

that Mr. Howorth was aware that the connected packages were probably a time elapsed, fully armed explosive device. Nevertheless, he immediately entered the confined toilet area and three minutes later there was an explosion under the pavement which was lifted about four feet away from the front of the restaurant by the force. Mr. Howorth was killed instantly.

Mr. Howorth displayed outstanding gallantry, devotion to duty and a complete disregard for his personal safety when, in circumstances of extreme danger, he attempted to defuse the bomb.

*Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal*

John Pascoe BARRY, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Clarence BEDFORD (Deceased), Stores Foreman, Hunslet Engine Company, Leeds.

During the late afternoon of 20th March 1982 Mr. Bedford was present at a Turf Accountant's Office in conversation with the Manager and his wife when, without warning, they were confronted by a man who was brandishing a double barrelled sawn-off shotgun. The intruder, who had his finger on the trigger, pointed the gun at the Manager, handed over a carrier bag and demanded the day's takings.

The Manager obeyed, removing cash from the tills into the bag: during this time the armed man became more and more agitated, continually urging the Manager to hurry. The carrier bag was then handed back to the robber who began to retreat backwards. During this time Mr. Bedford had been standing by the counter but then realised that he was witnessing an armed robbery and as the man turned and was about to escape, he faced the gunman, dived at him and caught him by the shoulders. They grappled together for a short while before falling to the floor and during the struggle the intruder fired two shots; one wounding Mr. Bedford in the arm; the second at close range hit him in the chest fatally wounding him and he died almost immediately.

Mr. Bedford displayed a total disregard for his own safety and courage of a high order when he tackled and attempted to restrain this armed and desperate man.

Peter Walter CLEMENCE, Security Guard, Security Express, Balfour Street Depot, London S.E.17.

Malcolm Jonathan HENLEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

At about 9.40 a.m. on 30th September 1981 the crew of a security vehicle were collecting cash from a bank. The Custodian, Mr. Clemence, had just picked up a bag containing a large amount of money and was walking back to the van when he was confronted by a man who threatened him with a handgun, grabbed the cash bag and ran to the adjacent car park.

Constable Henley who was in plain clothes, off-duty and shopping with his wife, witnessed the incident. Without hesitation, he immediately gave chase and was fired upon by the fleeing raider: fortunately he managed to swerve and the bullets passed through his clothing without injuring him. Undeterred the Constable continued the pursuit closely followed by Mr. Clemence. The gunman

turned and fired two further shots, one of which hit Mr. Clemence in the lower chest, but despite his serious injury he managed to keep up with the chase. The robber made towards the car driven by his accomplice but before he could get into it he was grabbed from behind by Constable Henley and pulled away. The gunman, still grasping his weapon, was brought down and disarmed by Constable Henley aided by Mr. Clemence. During the ensuing melee the criminals' car, a stolen vehicle, was twice driven at the crowd by the accomplice in an attempt to get the gunman away from his captors. With the assistance of other members of the public at the scene this man was also restrained and both criminals were arrested by Constable Henley.

Both Mr. Clemence and Constable Henley, at grave personal risk, displayed gallantry of a high order in effecting the capture and arrest of these two violent and desperate men: but for their refusal to be intimidated, there is little doubt that these criminals would have made good their escape.

Patrick Michael DOHERTY, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland

Leslie Thomas GILES, Security Guard, Securicor Ltd., Nine Elms Depot, London S.W.8.

On 15th February 1982 Mr. Giles was on duty as a member of the crew of an armoured security vehicle making a cash delivery to a bank.

After completing the usual safety and delivery formalities, Mr. Giles escorted the driver, who was carrying cash and cheques. As they crossed the pavement to the bank premises two men confronted them, one of whom rushed at Mr. Giles and, without prior warning, stabbed him in the chest. In spite of a serious injury, Mr. Giles grappled with his assailant bringing him down and pinning him to the ground. At the same time the security van driver was struck and stunned by the second man who was armed with an automatic pistol. The gunman then turned and, while simultaneously operating the breach loading mechanism, pointed his weapon at Mr. Giles ordering him to release the accomplice.

As Mr. Giles obeyed the gunman he noticed a firearm magazine on the ground and, with considerable presence of mind quickly seized and threw it inside the security vehicle. He then saw the man he had overpowered trying to gain his feet and crawl away: although the gunman was still nearby he again jumped on his former captive and, with the assistance of police officers who were at the bank and witnessed the attack, managed to restrain the violently struggling man.

Without thought for his own safety, Mr. Giles displayed outstanding courage, persistence and devotion to duty when, although badly wounded and confronted by a firearm and knife he brought about the arrest at the scene of one dangerous and violent man and of the other who had decamped but was captured shortly afterwards without a struggle still in possession of the firearm and the proceeds of the robbery.

George Roland LAIRD, Detective Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.