

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.