

Queen's Commendation for Bravery

HON Wing-sang (deceased), Constable, Royal Hong Kong Police

For services in seeking to detain a man wanted for robbery who was fiercely resisting arrest.

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 and 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 this 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 three 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 Constable Hon, with his colleagues, hung onto the suspect and did not appear to let go. "Three consecutive shots" were fired and Constable Wong jumped back from the struggle and drew his gun. Constable Leung (who was unarmed) continued to hold onto the suspect, who then aimed a gun at Constable Wong. As Constable Leung grabbed the suspect to pull him to the ground, he fired two shots at Constable Wong, injuring his left arm. The suspect was then arrested as further assistance arrived. It was only then discovered that Constable Hon had 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.

Raymond Anthony NELSON (deceased), Civilian

For services in saving seven people from fire in an accommodation block.

While on duty at an oil site in Kazakhstan, Mr Nelson was accommodated with seven colleagues in an 11 bedroom accommodation block. Very late at night, probably shortly after he had closed the bar where he was working as barman and had gone to bed, he was woken by an alarm. Mr Nelson found the accommodation block was on fire and filled with smoke. He left the block to assess the position, then returned to rouse the other occupants and lead them out of the block to safety. He returned to the block on several occasions to help his colleagues escape. He was finally overcome by smoke, and could not find his way out of the building. His body was recovered later. Through his brave actions he helped to save the lives of seven colleagues.

Kevin ROBERTSON, Civilian

For services in assisting in the arrest of an armed robber following a bank robbery.

Mr Robertson had witnessed a robbery involving a security guard delivering cash to a bank and started to chase the robber, catching up with him just after he had been rugby tackled to the ground by a first member of the public. Mr Robertson supported the first member

of the public in the ensuing violent struggle and Mr Robertson managed to pin the arm of the robber to the ground. This allowed the first member of the public 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.

Ralph WECKER, Civilian

For services in saving the life of a child who had fallen into a fast flowing river.

A 22 month old girl had been playing in the garden of her home, which backed onto the river, when she went to feed some ducks. She slipped and fell into the river and was carried upstream by the fast flowing current in a dangerous stretch of water.

Mr Wecker, who was on holiday on a boat moored some 400 yards upstream, saw what he thought was a bundle of rags in the water. He then realised that it was the child. Although not a strong swimmer, he immediately jumped into the river and swam towards the child. He dragged her to the bank, got her out of the water and administered first aid until the emergency services arrived. By his quick thinking and actions Mr Wecker saved the life of the child who was suffering from shock and hypothermia when lifted out of the river.

Rodney Charles BUSH BEM, Constable, Lincolnshire Police

Derek Thomas DANIELS, Constable, Lincolnshire Police

Gregory Paul MARKS, Constable, Lincolnshire Police

For services in arresting a gunman and his accomplice following a robbery: despite shots fired indiscriminately at them from a .22 semi-automatic rifle held by one suspect.

After receiving information of a robbery Constables Bush, Marks, Daniels and others started to search the surrounding area for the two, juvenile, suspects. The two suspects, one male and one female, were found entering a field of rape. Constables Marks and Bush arrived at the field, which was behind and close to residential houses, and Constable Marks entered the field and approached the two suspects. He was within 30 yards of them when he noticed that the male suspect was carrying a rifle, which later turned out to have been stolen the previous day.

Meanwhile Constable Bush had decided to try and cut off the suspects by making his way around to the rear of the field. As Constable Marks shouted at the male suspect holding the rifle to put down the gun, the gunman, holding the rifle level and at waist height, fired a first shot in his direction from about 25 yards. Constable Marks took cover by ducking down in the rape. The suspect also pointed and aimed the rifle twice at Constable Bush. Constable Marks shouted another warning at the gunman while continuing to walk slowly towards him and his accomplice both of whom had started to back away. Constable Marks was by that time aware that Constable Daniels had also entered the field and was also closing in on the suspects as was PC Bush. At one stage the suspect fired in the general direction of Constable Daniels.

The gunman fired two further shots into the air, in the direction of Constable Marks. He then aimed the rifle twice, without firing, at the Constable as the officer continued to advance, before seemingly firing two