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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

- David BRITTON, Constable, West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police.
Richard GOUGH, Installation Engineer, Shipley, West Yorkshire.
David HUSTLER, Assistant Supermarket Manager, Shipley, West Yorkshire.
John Richard INGHAM, Constable, West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police.
Charles Frederick MAWSON, Chief Inspector, West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police.
Terence Michael SLOCOMBE, B.E.M., Chief Inspector (formerly Inspector), West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police.

On 11th May 1985 at approximately 3.40 p.m. fire broke out in the main grandstand at the Valley Parade football ground in Bradford. Police officers and spectators assisted in the initial evacuation but the fire spread rapidly to the roof. Within seconds the entire structure was ablaze. Intense heat and breathing difficulties forced rescuers to retreat to the comparative safety of the playing area.

Constable Ingham's attention was drawn to a

woman in difficulties behind a barrier wall near to the half-way line. Her clothes and hair were on fire. The Constable took an overcoat from a fellow officer and, using it as a shield against the heat, rushed towards the inferno. He reached the woman, took hold of her, and pulled her over the wall onto the pitch. Constable Ingham rolled the woman on the ground in an attempt to extinguish the flames. Other officers ran to his assistance and the woman was pulled to safety.

Constable Britton also entered the stand to assist a man he had seen struggling to climb over a wall. The heat was intense, and parts of the roof were falling in the area. Constable Britton held the man by the waist and managed to pull him over a wall onto the track where attempts were made to douse flames that had begun to engulf the man. Constable Ingham saw Constable Britton struggling with the man on the track and ran to his assistance. The conditions were so extreme that Constable Britton's hair caught fire spontaneously and he was forced to leave the area. Constable Ingham took hold of the man's coat and pulled him a further few yards away from the blaze before he was stopped by heat and exhaustion. Despite severe burn injuries, Constable Britton returned to the scene to assist other officers in the final stages of the rescue.

Mr. Hustler was the last person to leave his section in the main grandstand. He moved forward over seating in order to escape the fire. At the front of the rear section of seats Mr. Hustler discovered a woman in a state of shock. He took hold of her and pulled her over a barrier into the front section of seating. Together they climbed over plastic seats to the front of the stand. Mr. Hustler pushed the woman over the perimeter wall to safety and was