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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