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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF  
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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*

Alfred William BATTERBEE, Porter, Hewitt Ltd, Western International Market, Southall, Middlesex.

During the morning of Monday, 1st March 1982, three men carried out an armed robbery at a bank in a large market complex. Two carried loaded shotguns and forced the customers to the floor, while the third used a pickaxe handle to smash a glass security screen. Having cleared cash from the counter tills and the safe, they then prepared to make their escape.

Mr Batterbee was in a nearby cafe, heard the commotion and realised the bank was being robbed. Without hesitation he grabbed a large yard broom from another market porter, rushed to the bank entrance where he witnessed the raid in progress. In spite of efforts to deter him he remained there and, as the criminals left the bank, he hit the first gunman hard on the head with the broom: the blow almost knocked the man to the ground. A second robber immediately swung a pickaxe which shattered the broom Mr Batterbee had aimed at his face. Mr Batterbee tried to prolong the struggle by wielding the broken handle but had to give up when he was

wounded in the left leg by a bullet fired by the first gunman who had regained his feet. All three criminals then escaped.

Mr Batterbee displayed outstanding public spirit and gallantry of a high order when, alone and protected only by a broom, he faced these armed and dangerous criminals.

CHEUNG, Wai-leung, Probationary Station Officer, Fire Services Department, Hong Kong.

CHIU, Shing-chow (Deceased), Senior Station Officer, Fire Services Department, Hong Kong.

LEUNG, Siu-lin, Senior Fireman, Fire Services Department, Hong Kong.

On 9th September 1983, a severe typhoon caused a landslip in an area where a large number of wooden shanties were built on an exposed hillside which sloped steeply to the sea. Many of these dwellings were swept down to the shore where waves twenty feet high were breaking on to the rocks.

The Fire Services, under the leadership of Senior Station Officer Chiu, answered the call for assistance and on arrival at the scene were told that a woman was trapped in wreckage at the centre of the landslip. Without hesitation Senior Station Officer Chiu organised his team and with Probationary Station Officer Cheung and Senior Fireman Leung immediately set out in gale force winds, facing heavy seas and the imminent risk of further landslides, to rescue the trapped woman. When they reached the extent of their lifeline it was discarded and they continued without the support of this equipment. Probationary Station Officer Cheung was the first to reach and extricate the victim: he was closely followed by Senior Fireman Leung and they carried her in turn as each became exhausted by the heavy waves that hampered their movements. Half way