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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 Bravery.

Awarded The George Medal

Jack CRAWSHAW, Civilian (deceased)
Michael Clive MEE, Station Officer, South Yorkshire
Fire Station (deceased)

For services in trying to rescue a girl who had fallen through thin ice into a lake, when they could not afford to wait for the arrival of proper equipment.

After a period of severe cold December weather a lake, used for rowing and other recreational purposes during the summer, had frozen over. Two girls were walking their dogs around the edge of the lake when one of the dogs broke free and ran onto the ice to chase some ducks. When the dog was approximately 30 metres from the edge it fell through the ice into the water which was around two metres deep. One of the girls went for help while the other ran onto the ice to try to rescue the dog. She fell through the ice into the freezing water.

Mr Mee, an off duty fireman, was walking with his family when he heard the girl's cries for help. After sending his daughter to alert the emergency services, he went to a point on the bank nearest to where the girl had fallen through the ice, and then proceeded to

crawl, slowly, across the ice towards the girl. As he reached her the ice gave way and he fell, head first, into the freezing water.

Mr Crawshaw had seen what had happened to Mr Mee and fetched a tarpaulin sheet from a Church nearby, to spread his body weight. He started to make his way towards Mr Mee and the girl, but as he neared them the ice gave way and he too fell into the freezing water. Despite their attempts to get out of the water or to stay afloat, both men and the girl eventually disappeared beneath the surface. Attempts to save them, by passers-by and the emergency services, were unsuccessful and all three died of hypothermia.

Awarded The Queen's Gallantry Medal

CHEUNG, Kwong-keung, Constable 20432, Royal
Hong Kong Police.
LEE, Man-ying, Sergeant 17258, Royal Hong Kong
Police.
Barry John SMITH, Chief Inspector, Royal Hong
Kong Police.

For services in arresting six heavily armed gang members suspected of committing a number of robberies.

Following an investigation and surveillance operation Chief Inspector Smith, Sergeant Lee and Constable Cheung, together with twelve or so other officers, prepared to raid a flat known to be occupied by members of a gang involved in a number of robberies. The suspects were believed to be armed with pistols, hand grenades and an AK47 assault rifle.

In the early morning, Chief Inspector Smith (then Acting Chief Inspector) led the officers to the front door of the flat, a wooden door with a metal grille gate on the outside. The police placed a fishing net over the doorway to prevent grenades being thrown out before