

woman struggled violently. The officer was assisted by other police officers arriving at the scene.

Raymond Alan FRASER, Fireman, Yeovil, Somerset.

For services in attempting to prevent an armed robbery taking place in a building society. Mr Fraser wrestled with the gunman and during the struggle the gun was discharged. As the robber broke free and fled, leaving the gun behind, Mr Fraser took up the chase and was able to attract the attention of two passing security guards who managed to apprehend the offender.

Paul HARLOW, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in assisting a colleague to prevent three highly dangerous and armed men from escaping, following an attempted robbery on a Post Office. The officer, although armed, came under fire from the robbers who shot and wounded his colleague.

Charles JOHNSTON, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Ian Robert JONES, Constable, North Yorkshire Police.

For services in following a man acting suspiciously who, when approached by the officer, threatened him with a knife and metal bar. The officer grappled with the man and, despite receiving blows to the head and cuts to his hand, managed to hold the man down and restrain him until, assisted by members of the public and other police officers, he was detained.

William Rowan MAGILL, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Henry Donald MILNER, QPM, lately Detective Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

For services in attempting to prevent three youths from breaking into a vehicle. The off-duty officer, whilst grappling with one of the youths, was beaten around the head by his two accomplices armed with staves. On identifying himself as a Police Officer, one of the youths brandished a gun. Still holding on to one of the youths, the Constable was beaten across the wrist, and forced to loosen his grip. His wrist was found to be broken. The youths fled but were subsequently captured and charged.

Linda Christine, Mrs NAISBITT, Auxiliary Nurse, North Tyneside District General Hospital.

For services in attempting to prevent a man from attacking a patient. Nurse Naisbitt, unaware that the man was armed with a knife, jumped on his back and

pulled him to the floor, saving the patient from further injury. A fierce struggle ensued and Nurse Naisbitt received a number of stab wounds during the attack, before the man ran off.

Philip John RUTT, Constable, Bedfordshire Police.

For services in pursuing and apprehending a man believed to have carried out an armed robbery at a bank. The officer grappled with the suspect who produced a gun during the struggle. Constable Rutt disarmed and restrained the man until other police officers arrived.

Stephen SWAN, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Oswald Gordon THOMAS, Sergeant, Ministry of Defence Police.

For services in rescuing a man from the River Thames, who was threatening to commit suicide. The distraught man had entered the river, followed by Sergeant Thomas, and disappeared beneath the water in the darkness. Despite a strong current and the man's fierce struggle, Sergeant Thomas made a successful rescue.

John THOMSON, Constable, Strathclyde Police.

For services in disarming and apprehending an armed man following the robbery of a security van. The officer pursued two of the suspects on foot and, on closing, grappled with one who dropped his weapon. As the officer picked up the gun, the second suspect fired his weapon at Constable Thomson. Undeterred, he continued the chase and after a short struggle overpowered one of the suspects with the assistance of another officer.

Martin Andrew WARD, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

For services in rescuing a driver and his passenger from a blazing car, following a road traffic accident. After he had rescued the driver, Mr Ward twice entered the burning car before succeeding in releasing the passenger. As Mr Ward struggled to free him the car became engulfed in flames. Mr Ward received serious burns to his left hand.

Andrew WILSON, Constable, West Yorkshire Police.

For services in apprehending a man wanted for questioning, who, when approached by Constable Wilson, drew a small knife and attacked the officer. Constable Wilson, off duty, identified himself as a Police Officer as he grappled with the suspect. The officer, although severely injured, continued his hold on his attacker until the arrival of uniformed police.