

warning the suspects, by telephone and loud-hailer, that the police had surrounded the flat. Immediately the gang inside fired a short burst of automatic gun-fire through the door, just missing Chief Inspector Smith's head and smashing overhead lights in the corridor.

Sergeant Lee returned fire, preventing the occupants from continuing their defence, and then moved forward to the doorway and fired liquid CS gas through the grille and door into the flat. Constable Cheung moved to the door and tried to punch a hole through the door for an injection of tear-gas powder, but the device he was using malfunctioned, and he had to hand-feed a hose for the gas through the hole in the door created by Sergeant Lee. The occupants of the flat again fired through the door and Sergeant Lee returned fire. Constable Cheung, then fired more liquid CS gas into the flat. As he was doing this, the occupants threw a fragmentation grenade which shook the door.

Liquid CS gas and tear-gas powder continued to be pumped into the flat by the police officers who again came under automatic fire from within.

After other officers had sawed through the mountings of the metal gate, Sergeant Lee removed it. The wooden door was then broken down and flash grenades thrown into the flat which was already filled with thick black smoke caused by a fire started by the gang's fragmentation grenades. After officers had extinguished this fire, Chief Inspector Smith, realising that the assault had lost its momentum, led the raiding party into the flat with only his hand gun for protection. Two suspects were arrested in the flat but four other suspects escaped through windows to different floors in the building, throwing a grenade which wounded other police officers at ground level.

Following a search of the block of flats, led by a Senior Inspector with Chief Inspector Smith, all four remaining suspects were arrested. Police later recovered an AK47 automatic assault rifle, four semi-automatic pistols, six hand grenades and a quantity of ammunition from the flat.

LEUNG, Lai-fun, Woman Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police

For services in arresting a known criminal who had fired shots at officers while trying to escape.

In the early hours of the morning Constable Hon and Constable Wong, who were armed, and WPC Leung, who was unarmed, were assigned with one other officer, to take part in a random check on vehicles and occupants. Constable Leung assisted by Constable Wong were checking the details of two occupants of a taxi which had been stopped by Constable Hon. The taxi then departed and the documents of the two occupants were scrutinised and a query about a bail receipt held by one of the taxi's former occupants followed. As the occupant was being questioned by Constable Hon and Constable Wong, confirmation was received by Constable Leung that he was wanted for robbery. (During this period the other former occupant of the taxi was being questioned by the fourth officer).

The suspect then tried to escape but the two police officers made a determined effort to arrest him. He was grabbed from behind by Constable Hon and from the front by Constable Wong, and Constable Leung assisted by grabbing the suspect's hair. During the ensuing violent struggle "three consecutive shots" were fired and Constable Wong jumped back from the

struggle and drew his gun. Meanwhile Constable Leung (who was unarmed) continued to hold onto the suspect who was in a crouching position. She then noticed that the suspect was aiming what looked like a gun at Constable Wong. As Constable Leung grabbed the suspect around the neck, in order to pull him to the ground, he fired two shots at Constable Wong who sustained a bullet wound to his left arm. The suspect was then arrested as further assistance arrived. It was only then discovered that Constable Hon has been fatally shot, three times, during the initial struggle from bullets fired from his personal revolver which must have been taken from him during the struggle.

Robin Anthony SMITH, Civilian

For services in apprehending one member of an armed gang during a robbery.

Three members of an armed gang entered a cash and carry store at closing time and one fired a shotgun into the ceiling. Mr Smith, the assistant manager, who was standing next to the door grabbed hold of the shotgun barrel and tried to disarm the armed intruder. There followed a violent struggle during which Mr Smith managed to move the intruder away from other members of staff and to knock the shotgun from his grasp. The intruder then pulled out an axe and the struggle continued until Mr Smith managed to disarm the intruder again. As Mr Smith continued to wrestle with him, the intruder pulled a handgun from his jacket. Mr Smith attempted to knock the gun out of his hand but the intruder stepped backwards and started to move away from Mr Smith before turning and firing at him, hitting him in the shoulder. The intruder then grabbed Mr Smith and started to drag him towards the store doors. Mr Smith's attempts to grapple with the man were frustrated by the injury sustained from the pistol shot, but he managed to break free and get out of view of the intruder, returning to the store check outs where he sought to help another member of staff. The police, who had been summoned to the incident by other members of staff, then arrived and arrested one of the gang.

Kevin Wayne EVANS, Civilian

For services in arresting an armed robber following a bank robbery.

Mr Evans was walking along the street when he saw a security van parked outside a bank across the road ahead of him. He noticed a security guard holding an orange bag talking to another male and then saw the male take the orange bag and run across the road towards him.

Mr Evans decided to try and stop the man whom he now realised was a robber even though he saw that the robber had a hand gun. Taking the initiative Mr Evans rugby tackled the robber bringing him to the ground and a violent struggle followed. He was helped by a second member of the public, who having seen the incident, and seeing a struggle in progress, ran to support Mr Evans and managed to pin the arm of the robber to the ground. Mr Evans then managed to force the gun from the robber's grasp. The gun was tossed away and secured by a third member of the public. Both men continued to restrain the still struggling robber until police arrived and arrested him.