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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the George Medal and 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 George Medal

(To be dated 26th February 1986)

Derek Ian PICKLES, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

On 29th February 1984, Constable Pickles and another officer were directed to a property to investigate a domestic complaint.

As the officers knocked on the door of the building a shotgun was fired from within. The blast hit Constable Pickles' colleague in the chest. He fell mortally wounded. Constable Pickles immediately went to his assistance. He attended to his wounds and dragged him to the cover of a retaining wall which gave some protection from the gunman. Constable Pickles then left the protection of the wall and ran to his police vehicle to radio for assistance. On returning to his injured colleague he was confronted by the gunman who pointed a shotgun at him. The weapon failed to discharge. The gunman

retreated to the building and fired three further shots at Constable Pickles while he was trying to care for his fellow officer. The Constable returned the fire.

From his position Constable Pickles could hear the police radio and became aware of some confusion about his message. He again left the protection of the wall, ran to the police vehicle and broadcast the existing situation. He then returned to his fatally injured colleague, constantly warning bystanders in the area to keep clear. Shortly afterwards it transpired that the gunman had been wounded in the exchange of gunfire and had subsequently taken his own life.

Constable Pickles displayed gallantry of a high order throughout the incident. He exposed himself to gunfire in order to seek assistance, and tended to his colleague under fire.

Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal

John Campbell COURTNEY, Prison Officer, Northern Ireland Prison Service.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

John Leslie GREAVES, Fireman, South Yorkshire County Fire Service.

On 18th February 1985 Fireman Greaves was one of a number of firemen called to rescue a man buried within a collapsed coal tip.

Fireman Greaves immediately entered the tip through a small hole and located the man buried up to his neck in coal shale. The direction of the

hole was both vertically downwards, and into the tip leaving a 20-foot high unsupported overhang of shale weighing several tonnes. Fireman Greaves climbed into the area directly beneath this precarious overhang and began to dig away loose shale from around the man, initially using his bare hands. Parts of the overhang were breaking away and severe cracking was also evident. He worked continually in a crouched position so that his back did not make contact with the base of the overhang. Despite tiredness Fireman Greaves refused offers of relief as it was apparent that a changeover would have been a dangerous manoeuvre and might have caused a further collapse. After a period of approximately 20 minutes Fireman Greaves succeeded in releasing the trapped man.

Fireman Greaves displayed outstanding gallantry, devotion to duty, and a complete disregard for his personal safety in effecting this rescue in an extremely dangerous situation.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Glyn Phillip BROWN, Constable, Bermuda Police Force.

David Allan Lennox KERR, Constable, Bermuda Police Force.

For services in overpowering and disarming a man armed with two revolvers.
John William COLERIDGE, Detective Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in tackling an armed criminal during an attempted bank robbery.

Clement COSFORD, Production Manager, Minipak Aerosols Ltd.

Paul Samuel KERWIN, Fitter, Minipak Aerosols Ltd.

Robert SNAPE, Acting Foreman Fitter, Minipak Aerosols Ltd.

Brian Douglas URQUHART, Linesetter, Minipak Aerosols Ltd. For services following an explosion of butane gas and a severe fire at a factory.

James Andrew Black FERRIS (Deceased), Prison Officer, Northern Ireland Prison Service.

William GALLAGHER, Prison Officer, Northern Ireland Prison Service.

James Kenneth LEWIS, Prison Officer, Northern Ireland Prison Service.

Noel James McCLENAGHAN, Prison Officer, Northern Ireland Prison Service.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Alexander Laurie INGLIS, Constable, Cumbria Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had threatened him with a loaded shotgun.