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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 Brave Conduct.

*Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal*

David Frank CHESWORTH (Deceased), lately Chief Accountant, Pillar Engineering Ltd., London S.W.1.

On the evening of 6th November 1979, Mr. Chesworth heard screams coming from a nearby house.

Although it was late and he was about to retire, he quickly dressed and went outside into the road where he saw a man attacking three women. The women, who lived in the house opposite, were a mother and daughter and a second daughter who was the estranged wife of the man who was assaulting them.

Seeing the extremely violent attack the man was making on the women, Mr. Chesworth unhesitatingly intervened, attempted to save them and managed to free the wife from her husband's grip: the women then ran to his house for shelter and locked themselves inside. In spite of warnings that the assailant had a knife Mr. Chesworth continued to grapple with him and in so doing was stabbed several times in the shoulder with a Commando knife. The attack carried on to the point where he was stabbed in the groin and this blow severed his femoral artery. Severely wounded he collapsed from loss of blood but by this time the police, who had been alerted by the neighbours, arrived at the scene and disarmed the man. Mr. Chesworth was taken to hospital but subsequently died a week later as a result of the serious injury he had received.

Mr. Chesworth displayed gallantry of a very high order when alone, unarmed and without consideration for his own safety, he intervened and faced this mentally unstable man to protect the lives of the three women who had called for his help.

Robert Leonard FLEMING, lately Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

David LEATHEM, lately Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Gordon GARNER, Accountant, Catford, London S.E.6.

On 10th May 1979, three men who had earlier been behaving suspiciously in a supermarket returned to the shop, approached the Manager, threatened him with a shotgun and ordered him to open the safe which contained a large amount of cheques and cash. Meanwhile, a fourth man ordered a young cashier to hand over the money from her till: when she refused the man produced a handgun and held it to her back while he attempted to open the drawer. The girl resisted him and screamed to attract attention, this alerted the other criminals and they started to move towards the exit still covering the Manager with the gun.

Mr. Garner, who was a customer in the store, was close to the checkout area when the cashier raised the alarm. Seeing that the girl was in obvious danger and, regardless of the fact that the man then menaced him with the handgun and told him not to move, he ran at the man and delivered a well-aimed kick. The gunman leaned forward in obvious pain and fired his shotgun, fortunately the bullet travelled towards the floor. Mr. Garner then further attacked the man with the handgun and a second man who was attempting to escape through the exit: grappling with both of them. In an effort to deter Mr. Garner the man with the shotgun fired his weapon over the heads of the group and the four men ran from the store chased by Mr. Garner until he lost sight of them among the crowd of shoppers.

Mr. Garner displayed bravery of a very high order and a complete disregard of his own safety in going to the assistance of the young cashier and grappling with and then pursuing two offenders after he had been threatened with a shotgun.

William JOLLEY, Station Officer, Greater Manchester County Fire Service.

On 8th May 1979 the Greater Manchester County Fire Service were called to a serious fire at a large store.

On arrival at the scene it was evident that the fire had taken hold in a very short time and flames accompanied by a large volume of smoke were billowing from the second floor windows, while at the rear of the premises smoke was issuing from the windows, many people were caught on various floors and several women could be seen trapped behind bars at a second floor window.

A ladder was placed at the barred window and Station Officer Jolley climbed up and attempted to remove the iron bars by using a large axe on the masonry. When this proved unsuccessful, he cut through two of the bars with a compressed air saw and levered them upwards sufficiently to gain access. Despite the seriousness and intensity of the fire, Station Officer Jolley entered the building taking with him only a resuscitator set in order to provide some swift temporary relief to the six women he was attempting to rescue.

The smoke-logged room was by now filled by poisonous fumes and the women had great difficulty in breathing. The officer managed to calm and reassure them and was able to assist them on to the ladder and to a hydraulic platform cage which had then been positioned close to the ladder.

When the last woman had been removed to safety the Station Officer returned to the room to make sure that there was no-one else remaining. He decided to search further and opened the door of the general office giving access to the second floor shopping area which was by then burning fiercely. Crawling along the floor, he attempted to penetrate further but this proved impossible because of the heat, flames and smoke in the area. Before withdrawing, the officer waited and called several times in case there were any customers or staff still trapped, but no answer was given and nothing could be seen through the fire and dense blanket of smoke. Finally, when he was satisfied that he could give no further assistance and now severely affected by the effects of the heat and fumes he was forced to use the resuscitator himself before making his way back to the window.

Station Officer Jolley displayed bravery of a high order when, without the support of other personnel and at risk to his own safety he rescued the six trapped women and then, although suffering from the effect of heat and smoke, continued to search for other survivors.

YEUNG, Chun-hing, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

On 27th November 1979 Constable Yeung, who was on plain clothes duty in the customer area of a bank, saw two armed men enter. One of the men threatened the customers with a pistol, while his accomplice pointed a revolver at the counter staff.

Taking advantage of the ensuing pandemonium Constable Yeung moved to a point where he had a workable line of fire that would not endanger the lives or safety of the general public. He then drew

his service revolver, revealed his identity and ordered the criminals to surrender. One of the men immediately fired a round at the officer and dived for cover as Constable Yeung fired back. Meanwhile, the other gunman moved his position and the officer was caught in a cross-fire position. A close quarters exchange then followed between the Constable and the two gunmen; Constable Yeung holding his ground, firing a further five shots whilst facing a volley of fire from his adversaries. During this short-lived engagement the officer was hit in his right arm, but this did not prevent him from pressing the attack, firing alternately at both criminals until his ammunition was exhausted. Fortunately, as he fired his final shot, a bank guard opened an inner office door and he was able to take cover inside. Although wounded, on the point of collapse and virtually defenceless, he remained alert to the possibility of a follow-up attack and simulated an armed posture from behind the bank counter. It was only after he was sure that all danger had passed that he accepted first aid treatment and laid down his weapon.

One of the gunmen who was hit and badly wounded during the fight, managed to crawl towards the doorway but collapsed unconscious. His companion made an attempt to drag him away, then fled closely pursued by another police officer who had just arrived at the scene.

Constable Yeung displayed bravery and devotion to duty of a high order when, despite being caught in crossfire, wounded and singlehanded, he engaged two armed and desperate criminals simultaneously in an exchange of gunfire within confined premises.

#### *Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Hazel, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Assistant, Nevins Supermarket, Rainford, Merseyside.

For services in foiling an attempted robbery.

Robert George BURNS, Joiner, East Sheen, London S.W.14.

James Wallace HAYES, Manager, A. Jones and Sons, Brighton, Sussex.

For pursuing and detaining two armed criminals who had robbed a jeweller's shop.

Paul Thomas CADY, Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

For services in attempting to detain a violent and drunken man who, by reckless driving, had deliberately committed a series of collisions and criminal damage.

Peter George CAPPER, Coastguard Officer, Aberdeen Maritime Rescue and Co-ordination Centre, H.M. Coastguard Service.

Richard John RAINFORD, Station Officer Grade I, Aberdeen Maritime Rescue and Co-ordination Centre, HM Coastguard Service.

For services leading to the rescue of the sole survivor of a small fishing vessel that had gone aground in conditions of darkness, poor visibility and heavy, icy seas.

Geoffrey Douglas CLARKE, Sergeant, Hampshire Constabulary.

John Edward SHEPHERD, Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.

For services in restraining and arresting a mentally unstable man.

Robert COULTER, Constable, Strathclyde Police.

For services leading to the arrest of two dangerous and armed men who fired on him in an attempt to evade capture following a robbery.

Gordon DINSLEY, Constable, North Yorkshire Police.

Robert Edward GOODIER, Constable, North Yorkshire Police.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a man who was threatening his estranged wife with a loaded rifle.

Stephen Edward FARLEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the disarming of a violent and mentally sick man who had made an unsuccessful suicide bid and then threatened to shoot the police officers who were called to the scene.

Richard Andrew FAWCETT, Constable, Merseyside Police.

Thomas Paul William SINCLAIR, Constable, Merseyside Police.

For services leading to the rescue of two men who were trapped by heat, flames and smoke during a large fire in a shopping precinct.

Jack David HADDON, County Court Bailiff, Liskeard, Cornwall.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed man who had barricaded his home, threatening to set it alight and to shoot anyone who approached the premises.

Robert HUGHES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Frank Paul NYE, Ambulance Attendant, Dalston Ambulance Station, London Ambulance Service.

For services during the rescue of a badly injured man who was trapped beneath an underground train following a suicide attempt.

Robin HUMPHRIES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a man who threatened him with a loaded revolver.

Graham HUNTINGDON, Electrician, British Transport Docks Board, Southampton.

Raymond James TERRELL, Stevedore, British Transport Docks Board.

For services in diving fully clothed into dangerous and turbulent water to rescue a man who was flung into the water when a ship collided with the quayside.

George IRWIN, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William Martin REILLY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

John Michael JOHNSON, Inspector, Nottinghamshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a mentally unbalanced man who threatened to shoot him.

Robert John LANIGAN, Search Officer, Northern Ireland Office.

Hugh Derek REDPATH, Search Officer, Northern Ireland Office.

Joseph WHITE, Security Man.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Thomas MAWDSLEY, Constable, Mersey Tunnel Police Force.

For overpowering an armed and unstable man who had commandeered a private car at gunpoint and forcibly abducted the owner.

Kenneth PRICE, Fireman, Gwent Fire Brigade.

For services leading to the rescue of a woman whose car had been swept from a bridge into the fast flowing waters of a flooded river.

Steven Brian REEVE, D158467P Acting Leading Caterer, Royal Navy.

For services in swimming through heavy and dangerous seas to bring about the rescue of a badly injured man who had fallen from a cliff into a deep and inaccessible gulley.

Jack Stanley SHEPHERD, Chief Superintendent, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

For services in overpowering and arresting a man armed with a stolen shotgun who had gained admittance into a hospital, stolen drugs and threatened the nursing staff.

Sean THROWER, Barrister, Stanmore, Middlesex.

For attempting to rescue a fellow crew member who was lost overboard in heavy seas during a severe gale.

Miss Michelle Elizabeth TIGHE, Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a violent and dangerous man.

TSUI Pui-ling, Fireman, Hong Kong Fire Service.

For services leading to the rescue of seven people trapped by fumes and flames in a high rise building following the explosion of a gas cylinder.

John Stuart WILSON, Q.G.M., Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

For services leading to the rescue of a mentally unbalanced woman from a dangerous river in severe weather conditions.

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