

were too close to the cliffs and in danger of being wrecked. Those on the junk were unable to make fast the tow-line that was thrown to them so he jumped on board, secured the line and jumped back to the police launch. The launch took the strain, but in spite of all precautions and constant adjustments in speed to counter the effect of the rough sea, the junk capsized. The police launch stopped immediately and a number of people were saved but many were dangerously near the vessel's propellers or too weak to hoist themselves aboard; throughout this time Inspector McQueen, with another officer, was in the water assisting the helpless.

There were still people trapped inside the hull so the Inspector ordered the launch to go astern while he swam underneath the junk to fix a line: in order to do this he deflated his life jacket to reduce his buoyancy and, following several attempts, eventually secured the line to a submerged boom. He then signalled the launch which unsuccessfully attempted to pull the junk upright. By now he was tiring rapidly and had to be assisted back on board the launch.

In spite of his exhaustion Inspector McQueen continued to direct the operation until the junk was sufficiently upright to allow those inside to escape and when one man was trapped by his clothing he immediately dived beneath the surface and managed to free him: the man then clung to the Inspector, placing a great strain on him in his weakened state, but he managed to bring about his rescue. Another attempt successfully released one more man and finally the Inspector swam again to the junk to make certain that no-one remained caught inside.

Inspector McQueen displayed bravery, devotion to duty and leadership of a high order when, in dangerous and unstable conditions, he endeavoured to extricate those trapped in the upturned junk by diving under water to swim beneath the hull. During this time he risked being trapped or drowned and by his actions undoubtedly saved many lives that would otherwise have been lost.

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

Michael Brian ADAMS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Maurice Robert STANFORD, Constable, British Transport Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a badly injured man who had attempted to commit suicide and was trapped beneath an underground train.

Paul BABER, Crane Driver, Scotts Cranes, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

For services in averting a serious accident at a gas works when a loaded crane buckled in high winds and was in danger of collapsing on to nearby overhead gas mains and installations.

Alan BICKLEY, Constable, West Midlands Police.

Marshall John IRVING, Constable, West Midlands Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a mentally unbalanced youth who was threatening to commit suicide by jumping from the 70 feet high roof of a large store.

CHAN Shu-fai, Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

For services leading to the rescue of a number of people from rough and dangerous seas following an accident that caused a sailing junk to capsize.

Peter Andrew DEWAR, Sergeant, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Gary RYAN, Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

For services leading to the rescue of passengers trapped in a blazing sleeping car train.

Howard Frederick DAVIES, Constable, Sussex Police.  
Robert Leslie ELLIOTT, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services in following and restraining a distraught and violent woman who, in gale force weather conditions, had climbed out on to the dangerous framework of a dilapidated pier and was threatening to jump into the heavy seas below.

Leslie ENGLISH, Constable, Strathclyde Police.

Donald MILNE, Constable, Strathclyde Police.

Bernard ROONEY, Road Roller Driver, M. B. McCarroll Ltd., Bishopbriggs.

For services leading to the disarming and arrest of a dangerous criminal who took a man hostage at gunpoint and carried out a robbery.

Steven William FARMINER, Constable, Nottinghamshire Constabulary.

John Ross SHAND, Sergeant, Nottinghamshire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of a violent man who went berserk with a knife.

John GRAVES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Richard Edward TYSON, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in pursuing and arresting an armed and dangerous man and his accomplice following a fatal shooting incident.

Thomas William HAGUE, Fork Lift Truck Driver, Horwich Works, British Rail Engineering Ltd.

For services in attempting to rescue an injured colleague who was trapped by smoke, fumes and intense heat following an accident in an iron foundry.  
Richard HARRIS, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services leading to the rescue of a mentally unbalanced man who threatened to commit suicide by jumping from a sheer cliff.

Philip Quintin HARRISON, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

Miss Kim Patricia WRIGHT, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of two violent and dangerous criminals.

Colin HOLDEN, Constable, Northumbria Police.

For services in overpowering and arresting a violent and armed man who threatened to kill a woman he had taken hostage.

Derek Lyall HORNE, Sergeant, Tayside Police.

For services leading to the disarming of an intoxicated man who threatened him with a loaded pistol and attempted to commandeer his police van.

James Frederick JARVIE, Executive Officer, Board of Customs and Excise.