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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the George Medal and 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 George Medal

(To be dated 26th February 1986)

Derek Ian PICKLES, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

On 29th February 1984, Constable Pickles and another officer were directed to a property to investigate a domestic complaint.

As the officers knocked on the door of the building a shotgun was fired from within. The blast hit Constable Pickles' colleague in the chest. He fell mortally wounded. Constable Pickles immediately went to his assistance. He attended to his wounds and dragged him to the cover of a retaining wall which gave some protection from the gunman. Constable Pickles then left the protection of the wall and ran to his police vehicle to radio for assistance. On returning to his injured colleague he was confronted by the gunman who pointed a shotgun at him. The weapon failed to discharge. The gunman

retreated to the building and fired three further shots at Constable Pickles while he was trying to care for his fellow officer. The Constable returned the fire.

From his position Constable Pickles could hear the police radio and became aware of some confusion about his message. He again left the protection of the wall, ran to the police vehicle and broadcast the existing situation. He then returned to his fatally injured colleague, constantly warning bystanders in the area to keep clear. Shortly afterwards it transpired that the gunman had been wounded in the exchange of gunfire and had subsequently taken his own life.

Constable Pickles displayed gallantry of a high order throughout the incident. He exposed himself to gunfire in order to seek assistance, and tended to his colleague under fire.

Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal

John Campbell COURTNEY, Prison Officer, Northern Ireland Prison Service.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

John Leslie GREAVES, Fireman, South Yorkshire County Fire Service.

On 18th February 1985 Fireman Greaves was one of a number of firemen called to rescue a man buried within a collapsed coal tip.

Fireman Greaves immediately entered the tip through a small hole and located the man buried up to his neck in coal shale. The direction of the