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12th March 1982.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve 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

William George PENSE (Deceased), First Class Constable, Western Australian Police Force.

On 12th October 1979, Constable Pense and a Police Sergeant drove in a marked police vehicle to an isolated farmhouse to serve a court warrant. Both men were in uniform and unarmed, but there was a loaded issue revolver in the glove compartment of their van.

They parked their vehicle near the rear entrance of the farm and Constable Pense's colleague walked towards the door. He had almost reached it when the Constable noticed the owner was armed with a rifle and called a warning. The gunman ordered them off the property and as the Sergeant turned to go back to the vehicle, the man raised his weapon and shot him; the bullet shattered his left wrist before penetrating his stomach.

Both officers ran towards their van to get their weapon, but the gunman fired a volley of shots and one shot hit Constable Pense immediately below his left shoulder and fractured a rib.

Because of his wrist injury, the Sergeant had difficulty in removing the revolver from its holster, but in the meantime Constable Pense had turned and faced their attacker and, as he closed with the gunman, he managed to knock the rifle from his grasp. The man, however, drew a pistol which he had concealed in his shirt pocket and fired several more shots at the Constable. Both men fell to the ground where, despite his wounds, Constable Pense continued the struggle to overcome his assailant. The other officer who by now managed to draw his revolver,

ran towards them and fired four shots at the gunman and finally succeeded in disarming him, but Constable Pense was already dead.

Constable Pense displayed gallantry of a very high order. Although seriously injured he charged the gunman with a complete disregard for his own safety in full knowledge of the risk he faced and, thereby, undoubtedly saved the life of his wounded colleague.

Awarded the Queens Gallantry Medal

James Kane FERRIS, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For Gallantry in Northern Ireland

William Richard HASTY, Senior Constable, Victoria Police.

On 27th April 1979, a police officer on patrol noticed a man acting suspiciously. He approached, but was shot before he could take any action; semi-conscious and seriously wounded he was forced into a nearby bank by his assailant who carried out an armed robbery before leaving the scene in a stolen car.

The following day Senior Constable Hasty was on duty some miles away in a divisional police vehicle. He was aware of the bank robbery, that a police officer had been wounded and noticed an individual answering the circulated description of the criminal. The suspect was carrying a suitcase and Constable Hasty who watched him cross the road and enter a lane, drove after him where, although unarmed, he confronted the suspect and questioned him. When challenged about the case, the man opened it and the Senior Constable saw it contained the proceeds of the robbery, a sawn-off shotgun, ammunition, a hunting knife and the mask worn during the bank hold-up. Immediately after opening the suitcase, the man produced a pistol from his rear pocket and pointed it at the officer who, although fearful for his life, immediately grabbed the firearm and after a violent struggle managed to disarm the criminal; he then restrained him until other police assistance arrived.

Senior Constable Hasty displayed gallantry of a high order when alone and unarmed, he faced and disarmed a dangerous criminal, whom he knew had already shot and seriously wounded another police officer.

Philip Michael OLDS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

During the late evening of 23rd December 1980, two masked and armed men entered an off-licence and threatened the staff who were working there. They demanded money and one of the men fired a bullet into the wall. After attempting unsuccessfully to open the till the two gunmen, still masked, ran from the premises. At this point Constable Olds, who was in uniform and on duty in a patrol car, arrived at the scene. He noticed that both men were armed and realised immediately what had taken place at the off-licence. Disregarding his own safety he unhesitatingly drew his truncheon and ran towards the men.

On seeing the Constable one of the gunmen stopped running, turned and walked slowly backwards with his gun pointing towards the officer. Constable Olds instinctively knew this was the more dangerous of the two and concentrated particularly upon him. In spite of the real and obvious danger he continued to move forward towards the armed man with his only means of defence, a truncheon, held in front of him.

As the officer approached, the gunman raised his weapon above his head, adopted a classical shooting stance and took deliberate aim. At this moment they were only about five yards apart but although the officer realised what was likely to happen, he continued to move forward warning the man not to use his weapon. The gunman ignored the warning and fired the gun; the bullet struck Constable Olds below his left shoulder, entered the left lung, severing the spinal chord before lodging in the small of his back. The officer collapsed to the ground and was kicked in the face by one of the men as they both ran away from the scene.

As a result of the injuries he received at this incident, Constable Olds is paralysed from the mid-chest downwards and is confined to a wheel chair.

Constable Olds displayed gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order when, without regard to his own safety and armed only with his truncheon, he faced this callous and desperate criminal.

William Michael PASCOE, Maintenance Carpenter, St. Teath, Cornwall.

Miss Kay Susan POPE, Blisland, Cornwall.

On 9th September 1981, an armed man held up three uniformed security guards who were transferring cash from a bank to their security vehicle. As the gunman fired a warning shot into the air one of the security men turned and was immediately fatally wounded by a further shot. The murderer then grabbed a cash bag and escaped still brandishing his weapon.

Mr. Pascoe and Miss Pope, who were in their stationary cars at the traffic lights, witnessed the shooting and saw the gunman flee from the scene. They both realised the man was armed and dangerous but, notwithstanding, left their respective vehicles and chased after him.

The gunman had by now turned into an alley way and Mr. Pascoe, closely followed by Miss Pope, ran after him pausing only to pick up dustbin lids with which to protect themselves. As the man turned out at the far end of the alley Mr. Pascoe, who had by then discarded his dustbin lid, came up behind him, flung his left arm around the man's throat and tried to wrest the gun from him. During the early part of their struggle the gunman's crash helmet fell off and was immediately picked up by Miss Pope who, holding it by the chin strap, went to Mr. Pascoe's assistance and struck a hard blow at the man's head in an unsuccessful attempt to knock him unconscious. As Mr. Pascoe continued the struggle, Miss Pope again hit the man on his head with the helmet, whereupon, as he turned towards her his gun went off and she was wounded in the thigh.

Mr. Pascoe had now brought the gunman to the ground but continued to wrestle with him until, with the aid of other members of the public who now came to his assistance, he was able to restrain and disarm him.

Mr. Pascoe and Miss Pope both displayed outstanding gallantry and public spirit when, with a complete disregard for their own safety, they pursued and brought about the eventual capture of this armed and dangerous criminal whom they knew had already callously shot and fatally wounded a security officer.

Brian Allen TIGHE, Senior Constable, Queensland Police Force.

On 28th April 1980, following an unsuccessful attempt to rob a bank, an armed intruder entered an office and took a young woman hostage. He held her at gunpoint for more than 15 minutes until the police arrived; for most of this time he held a loaded rifle near or against her neck and head.

Senior Constable Tighe was among the police called to the scene and took part in the search of the building to find where the gunman was holding the hostage. He eventually discovered the room and, as he opened the door, saw the man holding his weapon at the woman's head. Realising the situation was highly tense and dangerous the Constable's main concern was to bring about the hostage's safe release as soon as possible and, with this in view, he obeyed the man's instruction to lay down his own gun. He entered the room unarmed, closed the door and calmly talked to the gunman in the hope that the man would become more reasonable and allow the hostage to leave. After a considerable time he was able to persuade the intruder to put down the loaded rifle and the woman was freed unharmed. When the Senior Constable picked up the rifle after the gunman had relinquished it, the weapon was found to have a hair trigger.

Senior Constable Tighe displayed gallantry of a high order when, without regard for his own safety, he deliberately placed himself in this dangerous situation which, without his cool and calm approach, might have resulted in death or serious injury to the hostage.

Kevin Michael Mark WALSH, Station Officer, Suffolk Fire Service.

On 26th June 1981, a serious fire broke out in the first floor bedroom of a dwelling house. The fire brigade was called and although Station Officer Walsh had officially finished duty, he was standing in as Operational Duty Officer for a colleague. He was, therefore, notified of the incident at his home and as he lived in close proximity, he reached the address within one minute of being called.

On arrival at the scene he was told that two small boys were trapped in the bedroom. The officer was well in advance of the fire appliances and was alone, without the protection of breathing apparatus and well aware from training and experience of the risk involved. Nonetheless, he immediately went upstairs, entering and searching first one room and then another to rescue the children. The fire had taken a firm hold and the heat, smoke and fumes were intense, but ignoring this he crawled into the room and found a child. He returned downstairs, saw the child needed assistance to ventilate the lungs and quickly gave mouth to mouth resuscitation before handing it into the care of a police officer who had also arrived at the house.

He then quickly returned to the room where the situation had deteriorated further due to an increase in smoke and fumes. He again entered by crawling on his stomach and, as the visibility was nil, found the second boy by touch. He managed to carry the child downstairs where he could see it had stopped breathing; he immediately started mouth to mouth resuscitation and the child quickly responded.

Station Officer Walsh displayed gallantry and devotion to duty of a high order when, without the aid of breathing apparatus or the support of other fire appliances, he rescued these children.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Paul Gerald BAKER, Constable, Metropolitan Police

For services in attempting to detain three violent men who deliberately caused him grievous bodily harm when their get-away car drove at speed from the scene of a robbery.

Peter Richard BOAM, Fireman, Lincolnshire Fire Brigade

For services leading to the rescue of a colleague who was stunned by the blast from an explosion during a fierce fire in the oil and paint store of a ship.

Steven George DENNIS, Constable, Metropolitan Police

For services leading to the rescue of an emotionally disturbed man who was struggling to commit suicide by jumping from a builders scaffold to the ground 60 feet below.

Peter FORSTER, Inspector, Metropolitan Police

For arresting and restraining a disturbed and violent man armed with two knives who had forcibly entered a house and held one of the occupants hostage.

John Paget Walker GILROY, Miner, Rock End, Edinburgh

For attempting to rescue two workmen who were trapped by an earth fall when the roof of a tunnel undergoing repair collapsed.

Karl Craig HUTCHINSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

William Edward John MILLS, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Leslie Campbell JOHNSTON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Miss Janet Marjory KEARNS, Woman Police Sergeant, Metropolitan Police

For services in overpowering and arresting an armed man who attempted to rob a bank.

James Francis KEELAN, Sergeant, West Australian Police Force

For services during an attack by an unstable and dangerous armed man who went berserk and murdered his colleague.

Raymond George KOCH, Senior Constable, Victoria Police

For services in attempting to arrest an armed and dangerous criminal.

Mark Stephen Peter LAMB, Constable Metropolitan Police

For services in confronting an armed and violent man following a car and foot pursuit during which he was constantly threatened by a firearm.

George William LEA, Constable, Humberside Police

George MATCHETT, Sergeant, Humberside Police

For confronting and attempting to restrain a violent and unpredictable armed man who had fired a shot gun indiscriminately at a motor vehicle and a dwelling house.

James Samuel McELFATRICK, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Joseph Neilson Stark PENDRICH, Steeplejack, Lasswade, Midlothian

For an operation undertaken in conditions of poor visibility and adverse weather to recover the body of a steeplejack who had been trapped and fatally injured by an accident at the top of a 550 feet chimney.

Robert Malcolm RICHARDS, Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary

Neil RILEY, Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary

For services leading to the rescue of an unconscious man overcome by toxic fumes following an explosion.

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