

well known and highly dangerous criminals from escaping following an attempted robbery on a Post Office. Without cover and knowing the men to be armed, he stood his ground when coming under fire from two of the suspects and, even when shot, maintained the challenge.

Christopher Hugh STANDEN, Chief Superintendent, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

At approximately 10.20 a.m. on 31st October 1992, Chief Superintendent Standen, whilst off duty, entered a jeweller's shop. As he was being served by a member of staff, three more customers entered the shop. The third customer was followed by a man dressed in motor cycle clothing and wearing a crash helmet. As he entered the shop he brandished a shotgun and ordered everyone to get down on the floor.

Chief Superintendent Standen remained where he was. The gunman continued to shout and pointed the gun towards the officer as he approached him threateningly. At this point the Chief Superintendent identified himself as a Police Officer. The gunman kicked the officer to make him lie down but he ignored his demands and closed with the gunman in an attempt to disarm him. A violent struggle ensued as the officer tried to wrestle the gun from the robber during which the gun was discharged but the shot penetrated the floor. The Chief Superintendent continued to wrestle with the gunman who managed to push the officer to the ground. During the struggle part of the shotgun had become dislodged and the gun would not fire. The gunman then struck the Chief Superintendent a blow with the weapon. Undeterred the officer made a further attempt at detaining the offender. After a continued bitter struggle, his assailant managed to break free and made his escape on the back of a waiting motorcycle. Despite extensive police enquiries the offenders have not been caught.

Chief Superintendent Standen displayed conspicuous gallantry when, without regard for his own safety, he attempted to disarm and detain an armed man in the process of robbing a jeweller. During the struggle a shot was fired and the officer was pushed to the floor. Undeterred he made a further attempt to disarm the gunman who finally broke free and made his escape.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Douglas BAILEY, Ambulance Technician, Merseyside Regional Ambulance Service.

Peter John DITCHAM, Ambulance Technician, Merseyside Regional Ambulance Service.

Michael Kenneth KAY, Ambulance Technician, Merseyside Regional Ambulance Service.

Shaun Majella McA TEER, Ambulance Technician, Merseyside Regional Ambulance Service.

Stephen WILLIAMS, Constable, Cheshire Constabulary.

For services in assisting to move a severely injured man and woman from the scene of a shooting incident in which both had been shot and needed immediate medical attention. All five came under fire several times as they tended the man and conveyed him and the

woman to nearby ambulances. The man had sustained serious injuries but the woman was fatally wounded.

Philip James BERRY, Leading Firefighter, East Sussex Fire Brigade.

Mark Edward BROWN, Firefighter, East Sussex Fire Brigade.

For services in assisting the police in attempting to rescue a woman taken hostage by a man believed to be armed and dangerous who had set fire to the premises. The officers led the attack on the fire and without thought for their own safety entered the flat where they found the man semi-conscious. He was carried to safety and subsequently arrested. The woman was rescued by a police officer.

James Geoffrey BOWDEN, Sergeant, Greater Manchester Police.

For services in seeking out an armed and dangerous man, who had made off after shooting Sergeant Bowden and a fellow officer while they were engaged on routine enquiries at a Motorway Service Station. On locating the armed man, Sergeant Bowden was shot a second time sustaining a serious injury. His colleague was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.

Robert David BOYD, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Kevin Michael CORBY, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

Julian PEGLER, Constable, Kent County Constabulary.

For services in restraining, disarming and arresting an armed man, who, following reports of gunfire inside a house, had left the premises and made his way towards a busy town centre. On seeing the direction the man was taking, the two officers challenged and tackled the offender. During the struggle the gunman struck Constable Pegler on the head with the weapon before he was overpowered by Constable Corby, assisted by other police officers.

Paul ENGLISH, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.
Ian James HUGHES, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William James McBRIEN, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Eric TOTTON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Michael John TYNAN, BEM, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Paul Christopher FRANCIS, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services in rescuing a woman, threatening to jump, from the top of a high cliff. On seeing the Constable, she pushed herself off the cliff but the officer managed to grab hold of her neck and shoulders as she hung over the edge. The wet and slippery conditions made the rescue attempt all the more dangerous as the