who was also in the near vicinity was alerted and aware that they intended to arrest the man.

As they reached the man and told him he was under arrest Sergeant Harvey took hold of his left arm and Mr. Bennett seized his right arm. During the extremely violent struggle that ensued, Sergeant Harvey attempted to handcuff the man who managed

to break away; as the officer grabbed at him again the suspect was seen to put his right hand inside the chest pocket of his coat. Mr. Bennett immediately tried to prevent this by seizing the man's right arm whereupon he was shot in the chest, fell to the ground and died shortly afterwards.

The gunman ran off pursued by Sergeant Harvey who, within a short distance, brought him down with a rugby tackle. At the same time Sergeant Moseley arrived on the scene and jumped on the man's back as he twisted his body and threatened to use the gun on Sergeant Harvey; a second shot was fired and the gunman was superficially wounded by the shot he had intended for Sergeant Harvey.

The officers were then joined by other members of the surveillance team and, with their assistance, the violently struggling gunman was finally overpowered and arrested.

A high order of gallantry and devotion to duty was displayed by these three individuals during the events leading to the disarming and eventual arrest of the gunman. Mr. Bennett and Sergeant Harvey did not hesitate when, unarmed, they fearlessly tackled this armed and dangerous man who later shot and mortally wounded Mr. Bennett in cold blood. Sergeant Harvey and Sergeant Moseley, despite witnessing the murder of Mr. Bennett, continued their pursuit and finally captured his murderer.

Nicholas Alexandre William McQUEEN, Inspector of Police, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

On 23rd November, 1979, an overloaded sailing junk was seen out of control in heavy seas, drifting towards rocks at the foot of some cliffs. Despite the sea conditions and dangerous location a rescue operation was undertaken and a number of those on the junk managed to jump on to a police launch and were taken to safety.

Inspector McQueen, who was in command of the second launch involved, realised there were many more remaining on board the junk, but both vessels

were too close to the cliffs and in danger of being wrecked. Those on the junk were unable to make fast the tow-line that was thrown to them so he jumped on board, secured the line and jumped back to the police launch. The launch took the strain, but in spite of all precautions and constant adjustments in speed to counter the effect of the rough sea, the junk capsized. The police launch stopped immediately and a number of people were saved but many were dangerously near the vessel's propellers or too weak to hoist themselves aboard; throughout this time Inspector McQueen, with another officer, was in the water assisting the helpless.

There were still people trapped inside the hull so the Inspector ordered the launch to go astern while he swam underneath the junk to fix a line: in order to do this he deflated his life jacket to reduce his buoyancy and, following several attempts, eventually secured the line to a submerged boom. He then signalled the launch which unsuccessfully attempted to pull the junk upright. By now he was tiring rapidly and had to be assisted back on board the launch.

In spite of his exhaustion Inspector McQueen continued to direct the operation until the junk was sufficiently upright to allow those inside to escape and when one man was trapped by his clothing he immediately dived beneath the surface and managed to free him: the man then clung to the Inspector, placing a great strain on him in his weakened state, but he managed to bring about his rescue. Another attempt successfully released one more man and finally the Inspector swam again to the junk to make certain that no-one remained caught inside.

Inspector McQueen displayed bravery, devotion to duty and leadership of a high order when, in dangerous and unstable conditions, he endeavoured to extricate those trapped in the upturned junk by diving under water to swim beneath the hull. During this time he risked being trapped or drowned and by his actions undoubtedly saved many lives that would otherwise have been lost.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Michael Brian ADAMS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Maurice Robert STANFORD, Constable, British Transport Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a badly injured man who had attempted to commit suicide and was trapped beneath an underground train.

Paul BABER, Crane Driver, Scotts Cranes, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

For services in averting a serious accident at a gas works when a loaded crane buckled in high winds and was in danger of collapsing on to nearby overhead gas mains and installations.

Alan BICKLEY, Constable, West Midlands Police.

Marshall John IRVING, Constable, West Midlands Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a mentally unbalanced youth who was threatening to commit suicide by jumping from the 70 feet high roof of a large store.

CHAN Shu-fai, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

For services leading to the rescue of a number of people from rough and dangerous seas following an accident that caused a sailing junk to capsize.

Peter Andrew DEWAR, Sergeant, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Gary RYAN, Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

For services leading to the rescue of passengers trapped in a blazing sleeping car train.

Howard Frederick DAVIES, Constable, Sussex Police.

Robert Leslie ELLIOTT, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services in following and restraining a distraught and violent woman who, in gale force weather conditions, had climbed out on to the dangerous framework of a dilapidated pier and was threatening to jump into the heavy seas below.

Leslie ENGLISH, Constable, Strathclyde Police.

Donald MILNE, Constable, Strathclyde Police.

Bernard ROONEY, Road Roller Driver, M. B. McCarroll Ltd., Bishopbriggs.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a dangerous criminal who took a man hostage at gunpoint and carried out a robbery.

Steven William FARMINER, Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary.

John Ross SHAND, Sergeant, Nottinghamshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a violent man who went berserk with a knife.

John GRAVES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Richard Edward TYSON, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in pursuing and arresting an armed and dangerous man and his accomplice following a fatal shooting incident.

Thomas William HAGUE, Fork Lift Truck Driver, Horwich Works, British Rail Engineering Ltd.

For services in attempting to rescue an injured colleague who was trapped by smoke, fumes and intense heat following an accident in an iron foundry.

Richard HARRIS, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a mentally unbalanced man who threatened to commit suicide by jumping from a sheer cliff.

Philip Quintin HARRISON, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

Miss Kim Patricia WRIGHT, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of two violent and dangerous criminals.

Colin HOLDEN, Constable, Northumbria Police.

For services in overpowering and arresting a violent and armed man who threatened to kill a woman he had taken hostage.

Derek Lyall HORNE, Sergeant, Tayside Police.

For services leading to the disarming of an intoxicated man who threatened him with a loaded pistol and attempted to commandeer his police van.

James Frederick JARVIE, Executive Officer, Board of Customs and Excise.

For services in assisting in the capture and arrest of an armed and dangerous man who had shot and mortally wounded his colleague.

Anthony George McEvoy, Alarm Engineer, Liverpool 14.

For services leading to the rescue of a man trapped on the upper floor of a burning house.

Stephen Michael MANHIRE, Ambulanceman Class 4, Hanwell Ambulance Station, South-West Thames Regional Health Authority.

David REES, Ambulanceman Class 4, Hanwell Ambulance Station, South-West Thames Regional Health Authority.

For services leading to the rescue of a seriously injured man who was trapped in dangerous conditions beneath heavy machinery.

Craig John Morris MITCHELL, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a drowning man who had attempted to commit suicide by jumping from a pier into the rough and intensely cold sea.

Joseph PUTNAM, Diver, Comex Houlder Diving Ltd., Aberdeen.

Richard TAYLOR, Diver, Comex Houlder Diving Ltd., Aberdeen.

For services in effecting the rescue in severe weather conditions of two divers trapped in deep water in their diving bell.

Aeneas McKay SWAN, Electrician, Edmiston Brown and Company Ltd., Glasgow.

For services leading to the rescue of a colleague who was accidentally electrocuted, had collapsed unconscious and seriously burnt on to hot steam pipes 20 feet above the ground.

Ian Charles THOMPSON, Constable, Merseyside Police.

For services in tackling and disarming a man who had entered a hospital and threatened to murder a nurse.

Brian Thomas WATKINS, Constable, Gloucestershire Constabulary.

For services in tackling and detaining a mentally disturbed man who had discharged a shotgun at a number of police officers in an effort to evade arrest.

