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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of The George Medal, 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

Ng Hung-shek (deceased), lately Immigration Assistant, Immigration Department, Hong Kong.

On Tuesday, 20th March 1990, at approximately 6 p.m. four men each armed with a pistol robbed a jewellery shop. The police were alerted and four officers arrived just before the four robbers left.

Upon seeing the police, the robbers opened fire at the officers who returned fire. During the exchange one of the officers was hit and two pedestrians were hit by ricocheting bullets. The robbers then crossed the road and were fired at by another police officer on that side of the road. By this time thirteen shots had been fired and a considerable degree of panic and confusion had spread amongst passers-by. At this stage Mr Ng Hung-shek, who was out shopping with his fiancée, came across the escaping robbers. The crowd in front of them suddenly dispersed and they saw a robber fire towards the jewellery shop and run off followed by two more of the robbers.

Although unarmed, Mr Ng gave chase and shouted at them to drop their guns and stop running. One of the robbers turned and pointed his gun at Mr Ng who stopped momentarily but then resumed the chase. Whilst he was pursuing the robbers, four off duty policemen joined in the chase. As two of the robbers turned into another road, one of them turned to see if he was still being chased. Seizing this opportunity, Mr. Ng and one of the policemen, a police sergeant, tackled him and wrestled him to the ground. The police sergeant knocked the pistol from the robber's hand and subdued him. A police constable arrived at the scene and was instructed to guard the arrested man whilst the sergeant covered the area from possible attack by the other robbers.

At this moment the sergeant saw one of the other robbers on the other side of the road pointing a pistol and advancing towards them. As the police sergeant was confronting this second robber, a third returned, approaching the party from the rear and pointing a pistol. Neither Mr Ng nor the sergeant saw this third man but the constable guarding the first robber did, and he pushed the sergeant to the ground and took cover in a nearby building entrance. Almost simultaneously there were two shots, from the third robber, and Mr Ng fell to the ground wounded. Mr Ng did not regain consciousness and died shortly afterwards in hospital. The four robbers were arrested subsequently.

Mr Ng displayed conspicuous gallantry when, without regard for his own safety, he pursued armed robbers whilst unarmed and continued the chase after being threatened with a pistol. He still persisted after being joined by police, and helped in the capture of one of the robbers, before he was killed by the third robber.

Awarded Queen's Gallantry Medal

Alan Lance CLARK, lately Private, British Army.

In the early hours of the morning of Sunday, 12th December 1993, Private Clark was off duty, walking with two friends looking for a lost dog. Nearby a house fire had broken out and had taken good hold before the alarm was raised. The occupier had been forced to retreat from the house due to the heat and fumes leaving her three children trapped inside. Grey acrid smoke was billowing from the house choking anyone nearby. The fire had taken hold in a foam settee, smouldering for some time before bursting into flames releasing highly toxic gases and reducing visibility almost to nothing.

All three men ran to the house and climbed onto a porch roof which gave access to an upstairs window. Without any thought for his own safety, and though unfamiliar with the layout of the house, Private Clark climbed into the burning building. Feeling his way along the walls, he located one child by touch and dragged her to the safety of the window. He returned, struggling for breath, into the dense smoke to search blindly for the remaining children. He was by now suffering the severe effects of smoke inhalation. By chance he located the second child and carried her to safety. By now the flames were beginning to advance up the stairwell seriously impeding access to the remaining child and making it impossible to re-enter the house. Private Clark was subsequently taken to hospital where he received treatment for the effects of smoke inhalation suffered in the course of the rescue.

Privates Clark displayed gallantry of a high order when, without regard to his own safety, he rescued a child in low visibility and choking smoke from a burning house. Aware of the conditions, he unhesitatingly entered the house a second time and rescued a further child.

David Peter MOFFETT, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Henry Bayly SPENCER, Night Delivery Driver, Securicor Ltd.

Peter James WILTSHIRE, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

On the evening of Thursday, 24 October 1991, a Securicor van crew were delivering money to a building society cash dispenser machine. As the van approached the building society it parked directly behind a car near a bus stop.

Mr Spencer opened the rear side door of the van and was confronted by a robber who had been waiting at the bus stop. He was holding a sawn-off double barrelled shotgun and ordered Mr Spencer to get back into the vehicle. Mr Spencer kicked out at the robber. In retaliation, the robber fired one barrel of his gun hitting Mr Spencer above the knee. Apart from a burning sensation, he felt no ill effects and kicked out at the robber again. Once again the robber fired, virtually at point blank range, this time hitting Mr Spencer in the stomach. Once again there was only a burning and stinging sensation. Unknown to the guard at the time, most of the shot in the cartridges had been removed so the power of the shots was very low. Knowing that his attacker had fired both barrels, and despite the fact that blows were raining on his

shoulders and crash helmet, Mr Spencer continued to confront the robber who decided to abandon the raid and ran across the road with Mr Spencer in pursuit. During the attack, a second robber had been watching the proceedings brandishing his own shotgun, intent on keeping any assistance at bay. When the first robber attempted to run off, Mr Spencer managed to trip him causing the first robber to stumble. At this point the second robber fired one barrel of his shotgun into Mr Spencer's leg causing it to buckle beneath him and he fell.

Sergeant Wiltshire was off-duty and was in his car with his family when he saw the start of the incident. He stopped his car and got out to help when he heard the first two shots. He saw Mr Spencer shot for the third time and saw the first robber drop his weapon and attempt to escape. Not realising that both barrels had been discharged, Sergeant Wiltshire picked up the abandoned gun and began to pursue the fleeing robber. Disregarding the second robber wielding a sawn off shotgun, he challenged the now unarmed first robber who appeared to comply. Sergeant Wiltshire turned his attention to the second robber, across the road, who started to point his gun at him. Sergeant Wiltshire told him to stand still. At this point, the second robber let go of his weapon which fell beneath his coat as it was tied to his body. Unable to detain both men, Sergeant Wiltshire concentrated his efforts on detaining the robber who was still armed. He shouted further instructions to him, making him lie on the pavement and disarming him. As he was doing this, the first robber escaped.

Mr Spencer displayed gallantry of a high order in foiling an attempted robbery by continually attacking the first robber after being accosted and shot. Sergeant Wiltshire displayed gallantry of a high order without regard for his own safety when he stopped his family car to go to the aid of Mr Spencer who was under attack. He continued to pursue the robbers, finally disarming and apprehending one of them.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

John Edward BARLOW, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

Paul LAWRENCE, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

Andrew Keith MACKAY, Constable, Greater Manchester Police.

For services in pursuing armed suspects following the wounding of a police constable. The suspects were travelling at high speed in a car when spotted by Constable MacKay. He gave chase and in the process two shots were fired by the fleeing suspects, hitting his vehicle. He persisted in his pursuit until his vehicle lost power as a result of damage caused by the two bullets. Constables Barlow and Lawrence, who were following Constable MacKay, continued the chase and managed to apprehend one of the occupants of the car after it had stopped and the suspects had attempted to escape on foot.

Alexander Murray CAIRNIE, Retained Firefighter, Dumfries and Galloway Fire Brigade.

For services in rescuing a senior officer who had been injured by an explosion at the scene of a fire. An explosion at a pheasant brooder house containing propane cylinders blew three firefighters, including Firefighter Cairnie, backwards and enveloped them in

a wall of flame. As a result, a senior officer sustained serious injuries and was unable to move and Firefighter Cairnie was badly burnt. Despite the intense heat, a continuing series of explosions and his own injuries, he crawled towards the injured officer and dragged him clear until joined by other members of the fire crew.

CHAU, KA-keung, Sergeant, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

For services in apprehending an armed robber whilst off duty. Following an armed robbery at a jewellery shop where shots had been fired, four armed robbers were being pursued down the street by a civilian. Sergeant Chau and three other off duty officers joined the chase. As the robbers turned into another street, one of the armed robbers stopped to see if he was still being chased. Seizing this opportunity, Sergeant Chau tackled the robber, with the assistance of the civilian. Sergeant Chau wrestled the robber to the ground, knocking the pistol from his hand and successfully subdued him.

George William COCKBURN, Retained Station Officer, Lothian and Borders Fire Brigade.

For services in rescuing four injured crew members and attempting to rescue a fifth from a fire tender almost completely under water. On the way to attend a fire, the fire appliance was forced off a bridge by oncoming traffic and plunged approximately 40 feet into the river where it rested on its side. Retained Station Officer Cockburn was in the front of the water tender when it plunged into the fast flowing river but managed to extricate himself. Hearing shouting from inside the rear section of the tender, he went immediately to the crew's assistance. Although the door to the cabin was initially jammed, he managed by sheer strength to force it open and succeeded in extracting four crew members, helping them onto the side of the tender which was just above water level. He then repeatedly dived into the bitterly cold, largely flooded main cab and by reaching through a partition he tried to help the driver trapped in the front section of the cabin which was under water. These efforts were unsuccessful as, unknown to Officer Cockburn, the driver was trapped by the steering wheel and the compaction of other parts of the cabin.

Marjorie CONDIE, Mrs, Practice Manager, Doctor's Surgery.

Edward Richard DEEGAN, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

David NICHOLLS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in dealing with a mentally disturbed person armed with a knife and air pistol who held women hostage at a doctors' surgery. The mentally disturbed person had entered the surgery and taken hostage Mrs Condie and two fellow women employees at the surgery. Mrs Condie managed to raise the alarm. She was twice given the opportunity to escape but decided to remain with her companions, offering herself as hostage if they were released. By remaining on duty she kept the intruder's attention until two policemen arrived in response to her call. Constables Deegan and Nicholls talked the suspect into releasing firstly the two women assistants, and subsequently Mrs Condie herself, offering initially to take their place.

The two constables eventually persuaded the suspect to give himself up after five hours of negotiation.

John Clive DAVIDSON, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.
Helen Francis BARNETT, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Zara Jaqueline KINGDOM, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Jennifer Jane LAWSON, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in apprehending a man who became violent when an attempt was made to question him. Following a complaint about an abusive passer by, Constable Barnett approached the man who assaulted her, knocking her to the ground. Constable Lawson came to her aid but she too was attacked. As Constable Lawson lay on the ground, Constable Barnett tried a second time to arrest the man and was again violently assaulted and stabbed by him. As Constable Barnett lay on the ground, Constable Lawson made another attempt to restrain the man and was also stabbed and incapacitated. At this point, Constable Kingdom with Sergeant Davison approached the man and Constable Kingdom was also assaulted and cut on the arm and fell to the ground. As Constable Kingdom then turned to aid her badly wounded fellow WPCs, Sergeant Davison grappled with the violent man, and despite himself being stabbed in the stomach he succeeded eventually in calming the man and getting him to hand over his knife.

Paul Anthony DEAN, Constable, West Midlands Police.

David Kingley MURCOTT, Sergeant, West Midlands Police.

Evan John MYTTON, Constable, West Midlands Police.

Ian Roy PADLEY, Constable, West Midlands Police.

For services whilst on mobile patrol, in pursuing a suspect believed to have been involved in two recent, armed robberies. Suspecting that they were following an armed man the four policemen closed on the robber. During a violent struggle with Constables Dean and Mytton a gun was placed against Constable Mytton's cheek and he was threatened. Whilst he continued to struggle to arrest the suspect, the gun was discharged and the suspect escaped. The chase continued, and the gun was again fired at the officers. The suspect, still in possession of his gun, was finally contained at close quarters by Sergeant Murcott and Constable Padley and disarmed.

Stephen Robert HALL, Training Leading Ambulance Paramedic, King's Lynn Ambulance Station.

For services in attending to a badly injured casualty following a building collapse. Following the collapse of a building under repair, Mr Hall crawled underneath a precariously balanced concrete slab and gave the casualty urgent medical attention for 90 minutes until the injured building worker was rescued by the Fire Service.

Leslie Ann HARRISON, Constable, Merseyside Police.

Terence MALONE, Taxi Driver.

David MURRAY, Constable, Merseyside Police.

Ruth Ann POLHILL, Constable, Merseyside Police.

Harry James WAGNER, Constable, Merseyside Police.

For services in pursuing a man armed with a knife following a reported burglary, Constable Polhill confronted the suspect and was threatened with a knife. She called for assistance and suspect ran off pursued by the officer who was shortly joined by her colleagues, Constables Harrison, Murray and Wagner. A violent struggle took place during which Constable Harrison was stabbed and badly injured. The suspect managed to free himself and ran off, pursued by Constables Murray and Wagner. The constables found him and closed in and another violent struggle ensued. At that point Mr Malone, a taxi driver, came upon the scene and stopped to give assistance. He was dragged from his cab by the suspect but managed to get into the rear of the vehicle as it was driven away by the suspect. The taxi was driven a short distance and the suspect then ran off. Mr Malone followed at a distance and was able to point out the

suspect to further police officers who subsequently arrested him.

Donald Campbell MACDONALD, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Kevin Russell MADDOX, LEADING FIREFIGHTER, SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE.

For services in the rescue of a woman in danger of drowning. Mr Maddox crawled along a branch which was partly submerged in a swollen river, and by holding onto the woman he prevented her from being swept away. A passer by who attempted to help weakened the branch of the tree, but despite the risk of being swept away by the flood Mr Maddox continued to hold onto the woman until she was rescued on the arrival of a properly equipped fire crew.

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