

*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.

Privats 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