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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

Peter MIDGLEY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Barry Francis SMITH, Road Safety Officer, Welling, Kent.

On Wednesday, 11th June 1986, a robbery took place outside a bank, during which two security guards were shot at by two armed gunmen and robbed of £35,000.

Mr. Smith was driving his van near the scene of the crime, when he heard gun shots and saw two men, both holding handguns, attacking the security guards outside the bank. The robbers ran off with two bags containing cash and travellers cheques, and mounted a motorcycle to make their escape. Mr. Smith pursued them in his van. Meanwhile a passing motorist, who had also witnessed the robbery, gave chase in his vehicle, taking a different route with the intention of heading off the motorcycle. He collided with the motorcycle, bringing down both rider and passenger as they drove towards him at high speed. The motorist drove further down the road before returning towards

the end of the incident. Meanwhile, Mr. Smith arrived at the scene to find one robber lying badly injured in the road near the motorcycle. The other robber was standing nearby, confronting him with a gun. As Mr. Smith drove forward the robber raised the gun and fired at him. The shot missed. Mr. Smith continued to drive towards the gunman, knocking him over. Mr. Smith jumped from his van and engaged in a struggle with the armed robber, during the course of which the gunman fired two shots at Mr. Smith, at close range. Having felt no pain, Mr. Smith continued the struggle and eventually disarmed the robber. Mr. Smith then attempted to give first aid to the injured robber lying in the road, but the robber he had already disarmed tried to grab a second gun. Mr. Smith forestalled him and continued to restrain him until the police arrived. It was only upon their arrival that Mr. Smith discovered he had received bullet wounds to the chest and groin. He was conveyed to hospital in shock and underwent surgery for the removal of two bullets.

Mr. Smith displayed gallantry of a high order, when, with determination he chased and detained two armed and highly dangerous men, despite being shot and wounded in the struggle.

Kevin Anthony TOMLINSON (Deceased), Lately Security Officer, Sunderland Public Works Department, Tyne and Wear.

On Monday, 23rd March 1987, Mr. Tomlinson was with two other security officers, a member of the crew of an armoured transit vehicle making a cash delivery to a bank.

On arriving at the rear of the bank, Mr. Tomlinson alighted from the armoured van and remained with the vehicle, while a second colleague, the driver, entered the bank to make arrangements for the

delivery. The third security officer remained locked in the rear of the van. At a given point he released the cash to Mr. Tomlinson who was immediately confronted and attacked by two men armed with a sawn-off shotgun and a pickaxe handle. Mr. Tomlinson's colleague, seeing the attack as he returned from the bank, ran to give assistance. He and Mr. Tomlinson were then threatened with the shotgun and re-entered the armoured van for safety. The robbers made off with two bags containing cash, escaping on a motorcycle, with the security van in pursuit. During the chase the security van managed to ram the motorcycle, bringing both robbers down. As they fled across a building site, Mr. Tomlinson got down from the security van to give chase on foot, while his colleague drove on in an attempt to intercept the robbers on the far side of the building site. At one point one of the robbers fired the shotgun at Mr. Tomlinson, but the gun did not discharge. Mr. Tomlinson continued to pursue both men, catching up with and detaining one of them. A violent struggle ensued. The second robber, tried to free his accomplice by striking Mr. Tomlinson about the head several times with the shotgun. During the course of this attack, Mr. Tomlinson was fatally shot in the head at point blank range. The gunmen escaped in a stolen car but were subsequently arrested.

Mr. Tomlinson, knowing that the robbers were armed, displayed selfless determination and gallantry of a high order by pursuing them on foot without any protection himself, and apprehending one of them before being fatally shot.

Awarded The Queen's Gallantry Medal

Steven BURROWS, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Kenneth Ernest CLOTHIER, Security Guard, Security Express Ltd.

Terence William HAWKINS, Company Director, Findon, West Sussex.

Gordon William Frank ROGERS, Security Guard, Security Express Ltd.

At approximately 10.50 a.m. on 22nd March 1988, a cash delivery was being made to a bank by the crew of an armoured security vehicle. The driver, Mr. Clothier, was accompanied by Mr. Rogers, the custodian, while the third member of the crew remained locked in the rear of the van.

Mr. Clothier and Mr. Rogers alighted from the vehicle and safely delivered the first bag of cash into the bank. As they were in the process of delivering the second bag, a man, revealing that he was armed with a double barrelled sawn-off shotgun, came up behind them and ordered Mr. Rogers to drop the bag. Mr. Rogers ignored the order and quickly entered the bank, followed by Mr. Clothier. Between them, they managed to make the delivery. The robber followed in close pursuit. Perhaps unaware that the delivery had been made, he discharged his gun into the floor near where the security guards were standing. Mr. Rogers grappled with the gunman to try to overpower and disarm him. During the struggle Mr. Rogers was kicked, and hit about the face by the robber. Mr. Clothier moving in on the gunman, was shot in the leg by a second discharge. Mr. Clothier, although unaware of it at the time was found to be only superficially wounded as the gunman had replaced the

lead shot in the second cartridge with rice grains. Under sustained pressure from both security guards, the robber was forced to back out of the bank. He continued to wave his gun in a threatening manner.

By this time a member of the public, Mr. Hawkins, who had witnessed the incident outside the bank, had made his way towards the entrance to the bank. Climbing the few steps which lead to the doors, he heard the gunshots. As the doors opened and the gunman backed out, still in possession of his weapon, Mr. Hawkins grabbed the robber from behind. Both fell to the ground, and down the steps, where a violent struggle took place. A second member of the public, who had also witnessed these events, at this point joined Mr. Hawkins in trying to pin down the robber. They were quickly joined by the security guards and a third member of the public, who assisted in removing the gun which had escaped the robber's grasp. The gunman was finally subdued and restrained until the arrival of the police.

Mr. Clothier and Mr. Rogers displayed devotion to duty and outstanding bravery when, disregarding, their own safety, they foiled an armed bank robbery and persisted in their attempts to overpower and disarm the robber even though he discharged his gun twice, on the second occasion wounding Mr. Clothier in the leg. They were assisted by Mr. Hawkins who also displayed outstanding bravery when, knowing that the gunman had previously discharged his weapon, and unaware as to whether or not it had been re-loaded, he tackled the gunman and engaged in a violent struggle to overpower him before, with others' help, the gunman was eventually disarmed and restrained.

Mark Cameron HODGES, Assistant Manager, Walter Bull & Son, Jewellers, Brighton, Sussex.

On Monday, 23rd May 1988, at approximately 10 a.m., a man entered a jeweller's shop and was shown a tray of rings and later a wristwatch by the Assistant Manager, Mr. Hodges.

After examining the watch and agreeing a price, the man pulled an automatic pistol from his pocket and pointed it at Mr. Hodges, demanding he hand over the watch. Mr. Hodges leaned across the counter to push the gun away from his direction, and attempted, unsuccessfully, to snatch the gun from the robber's grasp. The robber raised the gun again but this time, placed it against Mr. Hodges's head, continuing to demand that he hand over the watch. Mr. Hodges shouted to his staff, who were in an adjacent office, to raise the alarm. Mr. Hodges leapt across the counter, as the robber attempted to snatch the tray of rings. Both he and Mr. Hodges fell to the ground. The robber held on to the gun which was trapped underneath him. A struggle followed, with Mr. Hodges managing in part to restrain the robber. Mr. Hodges was then assisted by one of his staff and between them they finally overpowered and restrained the gunman until the arrival of the police.

Mr. Hodges displayed devotion to duty and outstanding bravery when, without regard for his own safety, he tackled an armed gunman during a hold-up, and successfully overpowered and restrained him.

Lyndon Charles LLOYD, Sub Officer, Avon Fire Brigade.

On Tuesday, 8th March 1988 at approximately 5.25 p.m. two tanker drivers were in the process of loading gas oil into their road tankers at an oil terminal when an explosion occurred near one of the vehicles. A rapid fire developed immediately, engulfing both tankers.

Units from the Avon Fire Brigade were called to the scene.

The Fire Brigade arrived to find minor explosions occurring within the individual tank compartments within each tanker, causing them to rupture and spill their contents to form a flowing liquid fire. Furthermore, four other road tankers were in the process of loading petroleum spirit at two adjacent gantries. These vehicles all had their tank lids open with the gantry loading arms in position in the tank compartments. Although the fuel supply had been switched off shortly after the fire commenced, there was a high risk of ignition of the vapours rising from the tanks. By now a heat and smoke layer had built up beneath the loading bay roof and was descending to a level close to the tops of the threatened tankers, which could give rise to a serious flashover. A message was relayed by a fire officer to increase the number of Water Tenders required from four to ten, four being insufficient to provide cooling jets for the tankers whilst a simultaneous attack was made on the fire.

As it was becoming increasingly urgent to move the four vehicles, Sub Officer Lloyd mounted one of the gantries and proceeded to remove the loading arm, having been shown how to do so by one of the tanker drivers. The vehicle, which had been immobilized and required de-isolating before it could be started, was driven away to safety by one of the road tanker drivers. Sub Officer Lloyd mounted the gantries twice more to remove the loading arms of another two vehicles, de-isolating them before he drove them away to safety. The fourth vehicle was made safe and driven to safety by another fireman. While the vehicles were being moved a further explosion erupted from one of the burning tankers. After a concerted attack using foam and cooling jets, the fire was brought under control at 7.12 p.m.

Sub Officer Lloyd displayed devotion to duty and gallantry of a high order when faced with conditions of extreme danger, caused by a serious outbreak of fire in an oil terminal. To release three road tankers near the seat of the fire, he three times mounted the loading gantries to remove the loading arms from them. He himself then drove two of the vehicles to a place of safety.

Derek Peter MURPHY, Constable, Merseyside Police.

Kenton Robert OWEN, Constable, Merseyside Police.

At 12.20 a.m. on Thursday, 21st January 1988, Constables Murphy and Owen were on mobile patrol in a police vehicle. They saw a van parked in a public car park with its headlights on, the engine running and the windscreen wipers operating, despite the weather being dry. The officers decided to investigate.

Constable Owen drove the police vehicle to within a few feet of the van stopping in front of it to prevent the van being driven off by the occupant. Both constables alighted from the police vehicle and approached the van to find a man in the driver's seat who appeared to be asleep. Constable Murphy roused the man and began to question him. As the man failed to give a satisfactory account of himself, Constable Owen decided to check the van's registration number through the Police National Computer. Information received revealed a discrepancy between the registered number and the type of vehicle. When questioned further, the occupant of the van reached into a holdall which was on the front passenger seat. Constable Owen saw him withdraw a double barrelled sawn-off shotgun. The officer immediately shouted a warning to

Constable Murphy. As the man alighted from the van he pointed the gun first at Constable Murphy's stomach, and secondly at Constable Owen's head, in both cases at close range. Constable Murphy realising that his colleague was in immediate danger grappled with the gunman. A violent struggle took place during which the gun was discharged twice by the gunman, on the first occasion at Constable Owen's head and then at Constable Murphy's stomach, missing both officers fractionally. The gunman broke free and ran towards his van. He appeared to be re-loading the gun. Constable Owen ran to the police vehicle and drove it towards the gunman, trapping him in the doorway of the van. When the police car reversed, the gunman attempted to run off, holding the gun. Constable Owen made a further attempt to stop the gunman by driving into him, knocking him to the ground. As the gunman attempted to run off again, Constable Murphy tackled the man, unaware that the gun was now lying on the ground. He was joined by Constable Owen. The man, who was in fact a wanted criminal, was eventually overcome, subdued and taken into police custody. The man was subsequently charged and convicted of a number of serious crimes.

Constables Murphy and Owen displayed gallantry of a high order, in overpowering an armed, violent and highly dangerous man, after he had discharged his weapon at them twice at close range.

James Joseph Lawrence PARKES, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Gerald Joseph TOAL, Assistant Manager, H. Samuels, Jewellers, Glasgow.

On 3rd August 1987 at approximately 1.15 p.m. a man entered a jeweller's shop and asked the Assistant Manager, Mr. Toal, to show him a tray of diamond rings that were on display in the window.

Mr. Toal returned to the counter with the rings to find the man pointing a handgun at him. The man grabbed the tray of rings and ran out of the shop and into the street, pursued by Mr. Toal. During the chase the gunman stopped twice, turned round and aimed the gun threateningly at Mr. Toal before running into a department store. Mr. Toal continued the chase catching up with the robber within the store. Mr. Toal tackled the gunman and a violent struggle followed, during which the gun was discharged three times, without injury. Meanwhile Mr. Toal's colleague, who had also given chase, arrived and assisted Mr. Toal to overpower, disarm and detain the robber until the arrival of the store security officer and the police.

Mr. Toal displayed devotion to duty and bravery of a high order, when, following a hold-up, and without regard for his own safety, he tackled an armed gunman, who during the struggle discharged his weapon three times before he was overpowered, disarmed and detained.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Brian BALDOCK, Ambulance Driver, Oxfordshire Health Authority.

For services leading to the immediate treatment and later rescue of a badly injured motorist who was trapped in his car when it was crushed beneath a tanker, with a risk of fire.

Brian Roger BIGGS, Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Philip Andrew RUSS, Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

For services leading to the rescue of a family of three drifting helplessly in their stricken craft, in heavy and dangerous seas.

Alan BOARDMAN, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

David John BRADFORD, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

Martin Edward HOULT, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

For services in pursuing an armed gunman while on mobile patrol, and in apprehending, disarming and arresting him.

Amar CHATTERJEE, Schoolboy, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

For services in saving a two year old boy, from death or injury when he ran into the path of an oncoming car. The schoolboy sustained serious leg injuries.

Nigel CURTIS, Rating Ship's Carpenter, MV St. Christopher.

Peter Noel RIDGEN, Bosun, MV St. Christopher.

For services in helping to stabilise a car ferry, which was admitting water in a severe storm, involving work in the proximity of unchained and unstable vehicles.

Mrs Anne Lavinia DE LA FUENTE, Nursing Sister, Southampton General Hospital.

For services in evacuating patients from a hospital casualty department, when threatened by a man with a handgun, and leading the armed man into a clinic room where he was disarmed and arrested by two police officers, posing as doctors.

Paul DOUGLAS, Trainee Manager, H. Samuels, Jewellers, Glasgow.

For services in pursuing an armed robber and assisting a colleague in overpowering, disarming and detaining the gunman following a hold-up in a jeweller's shop.

Donald Evan ELLIOT, Constable, British Transport Police.

For services in rescuing, from the electrified track at a railway station, a mentally unstable man who was threatening to take his life and the constable's.

Gary Owen EVANS, Detective Constable, Dyfed-Powys Police.

Miss Rose Ann Gray LLOYD, Constable, Dyfed-Powys Police.

Richard PARRY, Detective Inspector, Dyfed-Powys Police.

David Daniel THOMAS, Detective Sergeant, Dyfed-Powys Police.

For services in assisting to detain, disarm and arrest a gunman after an armed robbery.

Austin FAIREST, Mineworker and NUM Branch Secretary, High Moor Colliery, South Yorkshire Area.

Ernest HARDY, Colliery Manager, High Moor Colliery, South Yorkshire Area.

Colin Thomas NICHOLLS, Colliery Deputy Manager, High Moor Colliery, South Yorkshire Area.

For services leading to the rescue of all 10 miners trapped underground in a coal mine, following a fall of rock and roofing.

John Frederick Charles GAMLIN, Station Officer, Avon Fire Brigade.

For services in removing the loading arm from a road tanker, which was in close proximity to a serious outbreak of fire at an oil terminal, and for driving the vehicle to a place of safety.

Paul Connor GREENALL, School Teacher, Ferrers School, Higham Ferrers, Northants.

For services in pursuing an armed youth through the grounds of a school, and in overpowering and detaining him.

Mrs Barbara INDGE, Attendant, Rusella Residential Home, Swindon.

For services leading to the rescue of patients from a serious fire at a residential nursing home.

Michael Thomas JAKES, General Assistant, Strand Cafe, Minehead.

Stanley Edward SPRY, Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

For services in assisting to overpower, disarm and arrest a youth armed with a knife, who had stabbed Constable Spry during his initial attempt to detain the youth.

Jeffery Christopher LOVE, Constable, Warwickshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the rescue of a driver trapped in his lorry, which was about to be engulfed in fire following a series of multiple collisions on a motorway.

Hugh Randal MALCOLM, Chief Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands.

For services leading to the arrest and detention of a passenger threatening to blow up a stationary aircraft following an attempted hijack.

Anthony MILLS, Driver, Butler Oil Products Ltd., Bristol.

For services in demonstrating to fire officers the process required to remove loading arms from four road tankers, which were in close proximity to a serious outbreak of fire at an oil terminal, and for driving one of the vehicles to a place of safety.

David Edward MILSOM, Constable, Thames Valley Police.

For services in overpowering and disarming a man armed with a handgun who had commandeered the officer's police car and ordered him to drive to London under threat of being shot.

Jason John PIORKOWSKI, Cleaner, Eastbourne, Sussex.

David Kenneth WALKER, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services in rescuing a mentally disturbed man who, having threatened to commit suicide, had to be restrained by force from jumping from a narrow ledge at the top of a high cliff.

Sidney Thomas SAUNDERS, Clerical Officer, Eastbourne, Sussex.

For services in assisting to overpower and detain an armed and dangerous gunman, following an attempted hold-up of two security guards in a bank.

John SULAIMAN, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

John William Alfred TILL, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in rescuing a mentally disturbed man, who was threatening to commit suicide and had to be restrained by force from jumping from the ledge of a high bridge.

Anthony TEDESCHI, Sales Assistant, Walter Bull & Son, Jewellers, Brighton, Sussex.

For services in assisting a colleague to overpower and restrain an armed gunman during a hold-up in a jeweller's shop.

Mrs Deborah WELSH, Constable, Northamptonshire Police.

For services in single-handedly pursuing two men, later arrested for criminal offences, one of whom threatened her with a double barrelled sawn-off shotgun during the chase. Undeterred she continued to pursue the armed man.

Neil WIGGINS, Diver, Comex Houlder Diving Services.

For services leading to the rescue of two divers trapped underwater in a welding structure alongside an oil production platform in the North Sea.

Keith Malcolm WILLIAMS, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a man who had threatened him with a double barrelled shotgun.

