

Alison, Mrs. PEARSON, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Geoffrey YATES, Leading Fireman, South Yorkshire County Fire Service.

On 23rd February, 1983, a serious fire broke out in a top floor flat of a seven-storey block. The occupant, who was trapped by the severity of the fire, had climbed partially through the window in order to escape from the flames, heat and smoke.

Leading Fireman Yates was a member of one of the crews who responded to the emergency call. On the arrival of the Fire Service it was found that, due to the situation of the flat, neither the turntable ladder nor the hydraulic platform could be put into use. It was impossible to reach the occupant by entering the flat, so Leading Fireman Yates and a colleague forced an entry into an adjoining empty flat in order to reassure the trapped woman who was astride the safety rail and clinging to the window frame. She had her back to the two firemen and was severely affected by the heat and smoke of the fire.

Whilst continually calling to the woman to stay where she was, Leading Fireman Yates took up a similar position astride the safety bar of the window of the next door flat. When it became clear that she could not be rescued by ladder in time Leading Fireman Yates' colleague grasped his right wrist and counterbalanced his weight while the officer endeavoured to reach the girl by leaning across towards her: the distance, however, was too great. Realising the conditions in the burning flat were rapidly worsening, he shouted to the girl to throw her arm in his direction but, as she attempted to obey him, a violent explosion blew out the windows and the girl who was off balance catapulted from her precarious perch. Miraculously, before she could fall to the ground 60 feet below, Leading Fireman Yates managed to seize her left wrist in his left hand and for a few seconds she hung suspended until he was able to raise her sufficiently for his colleague to lean over and grasp her clothing. They then pulled her safely back into the building.

In effecting this daring rescue in an extremely dangerous situation and without regard for his own perilous position, Leading Fireman Yates displayed devotion to duty and gallantry of a very high order.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Alexander BENNETT, Sergeant, Lothian and Borders Police.

For services leading to the detention of a violent man who was armed with a sawn-off shotgun.

Roger CALLOW, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Raymond DAVENPORT (Deceased), Constable, Merseyside Police.

For services in attempting to arrest the driver of a stolen car.

Neil FOREMAN, Constable, City of London Police.

Peter Robert JONES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in the pursuit of two armed criminals following a bank robbery.

David Hugh FOSTER, London S.E.14.

For services in overpowering and detaining a dangerous and violent man armed with a meat cleaver who had attacked and raped a young woman.

John Dixon GRAY, Sergeant, Northumbria Police.

For services in tackling and restraining an armed criminal.

Kenneth KEATLEY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William MONTGOMERY, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Miss Carolyn Faith RANDALL, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Alexander LOVE, Constable, Strathclyde Police.

David MacKay McLAREN, Sergeant, Strathclyde Police.

For services in pursuing and arresting an armed man who was a member of a gang who had earlier robbed a Post Office van delivering cash to a Sub-Post Office.

Nicholas William OATWAY, Director, Oatway Brothers Coach Builders Ltd., London N.W.10.

For services in preventing three armed robbers from succeeding with an attempted wage snatch.

David OLDS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services in attempting to detain a violent man who, armed with a knife, attacked and stabbed another police officer in an effort to evade arrest.

James Brian PORTER (Deceased), Constable, Durham Constabulary.

William SIMPSON, Constable, Durham Constabulary.

Brian Thomas STEWART, Constable, Durham Constabulary.

For services leading to the arrest of two members of an armed gang who, at gunpoint, had just carried out a robbery at the wages office of a factory.

Charles Edward RIORDAN, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Richard Michael SIMISTER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the arrest of an armed raider who had attacked a security guard during an attempted robbery.

Keith Thomas SUMMERFIELD, Fireman, South Yorkshire County Fire Service.

For services leading to the rescue of a young woman trapped by a serious fire in a high rise flat.

Clifford Andrew WANNELL, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For tackling and disarming a criminal who threatened him with a sawn-off shotgun following an armed robbery.