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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of 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 Bravery:

*Awarded Queen's Gallantry Medal*

Hugh Edward Alexander CARSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Cyril CREIGHTON, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Lesley Avril GRAHAM, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Shaun Terrence HADLEY (deceased), Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Friday, 2nd July 1993, two police officers approached a man to question him about an incident which had occurred earlier, when he reached inside his coat and produced a double-barrelled sawn-off shotgun. In the ensuing confrontation, the man threatened to kill the officers and others who had arrived at the scene. He then discharged the gun injuring two officers inside a police vehicle. The man then walked through the city centre with the shotgun suspended from his neck threatening passers-by. Mr. Hadley was in the area with two friends when they heard about the presence of the gunman. Mr. Hadley

seems to have determined to stop the gunman, and went purposely into the city square. As Mr. Hadley came near to the gunman the latter challenged a passer-by near to him. Mr. Hadley then shouted to the passer-by to jump on him and he and the passer-by simultaneously tackled the gunman, knocking him off balance and partially down to the ground. A fierce struggle ensued during which other passers-by and a plain clothes police officer joined in, in the attempt to subdue and restrain the gunman. Mr. Hadley took hold of the barrel of the gun and tried to force it down. He and the gunman faced each other, on their knees, while the gunman tried to turn the barrels of the gun towards Mr. Hadley. The gunman fired the weapon and the full force of the blast hit Mr. Hadley in the chest. Subsequently, a number of uniformed police officers managed to arrest the gunman. Mr. Hadley displayed gallantry of a high order when, with total disregard to his own safety, he approached and tackled, and continued to struggle with, an armed man who he knew was dangerous.

Gerald Brian Edmond KEEN, Bromley, Kent.

On Friday, 8th July 1988 an attempted armed robbery occurred when a Securicor van was attacked by a man with a handgun. Two of the Securicor van crew had just collected cash from a nearby shop and were by the van preparing to make their next collection. One of the guards had just deposited the previous cash collection into the van's chute when a man ran up and hit him on the right elbow with a handgun. The force of the blow caused the guard to spin round. The gunman then put the gun to the guard's left temple and started shouting at him to get the money out of the chute. This was not possible as the money had already passed into the van. At this

point Mr. Keen intervened when he realised that it was an attempted hold up. He saw an armed man holding a gun at the head of a security guard and realising that none of the bystanders were doing anything, he put his shopping bags down and decided to tackle the gunman. Suddenly Mr. Keen became aware of the gunman's accomplice on a motorcycle riding towards him. The accomplice stopped between Mr. Keen and the Securicor van, and shouted at Mr. Keen to get out of the way. Undeterred Mr. Keen lunged forward and kicked the gunman in the back in the hope that the gun would jerk backwards away from the guard's head. The gunman spun around and fired directly at Mr. Keen. Fortunately Mr. Keen sidestepped and the shot just missed him despite passing through his raincoat. The gunman then fired about four shots at random and jumped on to the pillion of the motorcycle. Mr. Keen tried to grasp hold of the gunman but the gunman evaded his grasp and with his accomplice escaped. Mr. Keen showed gallantry of a high order when he tackled an armed robber, whilst unarmed himself during an attempted robbery. Without regard for his own safety he continued to tackle the gunman even after being fired at.

Edward KEMP, Constable, Metropolitan Police.  
Patrick KIELTY, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

On 25th November 1991 at 5 15 p.m., three masked suspects gained entry to a building society as the staff were closing the branch, and locking the cash and valuables away in the safe. The staff were confronted by the three suspects, one of whom was brandishing a sawn off double barrellled shotgun. All members of staff were herded into an office and made to lie on the floor, whilst the contents of the safe were stolen. Whilst the robbery was in progress a member of the public raised the alarm. Constable Kemp and Sergeant Kielty and a colleague were patrolling nearby and responded. On arrival at the building, Sergeant Kielty and Constable Kemp went to the rear to investigate, and were confronted by the three robbers as they fled the premises. The first robber the tallest carried a sawn off single barrellled shotgun, which he levelled and pointed at both the officers. The second suspect carried a sawn off double barrellled shotgun, and the third man the shortest of the three carried a large holdall, containing the proceeds of the robbery. When confronted by the armed gunman the two policeman took cover behind a parked vehicle until the suspects ran off, they then immediately gave chase. Suddenly, the tallest robber, armed with his shotgun, stopped at a corner and turned to face the pursuing officers. The other two robbers ran up to the gunman as he levelled the shotgun at the police officers. He told them to stay back and with the two officers no more than 15 yards away from him fired at them both. The officers momentarily checked their progress and could see that the shorter of the three suspects who by then had dropped his heavy bag had remained at the corner. He pulled out a black pistol from his waistband and with two hands levelled pointed the gun at Constable Kemp who by now was only a yard away from him. Constable Kemp stopped immediately in front of this man, whilst Sergeant Kielty joined him. The suspect shouted at them to stay back or he would shoot them. Both officers stopped faced with this very real and dangerous threat. The man with the pistol, then turned and began to run away. Sergeant Kielty and Constable Kemp then continued the chase on foot. Within 30 yards Constable Kemp was able to rugby tackle the

suspect from behind, bringing him down onto the pavement. Sergeant Kielty joined him at once and both officers struggled violently with the suspect, restraining him on the footway. Both officers were aware of the danger posed by what they believed to be the firearm in this suspects possession, and directed their attention towards preventing him getting his arms free during the violent struggle. Whilst this was occurring, the taller suspect with the discharged single barrellled shotgun, hovered indecisively 15 yards away from their position. The suspect on the floor managed to shout for help but Constable Kemp forced his hand across the suspects mouth to prevent him shouting out for further assistance. The taller suspect, armed with the sawn off shotgun eventually turned and ran out of sight. From this point Constable Kemp, with the assistance of Sergeant Kielty and their third colleague arrested the suspect and the two officers detained him until assistance arrived. Sergeant Kielty and Constable Kemp displayed gallantry of a high order when without regard for their own safety they chased three robbers who they knew to be armed. Even though they were fired upon they continued the chase until they finally managed to apprehend one of the robbers.

#### *Queen's Commendation for Bravery*

Stephen BENEDETTI, Constable, Metropolitan Police  
Julie JONES, Constable, Metropolitan Police  
James Robert ROOK, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in apprehending a man armed with a sawn-off shotgun after he had brandished his gun in a residential area. The occupant of a house notified the police of a man in the street with a gun which had been pushed through his letter box. Constables Rook and Jones, on mobile patrol, saw the gunman getting into a parked vehicle. Aware that he may still be armed, they approached and stopped him. During the subsequent search of his pockets Constable Rook found two shotgun cartridges. At this point he tried to arrest the gunman, but he began to get violent. A struggle ensued and the officer was pushed away, giving the gunman time to draw a sawn-off shotgun which had been hidden under his coat. Constable Rook managed to grab hold of the gun and a violent tug-of-war commenced. Constable Rook was quickly joined by Constable Jones, who had been calling for urgent assistance. She too displayed bravery in trying to subdue the extremely strong and violent gunman. A few moments later Constable Benedetti arrived to assist his colleagues. As he did so the shotgun was pointed at him. Constable Rook managed to push it to one side and at this point it went off, discharging into the side of Constable Benedetti's vehicle, a matter of inches from his head. The suspect was still shouting threats and struggling very violently. Constable Benedetti joined Constables Rook and Jones in attempting to disarm the gunman, but it took the arrival of another two officers, who joined in the struggle, before the gunman was eventually disarmed and restrained.

Tracey BROWN, Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary  
Nigel Patrick SHAW, Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary

For services in rescuing four persons from a burning house. Constable Brown was off duty and had just

woken to prepare for work when her mother alerted her to cries for help from a house fire nearby. She dressed and ran out of the house accompanied by her parents. On arrival she was faced with three people shouting for help from an upstairs bedroom window whilst rooms on the ground floor were visibly ablaze. A number of neighbours had emerged from their homes and Constable Brown took control of the scene. She organised the neighbours to ring the emergency services and seek out ladders with a view to rescuing the trapped people. Within a short time the three trapped people were rescued and she established from them that a baby was still in the house and believed to be in the area of the kitchen. Constable Brown forced the bottom panel in a rear downstairs door and entered the house with a view to finding the baby. Initially she was beaten back by thick acrid smoke and had to retreat back to the broken door. She was handed a wet towel and again entered the premises attempting to switch on a light to enable her to find the baby. Her search for a light switch proved fruitless as the electricity supply had failed and once again she was beaten back to the broken door to gain relief from the smoke. At this point Constable Nigel Shaw arrived at the scene. She informed him of the baby in the downstairs room. Together they entered the house from another direction and with wet towels and a torch proceeded to search the downstairs rooms. They located a badly burnt child on the settee in the front room. The baby was surrounded by fire and the room engulfed in smoke from burning furniture. Constable Shaw carried the baby from the house, being guided by Constable Brown who was able to find her way by use of a torch.

Simon CASTREY, Constable, Metropolitan Police  
John JENKINSON, Constable, Metropolitan Police

For services in stopping a man driving away with a police car after both officers had been attacked and severely injured. Constables Castrey and Jenkinson were on mobile patrol when they saw two men in a parked car. Suspecting the vehicle had been stolen, they called for assistance and began to question the men. Almost without warning, one of the men who was out of the vehicle, turned away from Constable Jenkinson, instantly swinging back to stab him in the neck causing the officer to collapse to the ground. The other man meanwhile, ran off from the scene. As soon as he realised his colleague was in trouble, Constable Castrey turned his attention towards Constable Jenkinson. At that point the man came towards him, stabbing him in the face and neck and knocking him to the ground. As Constable Castrey fell, the man returned to Constable Jenkinson, held the knife close to his face and demanded the keys to the police car. Despite his injuries and in the face of the man's threats, the officer held on to the keys. Constable Castrey, seeing the desperate situation of his colleague, tried to stand up, attempting to draw his truncheon at the same time. The man saw this, left Constable Jenkinson and returned to attack Constable Castrey. In spite of further blows to the head, however, the officer wrestled with the man and succeeded in hitting him with the truncheon, forcing him to run off. Constable Castrey even managed to run after him, almost catching the man. Both officers were severely injured in this incident.

William James CONNOR, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary  
James Stephen Newell MOORE, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For Bravery in Northern Ireland

Martin DUDLEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police  
Julie HITCHINGS, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police

For services in restraining two violent men. Constable Dudley and Sergeant Hitchings were on patrol with another officer when they spotted two men acting suspiciously. Sergeant Hitchings went to speak to one of the men and Constable Dudley went to her assistance when he became violent. The man stabbed the constable in the arm initially, with a flick knife, before going berserk and stabbing the officer repeatedly. Although Constable Dudley realised he had been seriously injured he nonetheless continued to struggle tenaciously with his assailant, so preventing him from either escaping or giving help to his accomplice. Sergeant Hitchings had turned to help a third colleague contain the second man, who had also become violent. When she noticed Constable Dudley's situation, she returned to help him in his struggle with the knifeman. She managed to prise the knife from the man's grasp and the officers kept him away from his weapon until other police arrived and both suspects were arrested.

Lewis FULTON (deceased), Constable, Strathclyde Police

For services in attempting to disarm a man struggling violently and armed with a knife. Following a domestic disturbance a man armed with a knife proceeded to walk away from the flat where the disturbance had taken place. The police had been summoned and followed him. On five occasions he attacked them with the knife, and finally stepped back into a shop doorway challenging the police to fight. In an attempt to contain him a vehicle was driven across the front of the doorway trapping him in. He then attacked the vehicle, which was reversed away to avoid serious injury to the driver and he retreated back into the doorway. At this point several officers including Constable Fulton surrounded him and using batons and pieces of wood attempted to disarm him. In the struggle Constable Fulton was grabbed and was stabbed fatally. The suspect was eventually overpowered and placed in a police vehicle.

James GAVIN, Bournemouth, Dorset

For services in detaining a man who was threatening staff whilst attempting to rob a post office. Mr Gavin, a retired elderly police sergeant and registered disabled, was in the post office, close to the counter, when a robber entered. While Mr Gavin was being served the man entered the area behind the counter, and pointed what looked like a rifle or shotgun barrel at the clerk. The robber banged this, then seen to be a metal bar, on the counter and threatened staff. Mr Gavin moved to the area behind the counter and stood behind the robber, hitting him on the side of the head to deter him and prevent injury to the counter staff or others. Mr Gavin was struck in the ribs with the metal bar but he held on to the robber, who was fighting violently and continuing to strike him. Mr Gavin was then assisted by other customers. He seized the iron bar and then

with the others succeeded in restraining the robber until the police arrived.

Colin John GOODSON, Metropolitan Police  
Paul Terence MYRING, Metropolitan Police

For services in respect of courage and professional skill in examining massive booby-trapped improvised explosive devices, making them safe and recovering the constituent parts.

David John HEANUE, Constable, British Transport Police

For services in rescuing a lady who had fallen in the river. Constable Heanue in company with another officer was travelling by police car between railway stations. His car was flagged down in the early morning by a man who told them that his girlfriend had fallen into the river. At danger to himself, Constable Heanue dived in the river, approximately ten feet below, to rescue her. The river at this point has extremely strong currents and was running at an estimated speed of four knots. Having reached the girl, who was exhausted and unable to swim any further, Constable Heanue towed her to a nearby pier, a distance of approximately 100 metres. Here she was lifted to safety by other officers assisted by Constable Heanue who remained in the water. At this point he was pulled under the pier by the strong current. Another officer climbed down the pier's ironwork to hold Constable Heanue in a safe position and with the aid of a rope he was lifted to safety by the Fire Service.

Thomas HILL, Constable, Bedfordshire Constabulary  
Raymond John SCHREINER, Constable, Bedfordshire Constabulary

For services in chasing armed robbers following a robbery. Constables Schreiner and Hill were on mobile patrol when they received a radio message describing an armed robbery that had taken place. The two constables spotted the vehicle reportedly used by the robbers and immediately gave chase. As they followed, shots were fired from the suspect vehicle directly at the officers but they continued to maintain pursuit. Despite being shot at four times, Constable Schreiner, who was driving, continued to keep the suspect vehicle in sight even when shots struck his vehicle. Constable Hill in the front passenger seat maintained radio contact with other police vehicles, describing the route taken and ensuring support was available when the suspect vehicle eventually stopped. When the suspects vehicle stopped, three men left the vehicle and both officers continued the chase on foot until joined by other officers. One of the suspects was subsequently arrested with the help of a police dog team.

Alan Derek KING (deceased), Sergeant, Metropolitan Police

For services in attempting, when alone, to question and restrain a man acting suspiciously in the early hours of the morning. Sergeant King was on duty in his police car and at about 1 a.m. he appears to have taken the initiative to investigate a man seen acting suspiciously near a parked vehicle. The police car double parked alongside the suspect vehicle, and witnesses from houses opposite describe being woken by shouting and seeing Sergeant King being attacked in a fierce struggle in the roadway, by a man connected with the suspect car. He was seen to fall to the ground

and the attacker walked away from him towards nearby flats. Sergeant King then got up and staggered down the road flagging down an approaching car. He was unable to use his radio microphone as the connecting wire had been cut in the struggle. The attacker saw this and ran after Sergeant King shouting that he was going to get him. Catching up with the sergeant as he was about to get into the car the man was seen to further stab him about the chest causing fatal injuries. The attacker, then joined by an accomplice, moved the police car and drove off in their own vehicle.

William Hughes MAWHINNEY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary  
Philip McMURTRY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary  
Ian James STEWART, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For Bravery in Northern Ireland

Mary Josephine MCKINNEY, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary  
Christopher Neill WILKINSON, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For Bravery in Northern Ireland

Paul Michael MIZZI, Constable, Surrey Constabulary

For services in detaining an armed robber who was threatening a petrol station cashier. Constable Mizzi was off duty when he saw a man threatening the cashier of a petrol station with a gun. He moved from his car to a place outside the station cash point, and as the offender came out, still carrying the gun, he tackled him. A violent struggle ensued as he attempted to disarm the man. He eventually managed to overpower the gunman, disarmed him and secured his arrest. Only afterwards did it become apparent that the gun was a realistic replica, which was recovered from the gunman along with a small kitchen knife.

David William Henry TRACE, Bristol

For services in tackling three robbers who were attempting to rob a Post Office. Mr Trace arrived at a Post Office to collect his disability pension, when he saw a man inside threatening the occupants with a machete. Although disabled and in poor health, Mr Trace entered, wrestled the man to the ground and then threw him out of the Post Office door into the street. He subsequently brought the man back into the Post Office and forced him to release the machete, which was then kicked away. At this point two other men came into the Post Office customer area from a rear door, one holding a sledge hammer and the other a pistol. The man with the sledge hammer aimed a blow at Mr Trace but missed, and Mr Trace kicked him, forcing him to the ground. The man holding the pistol, only later found to be a replica, pointed it at Mr Trace at point blank range but was tackled and disarmed by Mr Trace. Mr Trace was attacked again by one of the men now armed with a knife, sustaining cuts to his wrist. At this point all three men made their escape in a stolen car.

**Kevin Norman WATTS, Branch Manager, Estate Agency**

For services in securing the release of a kidnap victim. A senior negotiator with a firm of Estate Agents was kidnapped by a client who threatened her with a knife and chisel. She was held in a building for eight days—for most of the period bound, gagged, blindfolded and manacled to the floor, with cramped sleeping arrangements. The police feared for her safety, but having no indication of her whereabouts sought to use a sophisticated ransom demand to track down the kidnapper whom they suspected was mentally unstable and dangerous. The kidnapper demanded that Kevin Watts, a colleague of the victim, should deliver the ransom money. Despite the risks he agreed to do so and was coached by police on how to fulfil his courier role. He was aware that the police believed the kidnapper had previously killed another young woman and was made conscious of the danger he faced by being fitted with a bullet-proof vest. The handover of the ransom took place on a January evening when fog had reduced visibility to only a few yards. After a telephone call in mid afternoon, Mr Watts had to drive from his home to an area 150 miles away which he reached around 7 pm. There Mr Watts was directed around this totally unfamiliar area by means of telephone and typed messages from the kidnapper. The instructions had to be completed within strict time constraints in an isolated area, in circumstances of total uncertainty and a possibility of attacks on his person directly or by booby trap devices as he delivered the money. His brave actions secured the subsequent release of the victim.

**Brian Compton WILLIAMS, Constable, Strathclyde Police**

For services in attempting to detain a man armed with a gun. Following a number of robberies, police were summoned and followed a suspect to a nearby public house. On seeing the police officers, the man left and was chased on foot by Constable Williams. The man then stopped and pointed a gun at the constable's head. At this point a woman pedestrian shouted at the gunman not to shoot. With this the gunman turned, pointed the gun at her and fired, the bullet passing through both her legs. The gunman then ran off again with Constable Williams again giving chase. After a short distance the gunman stopped, turned and started advancing on Constable Williams pointing his gun at him which he then fired. The constable raised his hand to protect his face and the bullet struck his watch strap and lodged in his hand. The gunman then ran away still pursued by Constable Williams, who was by this time in pain and bleeding profusely from the bullet wound to his hand. Constable Williams lost the man during the chase but continued to search the area with other officers until taken to hospital for medical attention.

**Roger Seymour WILLIS, Leading Firefighter (Retained), Cornwall County Fire Brigade**

For services in rescuing two motorists trapped by flood water in their car. Severe weather had caused widespread flooding. A fire appliance was dispatched from the fire station in response to a call that persons were trapped in a car at danger from flood water. On arrival, the crew were confronted with a rapidly deteriorating situation. A motor car with two occupants had been swept off the road by a torrent of flood water from the river which had burst its banks and swollen to a depth of eight feet above the surrounding field level. The vehicle had been swept from the road to become trapped against trees and was being buffeted by the flow and pressure of water and was in danger of overturning. The motorists were holding on to the car through open doors but were rapidly running out of strength. Initially, the firefighters were swept away by the force of the current in repeated attempts to reach the casualties from downstream. Leading Firefighter Willis fought his way upstream above the trapped vehicle. Diving into the turbulent current he struck out for the car and, secured by a line to his colleagues, he was able to grab hold of the stricken vehicle as the current carried him past. From the comparative safety of the car roof, he assessed the position of the motorists and in the light of their failing physical condition decided to carry out an immediate rescue. Taking the male motorist, who was approaching unconsciousness, in a bear hug, Leading Firefighter Willis instructed his colleagues to pull them to safety. Fighting against the current and the cold water, he repeated the process for the second motorist.

**John WOODCOCK, Reporter, National Newspaper**

For services in apprehending a man with a sawn-off shotgun, Mr Woodcock was having a meal in a restaurant when a man entered with a sawn-off shotgun. The gunman ordered Mr Woodcock and other customers to leave. As he passed the gunman on the way out, Mr Woodcock grabbed the barrel of the shotgun with his left hand and the gunman with his right. The two men struggled for the gun which Mr Woodcock attempted to keep pointed towards the floor. The gun discharged and the gunman released his grip slightly, at which point Mr Woodcock took the gun from him. He held it out of reach and forced the gunman to leave the restaurant and to lie on the forecourt. Mr Woodcock then checked whether the gunman had any other weapon. Shortly afterwards the police arrived and arrested the gunman.

