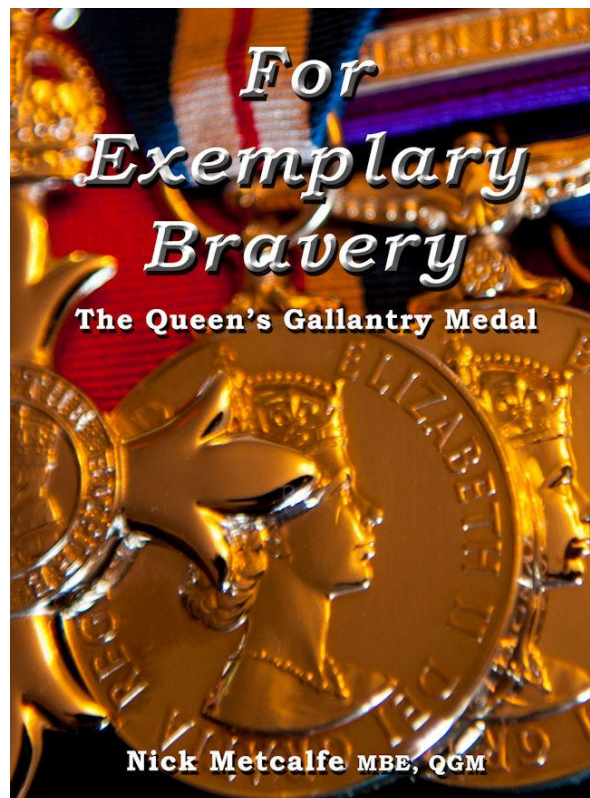


For Exemplary Bravery The Queen's Gallantry Medal

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Introduction

My aim in producing this addendum is to share new information and to record new awards of the Queen's Gallantry Medal since the publication of *For Exemplary Bravery*.

The final awards of the Queen's Gallantry Medal were announced in the Civilian Gallantry List of 18 March 2023¹ and a single, retrospective military award on 6 March 2026.² Following the Accession of King Charles III, the medal was renamed 'The King's Gallantry Medal'.³ The first six awards of the King's Gallantry Medal were announced in the Civilian Gallantry List of 14 May 2024.⁴

There have been 58 awards published since January 2014, bringing the total to **1,102**—559 to civilians and 543 to military personnel; this includes 19 Bars. Two posthumous awards announced in 2018, one in 2019 and one in 2023, bring the total number of posthumous recipients to **42**. The awards to Leading Seaman (Seaman Specialist) S. L. Hughes QGM, Mrs. L. Way QGM and Mrs. A. Bounouri QGM brings the number of female recipients to **27**.

Forty-three recipients of the Queen's Gallantry Medal are known to have died since January 2014 (unless pertinent information was missing from their original entries, no further amendment is made in the update to Chapter 10 below):

Brian William Jopling QGM	20 March 2014
William Aubrey Driscoll QGM	8 April 2014
Edward Harold Costick QGM	16 August 2015
David Hustler QGM	28 October 2015
Brian Errol Grove QGM	19 December 2015
Wilfred Tunstall QGM	8 January 2016
Terence Layard Wolfe-Milner QGM	9 January 2016
Nigel Wilde QGM	21 March 2016
Ernest Arthur Trotter QGM	13 April 2016
Clive Robert Pickard QGM	23 June 2016
Raymond John Mulder QGM	11 August 2016
Cyril Fawcett Donaldson QGM	25 June 2017
Alexander Brown MBE, MM, QGM, BEM	17 October 2017
Andrew Gudgeon QGM	3 December 2017
Brian Frank Dutton DSO, QGM	23 April 2018
Stanley Roderick Mackenzie MacLeod QGM	28 May 2018
Peter John Anthony QGM	21 August 2018
Robert Edward Moulton QGM	11 October 2018
John McGregor Simpson QGM	13 November 2018
John Irwin McNicoll QGM	28 November 2018
Vivian Howard Ridley MBE, QGM	3 February 2019
Paul 'Murray' Cleaver MBE, QGM, BEM	13 March 2019
Peter McCavera QGM	25 March 2019
Michael Henry George QGM	3 May 2019
Leslie Smith QGM	30 May 2019
Justin Jon Bell QGM	2 June 2019
John Akurangi QGM	16 June 2019
Stephen Robert Bream QGM	29 November 2019
Thomas MacDonald QGM	30 December 2019
Denis Guy Henaghan QGM	19 January 2020
William Blacker Forster QGM	25 May 2020
Robert George Russell Hall QGM	6 November 2020
David James Timmins QGM	6 January 2021
Terrence Settle MBE, QGM, BEM	2 March 2021
John Stuart Wilson QGM	14 November 2021

Kevin Callaghan GM, QGM	1 January 2022
Derek Arnsby Hall QGM	31 January 2022
James Daniel O'Sullivan QGM	7 May 2022
Arthur Stephen Hogben QGM	3 July 2022
John Maxwell Whitbread QGM, OAM	10 January 2023
Melwyn Roger Parry QGM	21 May 2023
Paul Mitchell MBE, QGM	23 June 2023
Peter Walter Clemence QGM	9 January 2024
Gordon Heyes QGM, BEM	11 January 2024
Richard John Coombes QGM	6 July 2024
William Richard Caithness QGM, BEM	21 August 2024
Heath Waddington QGM	13 January 2025
William John Ferguson MBE, QGM	13 September 2024
James Kane Ferris QGM	25 September 2024
Timothy Kelsey Cannon QGM	20 March 2025
John Gordon 'Jake' McRae QGM	13 April 2025
Irving Lyon QGM	20 April 2026
Ryan Kenneth David QGM*	29 May 2026

The following additional awards have been made to recipients of the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

George Cross (GC)

D. M. Troulan QGM (LG 16 June 2017. Issue 61969, p. 11774.)

Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE)

Captain A. N. L. M. Nekrews OBE, QGM, Royal Navy (LG 18 July 2025. Issue 64799, p. 14366.)

Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE)

Colonel M. W. Forgrave QGM, late The Mercian Regiment (LG 31 December 2015. Issue 61450, p. N6.)

Lieutenant Colonel J. R. Hind QGM, The Parachute Regiment (LG 28 December 2018. Issue 62507, p. N6.)

Commander A. N. L. M. Nekrews QGM, Royal Navy (LG 12 June 2021. Issue 63377, p. B6.)

Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE)

Mr. (Major (Retired)) J. A. Craib QGM (LG 12 June 2021. Issue 63377, p. B25.)

Mr. N. MacDonald QGM, Ministry of Defence (LG 31 December 2015. Issue 61450, p. N13.)

Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE)

Warrant Officer Class 2, Engineering Technician (Marine Engineering) C. J. A. Mullan QGM, Royal Navy (LG 21 March 2014. Issue 60813, p. 5838.)

Major T. K. Saukuru QGM, The Royal Logistic Corps (LG 8 June 2019. Issue 62666, p. B7.)

Major J. G. Sheerin QGM, The Parachute Regiment (LG 31 December 2015. Issue 61450, p. N7.)

Member of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem (MStJ)

Lieutenant Colonel A. J. C. Woodrow LVO, OBE, MC, QGM (LG 4 April 2024. Issue 64374, p. 7898.)

British Empire Medal (Civil Division) (BEM)

Mr. T. D. Stratford QGM, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (LG 31 December 2014. Issue 61092, p. N34.)

Meritorious Service Medal

Captain P. J. Burney QGM, The Rifles (LG January 2014. Issue 60765, p. 1689.)

Flight Sergeant D. J. Lowe QGM, Royal Air Force (LG 16 February 2016. Issue 61501, p. 3143.)

Warrant Officer Class I A. I. McGill MBE, QGM, Royal Marines (LG 11 August 2014. Issue 60959, p. 15658.)

Chief Petty Officer Aircrewman D. P. Rigg QGM, Royal Navy (LG 28 January 2014. Issue 60765, p. 1685.)

King's Commendation for Valuable Service

Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Long, QGM, The Royal Logistic Corps (LG 14 June 2025. Issue 64760, p. B47.)

High Sherriff

East Riding of Yorkshire, 2024: Colonel (Retired) C. J. Henson QGM

The 'Contents' page below is in the same format as in *For Exemplary Bravery* but only those chapters that have new material are included. Each is hyperlinked to assist navigation. At the top and bottom of each chapter is a hyperlink that will return the reader to the contents page. The new information in Chapter 3 deals with the production of the medal by a commercial company, rather than the Royal Mint, following a tender process in 2016. In Chapter 9, I laid out the 'breadth of circumstances for which the Queen's Gallantry Medal has been awarded since its institution in June 1974'. Notwithstanding the new awards, I have not included here an amendment to that very detailed chapter—I have only included the introduction, which lays out the number of awards, and one of the tables. As was the case in *For Exemplary Bravery*, citations are reproduced in Chapter 10 as they appear in the *London Gazette*. Some awards, particularly military awards, are not accompanied by published citations. In those cases, the details are taken from material provided by the Cabinet Office or the Ministry of Defence or from other sources. New or amended information is in red text. For awards made since publication, to make reading easier, only the recipient's name is in red text, annotated as a 'New Award'. In this update, due to difficulty in ensuring its accuracy Table 14 (Multiple Awards for Gallantry and Meritorious Service) has been removed; it is likely to be excluded from any future edition of *For Exemplary Bravery*.

In various places in *For Exemplary Bravery* there is reference to Joint Service Publication 761—Honours and Awards in the Armed Forces. That publication has been updated; see [JSP 761, Version 5 dated October 2016](#).

Following a successful campaign by the [Gallantry Medallists' League](#) to correct the inconsistencies in the order of wear of honours, decorations and medals, in January 2019 a revised order of wear was published in the *London Gazette*. It places the current and historic level two decorations and medals for gallantry and distinguished conduct before the level three awards; for example, the George Medal is now worn before the Military Cross. The League is one of two organisations for recipients of national bravery awards, the other being the [Victoria Cross and George Cross Association](#); recipients of the QGM are entitled to life membership of the League.

For those interested in the wider honours system, [The Fourth Report on the Operation of the Honours System 2015-2019](#) was published by the Cabinet Office in 2019.

I would like to thank all of those who have contributed to this addendum to *For Exemplary Bravery*. I would be very grateful if any other errors are identified to me, in order that they may be corrected. Similarly, any further contributions about recipients, or about the medal, will be gratefully received.

Nick Metcalfe, March 2026

¹ LG 18 March 2023. Issue 64000.

² LG. 6 March 2026. Issue 65010.

³ Cabinet Office. [The Honours System of the United Kingdom—Gallantry](#).

⁴ LG 14 May 2024. Issue 64394. You can read about the King's Gallantry Medal and these awards [here](#).

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On 28 November 2015, the Cabinet Office¹ requested tenders from commercial companies to supply ‘...medals and insignia which are presented by, or on behalf of The Queen at various times, throughout the year’. The process would establish a multi-Supplier Framework Agreement (each medal or insignia being contracted to three suppliers), with the duration of the agreement being for three years with an option to extend by 12 months. Amongst the awards being bid for were the George Cross (lots 70 & 71), George Medal (lots 72 & 73), Queen’s Gallantry Medal (lots 67 & 68), and the Bar for the Queen’s Gallantry Medal (lot 69).²

On 15 July 2016, the contracts were awarded. The three companies selected to supply the Queen’s Gallantry Medal (both versions and the Bar) were: The Royal Mint Ltd; Toye, Kenning & Spencer Ltd (known as Toye & Co); and Worcestershire Medal Service Ltd. Both Toye & Co and Worcestershire Medal Service Ltd manufacture insignia and medals in the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham.

The two awards announced in October 2016 were made by the Royal Mint. The first medal produced by Worcestershire Medal Service Ltd was the replacement medal for Mrs. Margaret Warby, whose original medal was stolen some years before. Her replacement medal was presented on 18 January 2017, the 40th anniversary of the Granville railway disaster in Sydney, New South Wales. In the incident 83 people died and rescuers earned six Queen’s Gallantry Medals and six Queen’s Commendations for Brave Conduct. The George Medal and two Queen’s Gallantry Medals announced in January 2017 were also made by Worcestershire Medal Service Ltd.



The replacement Queen’s Gallantry Medal made for Mrs. Margaret Warby by Worcestershire Medal Service Ltd.

(Photo © Victoria Lee)

Tenders have been requested by the Cabinet Office every three years, the last contracts being awarded in November 2020 to Firmin & Sons (London), Thomas Fattorini (Skipton), Toye, Kenning & Spencer (Bedworth), and Worcestershire Medal Service (Bromsgrove). The production of medals is on an ‘as required’ basis.

¹ Including for these purposes the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood.

² The two lots reflect the requirement for versions for men and ladies to cater for the different ribbon arrangements and sizes of presentation boxes.

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The Posthumous Awards

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Forty-two posthumous awards of the Queen's Gallantry Medal have been made—three to members of the Armed Forces, ten to police officers, five to firefighters, one to an officer of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise and 23 to civilians.

Mr. Andrew Foster QGM

Died on 27 September 2017 having saved the life of his wife in a major rockfall at Yosemite National Park, United States.

Mr. Richard Arthur Guest QGM

Drowned on 4 July 2015 during the rescue of a teenage girl from the sea at Tywyn, North Wales.

Mr. Thomas Leslie Jackson QGM

Died on 29 August 2016 having been stabbed on 23 August 2016 at a backpackers' hostel in Queensland, Australia while attempting to prevent further injury to a woman who had previously been attacked.

Mr. John Rees QGM

Died on 5 May 2020 in an attempt to prevent further casualties in an attack by an assailant armed with a knife in a shop at Penygraig, Wales.

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“For Exemplary Acts of Bravery”

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“A Civilian Award”

(*For Exemplary Bravery*, page 80)

The Queen’s Gallantry Medal is often referred to as ‘a civilian award’ or as ‘primarily awarded to civilians’. Although paraphrasing the Royal Warrant, this is not, however, wholly accurate. It is evident that the medal is much prized by the Armed Forces and at the time of publication of *For Exemplary Bravery* the number of awards to military personnel exceeded the number to civilians. That trend has reversed in recent years and now slightly more awards have been made to civilians (559) than to members of the Armed Forces (543). This simple statistic is somewhat misleading, however, due to the number of awards that have been made to civilians and military personnel for gallantry in the same type of incident, such as fighting fire, air-sea rescue, rescue at sea and so on.

Tables

(*For Exemplary Bravery*, pages 102-103)

Table 3. Awards of the Queen’s Gallantry Medal by Year

The table shows the number of awards made to civilians and military personnel by year, i.e. the year in which the award was published in the *London Gazette* (or the year it was dated, if specified as ‘to be dated’ earlier than the date of publication). In **bold** are shown those years in which more military than civilian awards were made.

Year	Civilian Awards	Military Awards	Total	Posthumous Awards	Second Awards
2014	6 ⁽¹⁾	2	8	-	-
2015	-	3	3	-	-
2016	-	2	2	-	-
2017	5	4	9	-	-
2018	15 ⁽²⁾	3	18	2	-
2019	3 ⁽³⁾	4 ⁽⁴⁾	7	1	-
2021	4	-	4	-	-
2023	7 ⁽⁵⁾	-	7	1	-
Total	559	543	1,102	42	19

Note:

1. Including two backdated awards published in 2015.
2. Including two posthumous awards.
3. Including one award backdated to 2006. Including one posthumous award.
4. Including one backdated award published in 2026.
5. Including one posthumous award.

Photographs - Recipients

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Above left: Petty Officer Aircrewman Russell James Adams QGM.

Above right: Sergeant Daniel Martin Allanson QGM.

Both men earned their awards for air-sea rescue operations, at either end of the Atlantic Ocean—Adams off the coast of Cornwall and Allanson near the Falkland Islands.

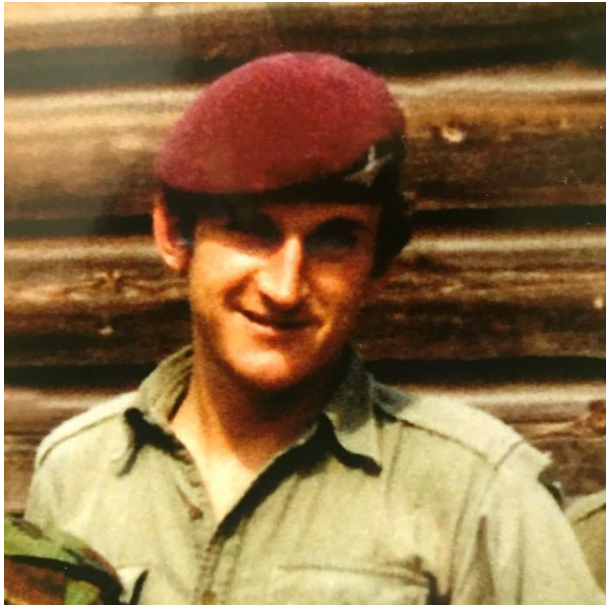
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Right: Captain Gordon Allen QGM with his Baluchi signaller on operations in the Dhofar jebel in 1975.

Gordon Allen earned his QGM in Northern Ireland the previous year. For his bravery in Oman he would be decorated with the Sultan's Distinguished Service Medal (Gallantry).

(Photo @ Gordon Allen)





(Photo © Jason Bruce)



(Photo © Maritime & Coastguard Agency)

Above left: Charles Christian Cameron Bruce QGM. He earned his award in 1984 in Northern Ireland serving with Special Forces.

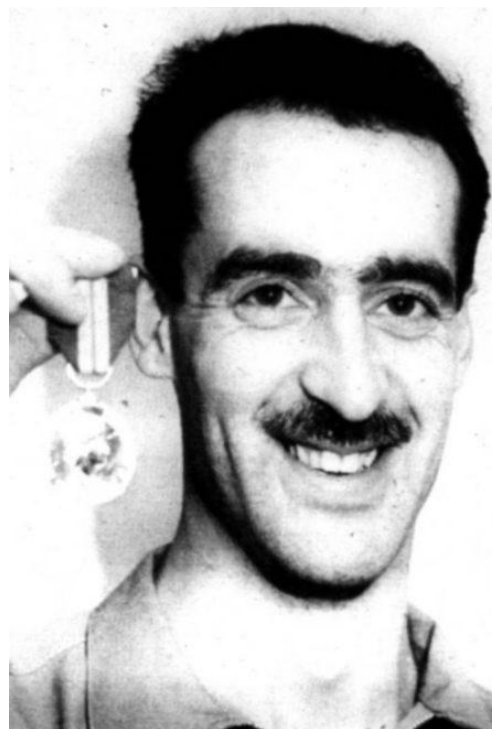
Above right: Deputy Station Officer Ian Bugler QGM, HM Coastguard, who attempted the rescue of a woman trapped in a cave in Dorset in November 2013.

Below left: Lance Corporal Sam Butler QGM, who saved the life of a glider pilot following an accident in France in June 2016.

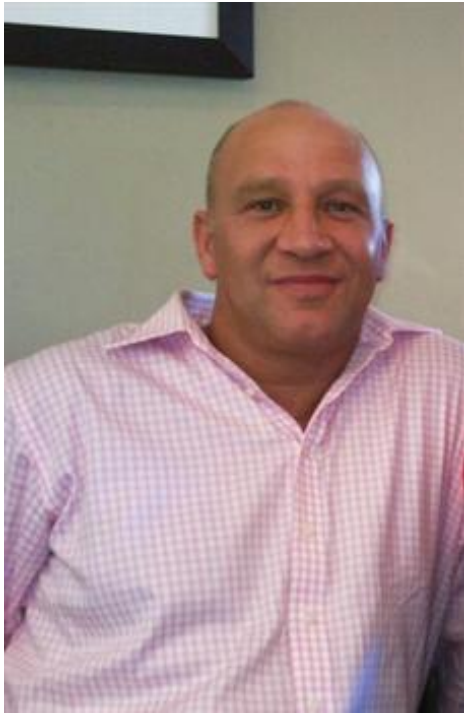
Below right: Private Alan Lance Clark QGM, who rescued two young girls from a house fire in September 1993.



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(Photo © Driscoll Family)

Above left: Warrant Officer Class 2 Wayne Cuckson QGM. As a Lance Corporal in Northern Ireland in 1994 he rescued a policeman from a crashed helicopter. He was killed in a motorbike accident on 5 April 2011.

Above right: Aubrey William Driscoll QGM. In 1976 he rescued a hostage at HMP Liverpool, of which he was governor. He died at Melbourne, Australia on 8 April 2014.

Below left: In 1989 Private John Curran QGM foiled an IRA attack on a barracks in England.

Below right: Andrew Foster QGM was killed in 2017 saving the life of his wife in a major rockfall in the United States.



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Above left: Leading Seaman (Seaman Specialist) David Michael Groves QGM was part of the successful rescue of 27 sailors from cargo vessel in the Bay of Biscay in March 2019.

Above right: Richard Arthur 'Dick' Guest QGM who gave his life while rescuing a teenage girl from the sea at Tywyn, North Wales on 4 July 2015.

Below: Andrew Gudgeon QGM. During the Falklands War he rescued others in the aftermath of air attacks on HMS *Antelope* and RFA *Sir Galahad*. He died on 3 December 2017.



(Photo © Lesley Gudgeon)



(Photo © Unknown)



(Photo © Unknown)

Above: Retained Firefighters Stephen Paul Griffin QGM (left) and Kevin Richard Thomas Lane QGM, who died attempting a rescue during a house fire on 1 February 1996. A local road was named Griffin Lane in their honour in October 2014. Blaina fire station, where they were based, was closed in early 2015.

Right: Constable Thomas Ronald Hawthorne, Royal Ulster Constabulary, who earned his award in 1974 for rescuing people from the area of a car bomb. His life was saved when the detonator of the 500lb bomb failed to initiate the main charge.

He attended the award ceremony at Buckingham Palace with his wife and mother, both of whom died in 2010.



(Photo © Ronnie Hawthorne)



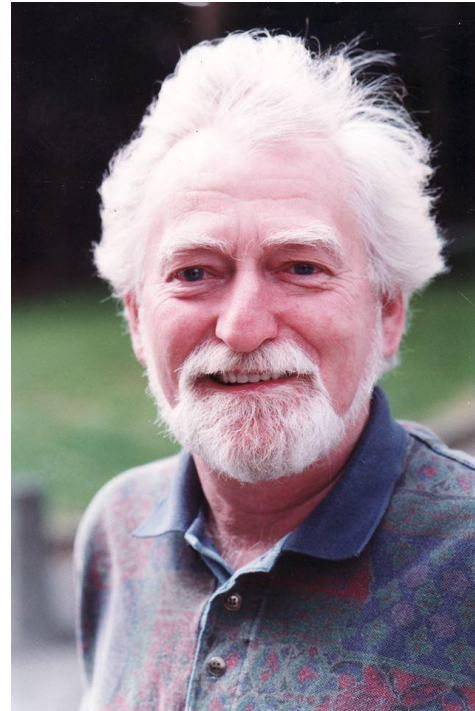
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Above: Belgian recipients of British awards for their gallantry and meritorious conduct in the aftermath of the sinking of *Herald of Free Enterprise* on 6 March 1987. The photograph was taken almost exactly a year later, on 8 March 1988.

From left: Dr Daniel Dendooven, Cardiologist (Honorary MBE); *Luitenant-Ter-Zee 1^{ste} Klas* Alfons Maria Augustinus Cornelia **Daems** QGM; Mr. Rene van Havere, Zeebrugge Harbournmaster (Honorary MBE); Mr. Dirk **van Mullem** QGM; Captain Marc Claus, Director Belgian Pilotage Service (Honorary OBE); Mr. Olivier Vanneste, Governor of West Flanders (Honorary KBE); Dr Geert Fransen, Cardiologist (Honorary MBE); Mrs. Nadine de Gendt-Bruylandt, Nursing Director (Honorary MBE); Mr. Piet **Lagast** QGM; Sister Agnes van Loo, Nursing Director (Honorary MBE); *Luitenant-Ter-Zee 1^{ste} Klas* Guido Armand **Couwenbergh** QGM.



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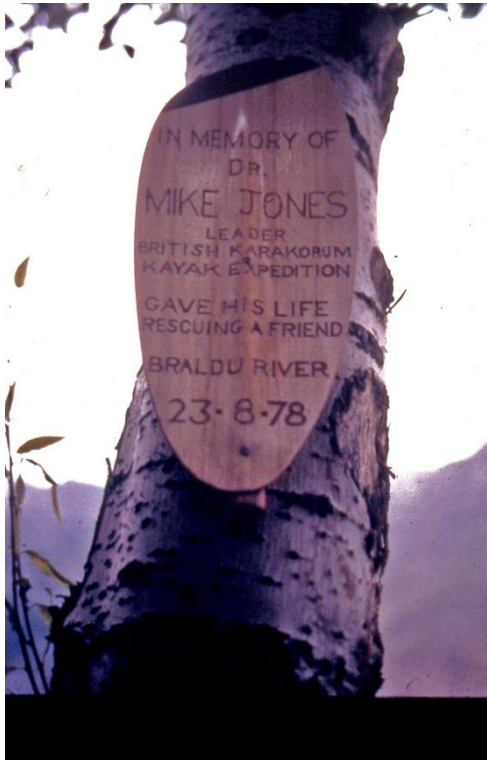
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Above left: Leading Seaman (Seaman Specialist) Sally Louise Hughes QGM who earned her award for a maritime rescue in heavy seas in the North Atlantic on 5 February 2017.

Above right: Mr. David Hustler QGM, who received one of six Queen's Gallantry Medals awarded for gallantry during the fire at Valley Parade football stadium, Bradford, on 11 May 1985. He died on 28 October 2015.

Below: Thomas Leslie Jackson QGM gave his life while helping and protecting a young woman, Mia Ayliffe-Chung, who had been stabbed in a backpacker's hostel in Australia in August 2016.





(Photo © J Liddell)



(Photo © J Liddell)

Above: This memorial to Mike Jones QGM was nailed to a tree overlooking the river in the Braldu valley where he died. Dave Manby, who had been on the expedition with Mike Jones, returned to the area in 1983 but the tree and the paddle had gone.

Left: Constable William David Lemon, Royal Ulster Constabulary, who earned his award in 1977 for rescuing a young child from beside a car bomb.

Below: Captain Michael Robert John Kennedy QGM, who was decorated for his gallantry in Afghanistan.



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(Photo © John Allport)

Above: Captain Michael John Lobb QGM, who earned his award for a bomb disposal task in Dorset in 1995, and Lisa Potts-Webb GM.

Below left: Constable Nathan Lucy QGM, who saved a drowning woman at Cowes in 2014.

Below right: Sergeant Irving Lyon QGM who, with two other police officers, arrested two very violent murderers.



(Photo © Hampshire Constabulary)



(Photo © Irving Lyon)



(Photo provided by New Century)

Above left: Mr. Kenneth McGonigle QGM, a former police officer who was killed in Afghanistan in 2010 in a firefight with escaped prisoners.

Right: John Wilkinson McNair QGM who earned his award as a Warrant Officer Class II in the Royal Army Medical Corps at Konjevic Polje in Eastern Bosnia in March 1993.



(Photo © John McNair)



(Photo © Müftüzade family)

Left: Ömer Faik Müftüzade OBE, QGM, who was decorated for his gallantry during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974.

Below right: Constable Robert George Morrow QGM, who tackled an armed gunman in 1985. Another QGM and three Queen's Commendations for Brave Conduct were awarded after this incident.



(Photo © Robert Morrow)



(Photo © Mulder Family)



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Above left: Police Reservist Raymond John Mulder QGM, Victoria Police earned his award while assisting another officer arrest two armed robbers in February 1978. He died on 11 August 2016.

Above right: Warrant Officer Class 2 Frederick Joseph James Patrick Murphy QGM who was recognised for the removal of improvised explosive devices concealed inside a petrol tanker in Northern Ireland.

Below: Constables Craig Nicholls QGM and Jonathan Wright QGM, West Yorkshire Police, who arrested the armed murderer of Jo Cox MP on 16 June 2016.



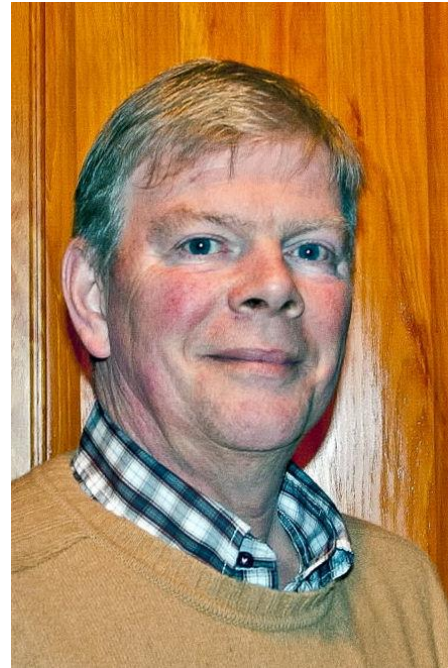
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Above left: Brigadier Clive Robert Pickard, who earned his QGM as a Major on a bomb disposal task in Northern Ireland. He died on 25 June 2016.

Above right: The Reverend Duncan James Morrison Pollock MBE, QGM, who earned his award in Northern Ireland.



(Photo © Duncan Pollock)

Below: Inspector Terence Michael Slocombe QGM, BEM. This photograph was taken at Buckingham Palace when he was presented with the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (one of two QGM recipients to receive that award) for tackling an armed man who had taken hostages in Castleford in 1970. With him is Mrs. Maureen Simpson, who also earned the British Empire Medal for Gallantry in that incident.



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Above left: Air Engineering Technician (Mechanical) Stuart Maurice Rogers QGM who earned his award for a helicopter rescue in the Gulf of Yemen on 26 June 2017.

Above right: Former Petty Officer Aircrewman Alan Paul Speed QGM. He was awarded his QGM for a helicopter rescue in Scotland in 2015. He now works for HM Coastguard.

Below left: Darren Smith QGM, who was killed on 29 December 1989 while attempting to rescue two children from a house fire.

Below right: Leslie Smith QGM, who earned his QGM in Northern Ireland. He died in 2019.



(Photo © Family of Darren Smith)



(Photo © Family of Leslie Smith)

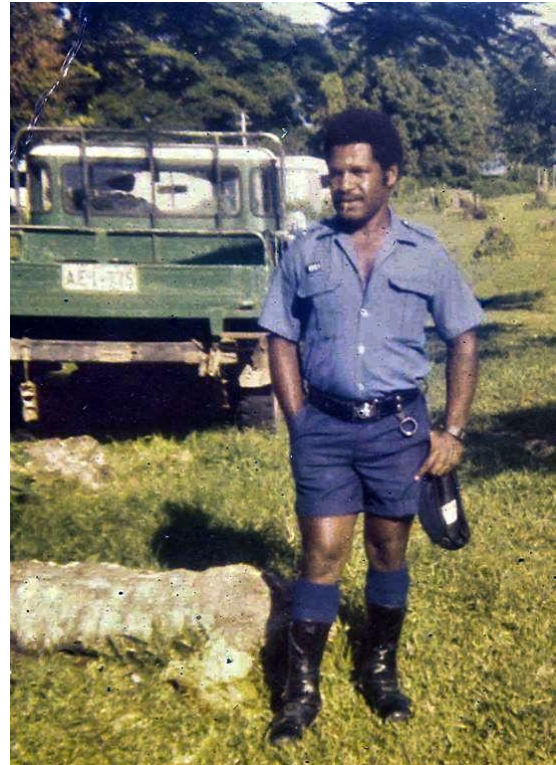


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Above: Julius Stephen QGM, the first posthumous recipient of the QGM who was killed tackling an IRA bomber in London.

Right: Constable Joseph Tangeria, Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary. He was killed protecting ferry passengers from armed insurgents on 1 March 1991.

Below: Constable Tangeria's medal was not presented to his family until a ceremony in May 2013. It was presented to his brother by the Governor General, Sir Michael Ogio GCMG, CBE, who pinned the medal to one of Joseph Tangeria's shirts.



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(Photo © Peter Turner BEM)



(Photo © Victoria Lee)

Above: Mrs. Margaret Warby QGM at the presentation of her replacement medal on 18 January 2017, 40 years after the Granville train disaster.



Left: Terence Layard Wolfe-Milner QGM, who died on 9 January 2016. His QGM was awarded for an air-sea rescue in the North Sea in 1975.

Below: Sergeant Andrew Mark Wright QGM, who was severely injured tackling a man armed with two knives on 5 February 2010.



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Photographs - Medals Groups

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Patrick Kielty QGM*

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR with Bar; and Golden Jubilee Medal 2002.

(Photo © Patrick Kielty)



Gordon Derek Allen QGM

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND' and mention in despatches emblem; Oman, Sultan's Distinguished Service Medal (Gallantry); Oman, General Service Medal with clasp 'DHO FAR'; and Oman, Al-Samood (Victory) Medal.

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Christopher Sean Bradshaw QGM

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; NATO Service Medal (Former Yugoslavia) with clasp 'FORMER YUGOSLAVIA'; Iraq Medal; Operational Service Medal (Afghanistan) with clasp 'AFGHANISTAN'; Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012; and Royal Air Force Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR.

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Guido Armand Couwenbergh QGM

Other than the QGM, all awards are Belgian.

Top: Badge of a Knight of the Order of Leopold (Military Division with Swords); Badge of a Knight of the Order of the Crown; Military Cross (2nd Class).

Bottom: Military Decoration for Exceptional Service or Acts of Courage or Devotion (1st Class for Gallantry); Medal for Military Merit; and Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR.

(Photo © Bruno Couwenberg)

David Dooley QGM
Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR;
General Service Medal 1962-2007
with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'.
(Photo © London Medal Company)





Andrew Gudgeon QGM

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; South Atlantic Medal with Rosette, General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'GULF', Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012; and Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service Medal with 1st clasp

(Photo © Lesley Gudgeon)

Anthony Robert Haw QGM, BEM

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR (official replacement); British Empire Medal (Military Division), EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; United Nations Medal (United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)); Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; Accumulated Campaign Service Medal 2011, EIIR; and Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR.

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John Wilkinson McNair QGM

Badge of a Serving Brother of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem; Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; Gulf Medal with clasp '16 JAN TO 28 FEB 1991'; United Nations Medal (United Nations Protection Force 1992-95 (UNPROFOR)); NATO Service Medal (Kosovo) with clasp 'KOSOVO'; Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012; and Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR.

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Robert George Morrow QGM

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; Police Long Service & Good Conduct medal, EIIR; and Golden Jubilee Medal 2002. (Note: The correct order of wear has the Jubilee Medal preceding the Long Service & Good Conduct Medal.

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Duncan James Morrison Pollock MBE, QGM

Badge of a Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1962 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; and United Nations Medal (United Nations Protection Force 1992-95 (UNPROFOR)).

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Terence Michael Slocombe QGM, BEM

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; British Empire Medal, EIIR, with silver oak leaves for Gallantry; and Police Long Service & Good Conduct medal, EIIR.

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Darren Smith QGM
(Photo © Current Medal Owner)



Joseph Tangeria QGM
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Charles Elliott Tait QGM

Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; United Nations Medal (United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)); and General Service Medal 1962 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'.

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Recipients of the Queen's Gallantry Medal

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ADAMS QGM

Russell James

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Royal Navy, 771 Naval Air Squadron
Rank/Title: Petty Officer Aircrewman
Service Number: D259534X
Conflict/Incident: Helicopter Rescue
Location: Atlantic Ocean – six nautical miles north of Newquay
London Gazette: 26 February 2015. Issue 61155, p. 3474.

For repeatedly risking his life whilst rescuing 5 fishermen from almost certain death, after their fishing vessel was badly damaged in a storm 6 nautical miles north of Newquay on 1st February 2014.

The vessel was the French trawler *Le Sillon*, which was drifting, having lost power. A sixth crewman was picked up from the sea by the RNLI Padstow lifeboat, *Spirit of Padstow*. *Le Sillon* finally went aground at Park Head near Porthcothan Bay, where it was wrecked. Adams was also awarded the commendation of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, and the crew of Rescue 193—a Westland Sea King HAR.5, which also included Lieutenant Commander Richard Calhaem, Royal Navy (pilot), Kapitänleutnant Steffan Volkwein, *Deutsche Marine* (pilot), and Lieutenant Commander Paul Robertson, Royal Navy (observer)—was awarded the Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award by the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators; the citation provides a full account of the incident:

'Rescue 193' a RN Sea King helicopter from RNAS Culdrose was launched on 1 February this year to assist a RNLI lifeboat in rescuing a French fishing vessel under tow. 'R193' arrived overhead, in the dark of a very stormy night, to assess the scene. Visibility was less than 4000 metres, with 30ft waves and 45 kts of wind. Hovering at 60 feet, the swell was so severe that the relative height of the fishing vessel was fluctuating between 20-100 feet from 'R193.' With the weather deteriorating rapidly, the boat drifting towards the rocky coast and capsize imminent, 'R193' now had to react quickly and alone.

The lifeboat was repositioned downwind and the fishermen instructed to jump into the sea, one at a time and swim clear of the vessel. Pre-positioned ready for an immediate rescue of the survivors, the winchman, PO Adams, made his first recovery, fighting through significant swell and spray to make contact with the first man in the water. Adams then quickly made himself ready and conducted the rescue of a 2nd fisherman. Quickly returning for a 3rd fisherman, Adams was this time fully submerged beneath a large wave. At that point, close to exhaustion and having ingested sea water, Adams had to inflate his emergency lifejacket to assist his own efforts to remain buoyant. Once on the surface again, he continued to the 3rd survivor and conducted another successful recovery to the aircraft. By this time Adams was vomiting from the effects of ingesting sea water, but once again agreed to be lowered down to the sea. He conducted a further 2 rescues during which he was dragged just above wave top height and battered by severe wind and spray throughout, but the aircraft could not maintain position sufficiently to effect the rescue of the last fisherman who had now drifted towards the lifeboat, and was, with great difficulty, able to be recovered by its crew.

This was an exceptional rescue in extreme conditions using the highest standards of crew cooperation, flexibility and determination to overcome a series of severe and unexpected challenges. PO Russell Adams' actions were, in particular, meritorious and deserving of recognition. However, this rescue mission was a team effort and the entire crew of Rescue 193 is accordingly awarded the Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award.¹

Adams commented about the incident: "I've thought about that night a lot since it happened, and I honestly don't think I did anything extraordinary or special. I know that any of the other crewmen on the squadron would have done the same; I just happened to be on duty that day. However, I was still extremely honoured and humbled to be deemed worthy of such an award."

Russell James Adams was born in Canada to British parents. He enlisted into the Royal Navy in October 2004 as a Marine Engineering Artificer but switched to Aircrew in 2007, qualifying in 2008. He joined 771 Naval Air Squadron in September 2011 and was part of the crew that flew the final aircraft to disposal on 11 April 2016. He left the Royal Navy in November 2016 and returned to Canada.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; Operational Service Medal (Afghanistan) with clasp 'AFGHANISTAN'; and Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012.²

ADAMS QGM
Stephen John

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Telecom Engineer
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from the Sea
Location: Wales – Tywyn, Cardigan Bay, Gwynedd
London Gazette: 19 July 2018. Issue 62357, p. 12841.

For saving a young girl from drowning

On Saturday 4 July 2015, Richard Guest and his wife were walking along the beach in Tywyn, North Wales, when they heard screams for help coming from the sea. Two teenage girls had gone into the sea and had got into difficulty.

Richard Guest noticed that another man, Stephen Adams, was walking nearby and had also heard the screams. Without hesitation, both men quickly entered the sea to try and save the two teenage girls. The sea was extremely rough but the men persisted, and Richard Guest was the first of the two men to reach one of the girls. He held her out of the water until he was able to hand her to Stephen Adams. As they were about to return to shore, the rescued girl told the men that there was another girl in the water. While Stephen Adams helped the girl back to shore, Richard Guest decided to remain behind to search for the other girl who they believed was still in the water. Neither man was aware that the second girl had managed to make her own way safely back to shore.

Richard Guest spent some time in the very rough sea searching for the other girl and, having taken the girl to safety, Stephen Adams returned to where he had left Richard Guest. He discovered him face down in the water. He checked for a pulse but there was none and because of the rough conditions, he could not turn Richard Guest over. Realising his own life was in danger, he reluctantly returned to the shore. Richard Guest was later pulled unconscious from the sea by the RNLI and taken to hospital, but he was pronounced dead.

Both men demonstrated unselfish courage. Neither man knew the two girls yet were willing to risk their own lives to ensure the safety of two strangers.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Richard Arthur **Guest** (Posthumous)

Stephen John Adams was born in Oswestry, Shropshire. He enlisted into the British Army in 1986 and joined the Royal Corps of Signals as a radio telegraphist. He left the Army in 1996 and joined British Telecom as an engineer and at the time of the incident was serving as Head of the British Telecom Emergency Response Team.

ALLANSON QGM
Daniel Martin

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Royal Air Force, 1564 Flight, 905 Expeditionary Air Wing
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Service Number: P8600177
Conflict/Incident: Helicopter Rescue
Location: South Atlantic Ocean – 60 miles north-east of East Falkland
London Gazette: 26 February 2015. Issue 61155, p. 3474.

For demonstrating exemplary, selfless courage and determination in risking his own life in order to winch to safety a fisherman, 60 miles north-east of East Falkland on 28th July 2014.

Awarded the Air Force Cross:

Flight Lieutenant Ian McIver Campbell, Royal Air Force

For overcoming extremely hazardous meteorological conditions with exemplary flying accuracy and captaincy during the rescue of a lost fisherman, 60 miles north-east of East Falkland on 28th July 2014.

The seaman had been lost overboard from the fishing vessel *Venturer* on the evening of 28 July. The *Venturer* and other ships in the area began to search for him and they were joined by Rescue 01 from 1564 Flight and a C-130 Hercules from 1312 Flight from RAF Mount Pleasant. Estimating where the drift may have carried him, the crew of Rescue 01 located the seaman, and in very heavy seas Allanson was winched down to recover him. Despite the crew's best efforts, the seaman died soon after arrival at King Edward Memorial Hospital in Port Stanley. Allanson was presented the Award for Gallantry by the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators. The crew, which also included Flight Lieutenant Thomas Greene Royal Air Force and Sergeant Michael Boissier-Wyles, was awarded the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society Edward and Maisie Lewis Award for the most outstanding air/sea rescue of the year and

Allanson received the Society's commendation; the citation for the former provides a full account of the incident:

On 28 July 2014, the crew of 'Rescue 01' were tasked to go to the assistance of a fisherman lost overboard from the fishing vessel Venturer, 60 nautical miles NE of East Falkland. Given the immediate need to recover the fisherman before hypothermia set in, and having taken stock of the atrocious weather and pitch black night, 'R01' a RAF Sea King HAR 3 of 1564 Flt, 905 EAW, Mount Pleasant launched at 1940. On departure, Flt Lt Ian Campbell (Captain) immediately recognised that there was no prospect of a direct overland transit due to the low cloud, high terrain and freezing conditions which prevented him from climbing the aircraft. He took an easterly over-water route working closely with the Radar/Winch Operator Sgt Mike Boissier-Wyles and Co-Pilot Flt Lt Tom Greene to remain clear of land before turning onto a direct track for the search area. Sgt Dan Allanson (Winchman) used the transit time to ensure that he had the cabin fully prepared and ready to receive the casualty.

En-route, information of a possible sighting of the casualty was received via a Hercules transport aircraft that was operating on-scene as a communications relay. Ian Campbell directed the radar operator to determine the open-water drift using a known point of entry into the water and this sighting. A start point 6 nm SW of the original location was determined along with a line of advance for the search. On scene at 2100 the crew encountered low cloud, torrential rain and with no ambient light the visibility was down to 200 metres. In the total darkness the night vision goggles were performing poorly and with no observable horizon, Ian Campbell was forced to fly with greater reference to instruments and rely on his searchlight.

With sea state 8 and 50 kts of wind, the probability of locating the casualty in the 45 ft swells was very low. However at 2140 on their second sweep of the area the casualty was sighted 30 metres ahead of the aircraft. With the casualty found, the Pilot decided to hover at 80 ft to allow sufficient clearance from the rapidly changing wave peaks. The standard procedure for this type of recovery at night is for the aircraft to be manoeuvred by the winch operator via autopilot with the aircraft at 50ft; but Ian Campbell recognised that the autopilot could not maintain a stable hover in the atrocious conditions and consequently elected to conduct a manual hover at a higher height than normal.

With severe sea conditions and a winching height of 80 ft, Dan Allanson showed no hesitation in leaving the aircraft to assist a casualty whose chances of being alive were assessed as slim given the length of time he had been in the near freezing water (4 degree C). On entering the water Dan was immediately submerged as changes in wave height outpaced the maximum speed of the aircraft winch. On resurfacing, the lashing spray and crashing wave peaks presented a daunting challenge. Dan Allanson's courage in these conditions cannot be underestimated and combined with the skill of the winch operator, Mike Boissier-Wyles and Ian Campbell's exceptional flying accuracy, he was delivered to the casualty on the first attempt.

The physical effort of man-handling a large casualty in the 45 ft swell proved to be highly demanding and with the violent wave motion the winch cable became wrapped around Dan Allanson's legs. He was forced to release the casualty to free himself from this entanglement. In doing this and then reconnecting with the casualty and recovering him to the aircraft, Dan showed exceptional determination, strength and stamina. The physical and mental demands placed on him within this extremely violent and chilling environment were enormous. He was immersed for almost 15 minutes.

On entering the cabin and without time to recover, Dan and Mike immediately began to provide life support to the casualty. Flying through atrocious weather conditions the fisherman was delivered to King Edward Memorial Hospital, Port Stanley, at 2210 where sadly he subsequently died.

The difficulties faced by this crew go far beyond those which it is possible to train for. Indeed, the meteorological conditions experienced during this rescue were as poor as anyone could expect to encounter during an entire career in Search and Rescue. Under the calm leadership of Ian Campbell his crew demonstrated outstanding professionalism, teamwork, determination and bravery.³

Sergeant Allanson commented about the incident: "The job itself was an example of one that we trained for constantly on the Search and Rescue Force but only a few people experience. It was a testament to the training that we received and the flexibility of the aircrew that four individuals who were based all around the country in the UK could come together in the Falklands and work to affect a rescue that tested all our abilities. We had complete trust in one another and the skills of the two pilots, Flight Lieutenant Campbell and Flight Lieutenant Greene, and the Radar Operator, Sergeant Boissier-Wyles, cannot be overstated. Unfortunately, the fisherman, whose name we never learned, was pronounced dead in the hospital in Port Stanley but I am grateful for the fact that, because of our efforts, he was returned home to his family."

Dan Allanson was born in Burnley, Lancashire and educated at Saint Theodore's High School and Sixth Form before studying Biology at the University of Leeds; he graduated in 2004. He enlisted into the Royal Air Force in July 2004 as a Weapon Systems Operator and after his training was posted to 28 (Army Cooperation) Squadron at RAF Benson as a crewman on the Merlin Mk 3/3A; he completed four detachments to Iraq on Operation TELIC. He was then posted to 78 Squadron, where he qualified as a Crewman Trainer and completed three detachments to Afghanistan on Operation HERRICK. Having

volunteered for Search and Rescue duties, he undertook conversion training at RAF Valley in 2012 and in August 2013 was posted to 'B' Flight, 22 Squadron at RAF Wattisham in Suffolk and completed two detachments to the Falkland Islands. In March 2016, he was posted to the Recruit Training Squadron at RAF Halton and then became a Intermediate Management and Leadership Instructor. He subsequently served as a sensor operator on Reaper MQ-9.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1862-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; Iraq Medal; Operational Service Medal (Afghanistan) with clasp 'AFGHANISTAN'; and Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012.⁴

ALLEN QGM

Gordon Derek

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: British Army; Royal Regiment of Artillery
 Rank/Title: Lieutenant
 Service Number: 491401
 Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
 London Gazette: 25 March 1975. Issue 46527, p. 3977.

In recognition of services in Northern Ireland during the period 1st August 1974 to 31st October 1974.

Awarded for gallantry during operations in Belfast serving as a troop commander with 4th Light Regiment Royal Artillery during which his troop sergeant was killed and another soldier wounded. His actions included the rescue of a child from near a reported car bomb.

Also serving with 4th Light Regiment and awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal during this tour:

*Bombardier David **Dooley***

*Sergeant James McGill **Forteath***

*Bombardier William Charles **Hatch***

Gordon Derek Allen QGM was born in 1950. He was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Royal Regiment of Artillery on 30 July 1971 (491401, Second Lieutenant); Lieutenant 30 July 1973. *He served with the Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces in 1975-76 during which he was involved in most of the major engagements that concluded the Dhofar War. This included participation in a helicopter assault by an Iranian battalion, Operation SAID, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (Gallantry). The Iranian's role was to secure a strategically vital area not far from the Yemen border. It was effected by a helicopter-borne assault on a major guerrilla stronghold by an infantry battalion and Special Forces. The operation was one of the bloodiest of the war and the Iranians suffered heavy casualties. Allen flew in with the first assault wave. As conditions on the first day worsened, with the Iranian chain of command seriously depleted and demoralised, and their positions under relentless heavy fire from the enemy, Allen rallied the Iranian troops by moving from exposed section to section and calling in fire support from artillery and air, often only metres beyond their positions.⁵ Although promoted to Acting Captain (1975) and local Major (1976) while serving in Oman, he reverted to the substantive rank of Lieutenant when he returned to the British Army in 1977. Captain 30 July 1977; Major 30 September 1983; Lieutenant Colonel 31 December 1988, with seniority 30 June 1988. He retired from the British Army on 5 June 2000.⁶*

Award: Oman, Sultan's Distinguished Service Medal (Gallantry)
 (Lieutenant, attached to 1st Regiment, Oman Artillery)

Award Date: 29 September 1976⁷

Ra'ees Allen commanded an FOO party from 'B' Battery Oman Artillery attached to the Imperial Iranian Task Force. During May to September 1975 he built up an excellent liaison with this Brigade despite language and equipment compatibility problems. He co-ordinated the fire of their artillery with his own Battery on many occasions and was constantly on call as an FAC providing air cover on the Damavand line.

On 17 October 1975 he and his party played a major part in Operation SAID a heliborne assault into an unsecured area. The helicopter came under fire as they approached the objective and the pilot ordered them to get out whilst still hovering above the ground. In his efforts to avoid the heavy machine gun fire and find cover the pilot traversed right across the position whilst the party were trying to get out their radios and equipment. Despite the chaos this caused and the fact that the position was under heavy small arms and machine gun fire Ra'ees Allen joined the Iranian Battalion Commander and for the remainder of that day gave them fire support using both his own Regiment and the Iranian guns. After repeated RCL attacks and heavy machine gun fire the leading elements of the Iranian unit, having lost some nine casualties, asked to be pulled back. Though in the midst of the fire fight this officer not only stood his ground but reported on his own channel that he was sure the position could be held. His party then recovered their essential equipment and built a defensive sanger giving confidence to those around them.

The Battalion Commander was outspoken in his praise for Ra'ees Allen who remained calm and decisive in very difficult and dangerous circumstances.

The holding of this position and the success of operation SAID might well have been prejudiced without the technical skill of this officer and his party. Throughout the first three days he co-ordinated all the artillery fire and air support. His brave and determined stand gave heart to those he supported and it is recommended that he be awarded the Sultan's Distinguished Service Medal for Gallantry.

Award: Mention in Despatches
(Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Regiment of Artillery)
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette: 11 May 1993. Issue 53298, p. 8190.

In recognition of distinguished service in Northern Ireland.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND' and mention in despatches emblem; Oman, Sultan's Distinguished Service Medal (Gallantry); Oman, General Service Medal with clasp 'DHOFAIR'; and Oman, Al-Samood (Victory) Medal.

ALLEN QGM

William

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
Rank/Title: Inspector
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 30 June 1995. Issue 54088, p. 9051.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Constable Barry De Beauvoir **Marsh**

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Reserve Constable David Alexander Bell

On 5 July 1993 a 1,500-lb van bomb planted by the Provisional IRA in Regent Street, Newtownards exploded caused massive destruction; 19 people, including five police officers were injured as the area was being evacuated.

ANSELL QGM

New Award

Wayne

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Rank/Title: Firefighter
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire
Location: England – Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

On 8 April 2017, there was a serious fire at a care home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, which had 35 elderly residents. Of these residents, 5 were centenarians, another was blind and 29 were immobile. Initially, the fire appeared to be in its early stages but once inside the property it became clear that the fire was travelling with great ferocity through the roof void covering the whole care home and time was of the essence.

Evacuation was not an option, so a full scale rescue was embarked upon. When the breathing apparatus crews entered the burning building the stairs, first floor landing and corridor were free from fire and smoke, however conditions deteriorated quickly as a result of the fire in the roof void escalating. Firefighters rescued residents by carrying them down the stairs and repeatedly went back into the building to rescue more and more people. Soon the first floor corridor became heavily smoke-logged and more debris was dropping down from the roof space. It was also evident that the temperature had increased significantly. Firefighters found casualties in every room, many in bed, unable to move due to disabilities. They had to use their own bodies as shields to protect the casualties as the flaming debris fell. Every firefighter repeatedly re-entered the care home, with little regard for their own safety, knowing that had they not, the loss of life would have been catastrophic.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Firefighter Simon **Best**

Crew Commander Daniel **Cooper**

Firefighter Ricky **Davis**

Firefighter Christopher **Meadows**
Firefighter Radosław Przemysław **Pejka**
Firefighter Simon **Waddingham**

Two residents of the care home died in the fire—Daphne Holloway, aged 88, and Ivy Spriggs, aged 91. Newgrange of Cheshunt Limited, the owner of the care home, was fined £175,000 having pleaded guilty to five offences against fire safety legislation.

ARMSTRONG QGM

James Gary

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
Rank/Title: Constable
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 18 March 1975. Issue 46520, p. 3621.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Inspector William John **Ferguson**
Sergeant George Fredrick **Livingstone**
Constable George Maxwell **Rowe**

On 23 April 1980, Sergeant J. G. Armstrong QGM and Constable W. J. A. McCaughey pleaded guilty to charges relating to the kidnapping of a priest, Father Hugh Murphy OBE,⁸ at Ahoghill, County Antrim on 18 June 1978. Earlier, Constable McCaughey had been accused with Constable J. O. Weir of the murder of a shopkeeper in Ahoghill in April 1977, for which he received a life sentence. They and several other officers were implicated in a series of terrorist related offences in association with a Loyalist group linked to the Ulster Volunteer Force known as the 'Glenanne gang'. Sergeant Armstrong received a suspended two-year sentence in June 1980.

BENNETT QGM

Fraser Miller Buchanan

Nationality:
Occupation: Prison Officer; Northern Ireland Prison Service, HMP Magilligan
Rank/Title: Senior Officer
Conflict/Incident: Conflict in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 6 June 1975. Issue 46591, p 7285.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Chief Officer Class 1 Leslie Frederick **Jackson**
Principal Officer William Stanley **Orr**
Senior Officer William James **Wright**

For bravery during the prison riots on 16/17 October 1974. A statement made by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland recorded:

'On the evening of Tuesday 15th October a small group of convicted Republican prisoners in the Maze Prison seized and assaulted a number of prison officers. Soon after, the prisoners began to engage in widespread destruction in the prison. Buildings were ransacked, looted and set on fire; 18 of the 21 compounds were destroyed or seriously damaged, as were the prison hospital, the new kitchen, the shop, the visitors' reception buildings and internal towers. An early attempt was made to storm the main gate, but this was repulsed by prison officers, who also rescued from the cell block four prisoners who were in danger of being burnt to death. At the Governor's request, an Army detachment entered the prison to secure the main gate and took over the adjoining administrative area from which the prison staff were then withdrawn...

Strong Army reinforcements were sent to the area during the night, and the outside perimeter was secured. As soon as it was light on the next day, the Army moved into the prison in strength to restore order. Rather more than 200 Republican detainees who had remained in their compounds offered no resistance, but the remainder of the Republican detainees, together with Republican prisoners, concentrated at the opposite end of the prison, armed with a variety of weapons, including sharpened lengths of timber, steel piping, knives and iron bed legs. When an attempt was made to disarm them, a vicious battle ensued with the Army. CS gas and baton rounds had to be used before order could be restored. Loyalist prisoners and detainees were not involved in this engagement...

Trouble spread to other prisons during the day. At Armagh women's prison, the Governor and three female officers were seized as hostages when the prisoners heard rumours of death and serious injury to prisoners at the Maze. Fourteen hours later the prisoners released the hostages unharmed after two chaplains had persuaded them that these rumours were unfounded. There were no injuries. In Crumlin Road Prison Republicans on remand barricaded themselves on two floors during the afternoon of Wednesday 16th October. There was considerable damage, but order was restored by troops in support of the prison staff with the aid of CS gas and baton rounds...

At Magilligan Prison some Republican convicted prisoners burnt the kitchen, part of the hospital, and a number of other huts. Order was restored by the prison officers.⁹

These were four of the five awards of the Queen's Gallantry Medal to members of the Northern Ireland Prison Service. See also Prison Officer J. C. Courtney QGM.

Several other awards were made to members of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for their conduct over this period:¹⁰

Made an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

Governor Class I William Robert Truesdale, Northern Ireland Prison Service, Her Majesty's Prison Maze.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):

Chief Officer Class II Joseph Thomas Clancey, Northern Ireland Prison Service, Her Majesty's Prison Maze.

Foreman Trades Officer William Hawthorne, Northern Ireland Prison Service, Her Majesty's Prison Maze.

BEST QGM

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Simon

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For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Firefighter W. **Ansell** QGM.

BIDGWAY QGM

Nelson George

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Retired Police Officer; Ministry of Defence Police
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: England – North Petherton, Somerset
London Gazette: 10 August 1979. Issue 47951, p. 11478.

On 7th July 1978 a man was seen leaving his home carrying a large woodman's axe. He crossed the road and approached a nearby house where a housewife was working in her hallway. The woman took fright and ran out of her house into a neighbouring garden pursued by the axeman who caught her and brutally killed her by battering her about the head with the axe.

He next pursued the woman's son, who had attempted to save his mother, making a frenzied attack on

a locked door, but his attention was then diverted by another woman who arrived on the scene. He followed this woman and, as she ran into an alleyway to escape, he attacked her inflicting serious wounds to her head. He then pursued a man and his wife who had gone to the woman's assistance, attacking their door with the axe and, on gaining entry, chased them through their home aiming a blow at the woman which fortunately missed her head and struck her shoulder; he struck her again on the head, although her husband attempted to protect her.

In the meantime Mr. Bidgway heard the cries of the women and saw the axeman attacking the second victim. Without hesitation he left his home and rushed to the scene; he then realised that the couple were being attacked. Grasping a sweeping broom he ran to the front of the house where the husband, armed with a metal gate, was attempting to protect his wife. Mr. Bidgway diverted the axeman who raised his weapon and turned to attack him; when the man was about 3 feet away he thrust the broom into his face with great force. This rocked the assailant backwards and Mr. Bidgway immediately followed-up by wrapping his arms around the man, forcing him to the ground. The axeman still retained his hold on his weapon, but Mr. Bidgway knelt across his hands so that he was unable to use it and forced his head on to the ground. With the assistance of the man and his wife the axeman was disarmed and restrained until the arrival of the Police.

Mr. Bidgway displayed outstanding bravery and a complete disregard for his own safety when he confronted and overpowered this armed and mentally deranged man knowing that he had already brutally injured one woman.

The woman killed was the village postmistress, Mrs. Margaret Majors.

Nelson George Bidgway was born on 19 July 1913. He served during the Second World War in Malaya, in the case of the latter with The Devonshire Regiment. He left the British Army as a Colour Sergeant and joined the Ministry of Defence Police. He died in 1997, aged 83.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; Defence Medal; War Medal 1939-45; General Service Medal 1918-62, EIIR with clasp 'MALAYA'; Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR; and Police Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR. His medals are held by The Keep Military Museum, Dorchester.

BOUGHTON QGM

John Kenneth

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Royal Navy; 825 Naval Air Squadron
Rank/Title: Lieutenant
Conflict/Incident: Falklands War, Operation CORPORATE
Location: Falkland Islands – Fitzroy Creek
London Gazette: 11 October 1982. Issue 49134, p. 12841.

On 8 June 1982, RFA SIR GALAHAD and RFA SIR TRISTRAM, carrying large numbers of troops, were attacked by aircraft of the Argentine Air Force. RFA SIR GALAHAD was left damaged and burning with a considerable number of casualties. Aircraft of 825 Naval Air Squadron were on the scene within minutes and were joined for a time by a Sea King IV and Wessex V.

The helicopters captained by Lieutenant Boughton and Lieutenant Sheldon conducted pick-ups of troops and crew mustered in the extremely confined area of the LSL fore-deck. Many were injured or in shock. The rescues were conducted close to masts and rigging with little clearance for the aircraft and with no regard for personal safety. Ammunition and pyrotechnics were exploding and there was a threat of further attack by enemy aircraft. Evacuation and rescue continued until darkness and were in fact interrupted by a further air attack.

The professionalism and bravery demonstrated in these operations by Lieutenant Boughton and Lieutenant Sheldon is representative of the crews and their Squadron.

Lieutenant Boughton's aircraft was a Westland Sea King, registration XV663.¹¹ He commented about the rescue: "This was truly a huge team effort with my own crew, those of five other helicopters, plus the medics ashore where we delivered the casualties. A tough day of rescue, but unfortunate loss of life, during the most tense phase of the land campaign."¹²

Other awards earned in this incident and by 825 Naval Air Squadron:

Distinguished Service Order:

Captain Philip Jeremy George Roberts, Royal Fleet Auxiliary, RFA *Sir Galahad*

Distinguished Service Cross:

Lieutenant Commander Hugh Sinclair Clark, Royal Navy, 825 Naval Air Squadron

George Medal:

Second Engineer Officer Paul Anderson Henry, Royal Fleet Auxiliary, RFA *Sir Galahad* (Posthumous)

Seaman Chiu Yiu Nam, RFA *Sir Galahad* ¹³

Distinguished Service Medal:

Colour Sergeant Michael James Francis, Royal Marines

Military Medal:

Sergeant Derrick Sidney Boulthby, Royal Corps of Transport

Guardisman Stephen Mark Chapman, Welsh Guards

Lance Corporal Dale John Loveridge, Welsh Guards

Sergeant Peter Hurcliche Rene Naya, Royal Army Medical Corps

Warrant Officer Class 2 Brian Thomas Neck, Welsh Guards

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Third Officer Andrew **Gudgeon**, Royal Fleet Auxiliary, RFA *Sir Galahad*

Lieutenant Philip James **Sheldon**, Royal Navy, 825 Naval Air Squadron

See also C. K. A. **Adams** QGM

Mention in Despatches: (other awards may have been made at this level but are not specified in the London Gazette as being for this incident)

Sergeant Brian Dolivera, Royal Marines

John Kenneth Boughton QGM was born in December 1956 and educated in the United Kingdom, United States, Thailand and Singapore. He was commissioned into the Royal Navy in January 1977; Lieutenant 16 September 1981. He retired from the Royal Navy in 1988 but then served in the Royal Naval Reserve Air Branch until his ultimate retirement from the Royal Navy on 30 September 1995. After his military service, he joined Ferranti International, before taking up Director roles in Westland Helicopters, Vickers Defence Systems, and Rolls-Royce Defence Aerospace. He became a founder partner at EXXUS International LLP in 2011. He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a Member of the Institute of Directors.

Award: United States, Meritorious Service Medal (not authorised for wear)

Conflict/Incident: For service on attachment to the United States Navy

Date of Award: 1986

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; and South Atlantic Medal with Rosette.

BOUNOURI QGM

New Award

Ayette

Nationality: France

Occupation: Standards and Quality Officer, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Rank/Title: Mrs.

Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person

Location: Wales – Penygraig, Rhondda Cynon Taf

London Gazette: 18 March 2023. Issue 64000, p. 5350.

On 5 May 2020 at around 1:50pm, the assailant made their way to the Co-op store in Penygraig High Street. Inside the store were Lisa Way, Ayette Bounouri and John Rees. On her way to the store, the assailant attacked a man by stabbing him in the neck; causing him to fall to the ground. He was able to get up and managed to escape. The assailant followed him for a short distance before entering the Co-op, with the knife visible in her hand. Here she approached customers shouting and then attempted to stab a customer in the neck. John Rees was at the counter and noticed the attack taking place. Without hesitation, he made the decision to go forward and intervene. Ayette Bounouri, who also witnessed the assault, picked up a shopping basket as a means of defence, whilst Mr. Rees approached the assailant in an attempt to defuse the situation. Mr. Rees took hold of the assailant's right arm, with which she was holding the knife. Mr. Rees then placed himself between the female customer and the assailant, kicking out at the assailant as she approached him with the knife extended in her hand. The attacker lunged forward, causing Mr. Rees to lose his balance and fall backwards. At this point, Lisa Way took hold of the assailant's hand in an attempt to stop her attack. Mrs. Bounouri also tried to help Mr. Rees by using the shopping basket to disarm the attacker. Mrs. Way and Mrs. Bounouri continued to put themselves in harm's way by trying to distract the assailant. The assailant then turned her actions to Mrs. Way in a ferocious and determined attack and tried to stab her several times to the upper part of her body. Mrs. Bounouri at this time desperately tried to drag Mr. Rees to safety at the rear of the shop. Mr. Rees was unable to regain standing. Mrs. Bounouri in a final act of bravery to protect Mr. Rees, tried to grab the knife from the assailant but was threatened and forced to back away. At this point Mrs. Bounouri would have been fully aware of the ferocity with which the assailant was intent on assaulting people. By their selfless actions, it is without doubt that both Mrs. Bounouri and Mrs. Way put themselves in harm's way, in an effort to save Mr. Rees' life.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. John **Rees** (Posthumous)

Mrs. Lisa **Way**

The attacker, Zara Anne Radcliffe first confronted another shopper, Gaynor Saurin, who was injured before Mr. Rees' intervention. Another shopper, Andrew Price, was also injured. 'Profoundly mentally ill', Radcliffe had a history of violence. At Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court in October 2020, she was given an indefinite hospital order and confined to Rampton Secure Hospital.

In 2021 Alette Bounouri, John Rees and Lisa Way also received the St. David Bravery Award (the national award of Wales) and the South Wales Police Public Bravery Award.

Mrs. Alette Bounouri is a French citizen who settled in the United Kingdom in 1997. She is the only French recipient of the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

BROOME QGM

Paul Brian James

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; **3rd Battalion**, The Light Infantry
Rank/Title: Private
Service Number: 24246502
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette: 7 January 1975. Issue 46456, p. 221.

In recognition of services in Northern Ireland during the period 1st May 1974 to 31st July 1974.

For his conduct during an ambush on a patrol in the Lower Falls area of Belfast on 21 May 1974.

*In an account of the incident he recorded, 'Hand grenades were used on a covert observation post during which a soldier was seriously injured. The patrol I was part of came across the ambush and challenged a gunman who fired and wounded the patrol commander who fell in to the street in direct line of fire of the gunman. I ran into the street and managed to get the wounded NCO back into cover under fire from the gunman. I then returned fire and hit the gunman who was taken away by a large crowd that gathered and substantially outnumbered the soldiers on the ground. In the ensuing follow up no trace was located of the gunman as was common at that time.'*¹⁴

After leaving the Army, Paul Broome QGM served as a police officer.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; United Nations Medal (United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)); and Police Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR. This group sold in 2024 for £6,000.

BULGER QGM

New Award

Ian

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Volunteer Coastguard
Rank/Title: Deputy Station Officer
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from the Sea
Location: England – Tilly Whim Caves, Isle of Purbeck, Dorset
London Gazette: 16 June 2017. Issue 61969, p. 11775.

For the attempted rescue of a woman trapped in a cave.

On 2 November 2013, a 999 call was made to the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Portland, reporting a person in the water off Tilly Whim caves, Dorset. He was rescued by HM Coastguard helicopter and reported that his sister was trapped in a sea cave. In deteriorating weather conditions with winds of severe gale force 9 and very rough seas, a rescue operation was mounted. The helicopter and lifeboat were unable to access the cave from the seaward direction, the weather conditions being too poor.

Initially the Coastguard team considered conducting a rope rescue over the cliff face, but the sea conditions and the wave effect prevented this option. They developed a plan to access the cave via a blow-hole above it, a very difficult and constrained entrance. Verbal communication with the casualty was established but she was unable to swim to the blow-hole entrance due to the very strong wave action entering the cave. It was hoped to deploy a rescue harness for the casualty, but dialogue was lost.

Ian Bugler, a volunteer Coastguard rescue team member, volunteered to deploy into the cave via the blow-hole. The blow-hole was narrow and he had to remove much of his own safety equipment, including waterproof clothing. He was lowered into the hole and was several times blown back due to the piston-effect of the sea causing a very strong updraft of air. After much effort, he got low enough to be able to see the woman, who was being dashed about at the back of the cave and had died. He

himself was being smashed into the sides and roof of the cave. Without waterproof clothing, he had little protection.

Determining that there was little he could do, he asked to be recovered but the shock effect on the rescue equipment was so severe that the fail-safe mechanisms activated and he had to be physically hauled from the cave by his colleagues. He displayed exemplary bravery, a high level of professionalism and outstanding commitment in attempting a rescue in such difficult and dangerous circumstances. He knew very well the risks involved and that both the team and their equipment would be operating on the limits of their technical capability. Yet he placed himself in harm's way in a final effort to save the woman's life.

The victim was Charlotte 'Buffy' Furness-Smith, aged 30, a teacher at Bristol Free School—her body was never recovered.

At the time of the award Deputy Station officer Ian Bugler had served as a volunteer at St. Albans Head Coastguard Rescue Team for 25 years. At the time of the incident his father, Andrew Bugler, was the Station Officer; he was also present during the rescue attempt.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; and Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012.

BUTLER QGM

New Award

Samuel James

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; Royal Army Medical Corps
Rank/Title: Lance Corporal
Service Number: 25171893
Conflict/Incident: Aircraft Accident
Location: France – Chabre, Laragne-Monteglin Region
London Gazette: 21 April 2017. Issue 61908, p. 8516.

For calmly assessing and then commencing critical first aid to a glider pilot who was injured in a mid-air collision between two gliders on a steep scree slope on the north side of the mountain at Laragne-Monteglin in France on 22nd June 2016.

The United Kingdom National Hang Gliding Championships took place in the Laragne-Monteglin region of France from 19 and 25 June 2016. Early in the afternoon of 22 June two hang gliders collided approximately 70m above a ridge. Although both pilots deployed their emergency parachutes, one of the parachutes was damaged or collapsed and the pilot, Rob Gregg, was seriously injured when he hit the rock-face several times before landing on a steep scree slope at the foot of the cliff. By the time a rescue helicopter arrived he had lost consciousness and was having difficulty breathing. The downwash of the helicopter also complicated the scene by blowing the damaged hang glider around, leaving the pilot upside down; he stopped breathing. Witnessing the accident, Lance Corporal Butler began to climb down the cliff to render assistance. Halfway down, having nearly fallen due to the loose rock, it became clear that he had to find another route. He climbed back up the cliff and on his second attempt, unattached and unassisted, he was successful in reaching the casualty. He then stabilised the critically injured pilot and, with other rescuers, prepared him for evacuation to hospital.¹⁵ Part of the fuller citation stated: *'The level of care given by Butler was akin to that normally delivered by a specialist trained in pre-hospital emergency care and facilitated the injured pilot's survival. Butler's heroism is worthy of high national recognition.'*

Sam Butler was born in 1987. He enlisted into the British Army as a Junior Soldier in 2003 and joined Army Foundation College Harrogate. Until 2014, when he transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps, he served with the Royal Regiment of Artillery, with which he served on two deployments to Afghanistan.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; Operational Service Medal (Afghanistan) with clasp 'AFGHANISTAN'; and Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012.¹⁶

CAMPBELL QGM

Brendan James

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; Irish Guards
Attached to 4 RIFLES Battlegroup
Rank/Title: Warrant Officer Class 2
Service Number: 24772251
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Iraq, Operation TELIC
Location: Iraq - Basra
London Gazette: 7 March 2008. Issue 58633, p. 3616.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Iraq during the period 1st April to 30th September 2007.

On 16 June 2007, during an operation in Basra, a Warrior armoured vehicle slipped off a narrow bridge and rolled upside down into a stream, trapping the crew inside. Warrant Officer Class 2 Campbell, who was travelling in a following vehicle, dismounted and slid down the steep bank into the water. He used the external door release button to open the vehicle door, releasing the dismounts in the crew compartment. He then single-handedly extricated the trapped turret crew. As a consequence of his actions, only one soldier was killed—Lance Corporal James Anthony Cartwright, 2nd Royal Tank Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class 2 Brendan James Campbell QGM was commissioned into the Irish Guards (24772251, Captain) on 6 July 2009. He resigned his commission on 2 August 2010.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; Iraq Medal with clasp '19 MAR TO 28 APR 2003; and Golden Jubilee Medal 2002.

CLARK QGM

Alan Lance

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment
Rank/Title: Private
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire
Location: England – Ashford, Kent
London Gazette: 1 July 1994. Issue 53720, p 9470.

In the early hours of the morning of Sunday, 12th December 1993, Private Clark was off duty, walking with two friends looking for a lost dog. Nearby a house fire had broken out and had taken good hold before the alarm was raised. The occupier had been forced to retreat from the house due to the heat and fumes leaving her three children trapped inside. Grey acrid smoke was billowing from the house choking anyone nearby. The fire had taken hold in a foam settee, smouldering for some time before bursting into flames releasing highly toxic gases and reducing visibility almost to nothing.

All three men ran to the house and climbed onto a porch roof which gave access to an upstairs window. Without any thought for his own safety, and though unfamiliar with the layout of the house, Private Clark climbed into the burning building. Feeling his way along the walls, he located one child by touch and dragged her to the safety of the window. He returned, struggling for breath, into the dense smoke to search blindly for the remaining children. He was by now suffering the severe effects of smoke inhalation. By chance he located the second child and carried her to safety. By now the flames were beginning to advance up the stairwell seriously impeding access to the remaining child and making it impossible to re-enter the house. Private Clark was subsequently taken to hospital where he received treatment for the effects of smoke inhalation suffered in the course of the rescue.

Private, Clark displayed gallantry of a high order when, without regard to his own safety, he rescued a child in low visibility and choking smoke from a burning house. Aware of the conditions, he unhesitatingly entered the house a second time and rescued a further child.

The published citation is wrong in that the fire in Frittenden Close, Ashford actually occurred on 12 September 1993. After the blaze began, Mrs. Debbie Graham was able to leave the house but her three children were trapped upstairs. Private Clark rescued Dianne Graham, aged 11, and Natasha Graham, aged seven but he was unable to reach their sister, Leanne Graham, aged five, whose body was later found by firefighters in her bedroom. The others involved in the rescue were Mr. Anthony Tomkins and Mr. Carl Rossiter.

By the time the award was made, Alan Lance Clark QGM had left the Army after six years' service, having been discharged on medical grounds.

CLAY DFC*, QGM, BEM

Philip Henry Thornton

Nationality: Born United Kingdom. Nationality at time of award unknown.
Occupation: Commercial Helicopter Pilot; Ansett Airlines
Rank/Title: Captain
Conflict/Incident: Helicopter Rescue
Location: Australia - Mackay, Queensland
London Gazette: 27 September 1974. Issue 46354, p. 8015.
To be dated 5 July 1974.
(Incorrectly gives his name as 'Phillip'.)

Captain Clay volunteered to fly a helicopter to rescue a man clinging to an upturned boat and to recover the body of another man seen floating one mile further south. One of the two crewmen who accompanied him was Mr. Jeffries. The weather at the time was stormy with strong winds and very rough seas.

Captain Clay located the upturned boat and despite the adverse flying conditions manoeuvred the helicopter to a position which enabled Mr. Jeffries to climb down the lowered helicopter steps and lift the man, who had been in the water for 27 hours and was completely helpless, out of the water. With the help of the other crewman they were able to lift the man into the helicopter. The seas were so rough that the man being rescued was submerged two or three times during the attempt, and it was with great difficulty that Mr. Jeffries managed to keep a hold on the steps with one hand and the man with the other.

The helicopter then proceeded to the drowned man, but because of the rough weather it was impossible to recover the body.

During the entire operation Captain Clay and Mr. Jeffries displayed exceptional skill, determination and courage of the highest order without regard for the danger to their own lives.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. David Maxwell **Jeffries**

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Mr. Richard David Cullenward¹⁷

This incident took place on 11 October 1972, off the coast of Queensland near Mackay. The helicopter was based farther north at Proserpine Airport, where David Jeffries' father was the airport manager.

Both Clay and Jeffries were recommended originally for the British Empire Medal for Gallantry.¹⁸ The date of the incident makes it the earliest of the first published acts of gallantry rewarded by the Queen's Gallantry Medal (see also A. **Callender** QGM, RVM, P. R. **Edmonds** QGM, D. M. **Jeffries** QGM, J. B. **McConnell** QGM, & W. F. **Townsend** QGM).

Philip Henry Thornton Clay DFC*, QGM, BEM was born on 4 April 1922 at Richmond, Surrey. He grew up in Rhodesia. He enlisted into the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (1331525) and served during the latter part of the Second World War as a Non-Commissioned Officer and Warrant Officer pilot, flying Spitfires with 130 (Punjab) Squadron. The acts that resulted in the awards for gallantry listed here were not his only gallant conduct. When the Spitfire XIV (registration RM698, code AP-Z) of Sergeant Ronnie Ashman caught fire when he was attempting to take off, "the intrepid Phil Clay, who wasn't flying on that operation, came dashing along the road with an extinguisher and set about the fire without any concern for his own safety."¹⁹ On 19 April 1945 he was flying a Spitfire XIV (registration RM766) when he shot down a FW190—bringing his total to four destroyed (all FW190) and two damaged (one FW190 and one ME109).²⁰ Soon afterwards he was shot down and captured; he was liberated by elements of the United States Army at the end of the war. He was commissioned into the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (201190, Pilot Officer) on 25 September 1945; Flying Officer 25 March 1946 (substantive 25 September 1946). He was appointed to a Short Service Commission in the Royal Air Force (201190, Flying Officer) on 30 September 1948, with seniority 25 September 1946; Flight Lieutenant 4 January 1951. He served with 8 Squadron—flying the de Havilland Venom—during operations in Aden, during which he was awarded a Bar to his Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired from the Royal Air Force on 4 January 1961 and emigrated to Australia with his wife and daughter in February 1964. Latterly he lived in Dawson, Queensland. He died on 22 March 1986, aged 63.

Award: Distinguished Flying Cross
(Warrant Officer, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve)

Conflict/Incident: Second World War

Location: North West Europe

London Gazette: 29 June 1945. Issue 37154, p. 3406.

In recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations.

Award: British Empire Medal (Military Division)
(Flight Sergeant, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve)

Location: Ophoven Airfield, Belgium

London Gazette: 3 July 1945. Issue 37158, p. 3454.

(Incorrectly shows him as having been awarded a Distinguished Flying Medal.)

During the morning of 1st January, 1945, the airfield from which 130 Squadron was operating was attacked by enemy aircraft, resulting in an R.A.F. aircraft catching fire. Flight Sergeant Clay, with complete disregard for his own safety and whilst the airfield was still being attacked, taxied two other aircraft away thus saving them from certain destruction. Ammunition from the burning aircraft was exploding at the time. He then directed the fire tender crew in their fire fighting operations and, by his efforts, over 200 gallons of petrol were saved. Flight Sergeant Clay set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Award: Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air
(Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force)

London Gazette: 5 June 1952, Issue 39555, p. 3040.

Award: Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross
(Flight Lieutenant, Royal Air Force)

Conflict/Incident: Operations in Southern Arabia

Location: Aden

London Gazette: 10 June 1958. Issue 41414, p. 3665.

In recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations in Aden.

His medals group comprises: Distinguished Flying Cross, GVMR and Bar; Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIMR; British Empire Medal (Military Division), GVMR; 1939-45 Star; Air Crew Europe Star with clasp 'FRANCE AND GERMANY'; Defence Medal; War Medal 1939-45; General Service Medal 1918-62 with clasp 'ARABIAN PENINSULA'; and plain ribbon-mounted Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air emblem.

COOPER QGM

New Award

Daniel

Nationality: United Kingdom

Occupation: Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Rank/Title: Crew Commander

Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire

Location: England – Cheshunt, Hertfordshire

London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

On 8 April 2017, there was a serious fire at a care home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, which had 35 elderly residents. Of these residents, 5 were centenarians, another was blind and 29 were immobile. Initially, the fire appeared to be in its early stages but once inside the property it became clear that the fire was travelling with great ferocity through the roof void covering the whole care home and time was of the essence.

Evacuation was not an option, so a full scale rescue was embarked upon. When the breathing apparatus crews entered the burning building the stairs, first floor landing and corridor were free from fire and smoke, however conditions deteriorated quickly as a result of the fire in the roof void escalating. Firefighters rescued residents by carrying them down the stairs and repeatedly went back into the building to rescue more and more people. Soon the first floor corridor became heavily smoke-logged and more debris was dropping down from the roof space. It was also evident that the temperature had increased significantly. Firefighters found casualties in every room, many in bed, unable to move due to disabilities. They had to use their own bodies as shields to protect the casualties as the flaming debris fell. Every firefighter repeatedly re-entered the care home, with little regard for their own safety, knowing that had they not, the loss of life would have been catastrophic.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Firefighter W. **Ansell** QGM.

COSTICK QGM

Edward Harold

Nationality: United Kingdom

Occupation: Royal Air Force; RAF Akrotiri

Rank/Title: Flight Lieutenant

Service Number: 582668

Conflict/Incident: Turkish Invasion of Cyprus

Location: Cyprus – Famagusta and Nicosia International Airport

London Gazette: 21 January 1975. Issue 46470, p. 880.

In May 1972, Flight Lieutenant Costick was posted to Royal Air Force Akrotiri as Officer in Charge of the Explosives Servicing Flight of the Weapons Engineering Squadron. He was given the secondary duty of Officer in Charge of Explosive Ordnance Disposal at Royal Air Force Akrotiri, with responsibilities throughout the island if required. After the Turkish air attacks in Northern Cyprus, Flight Lieutenant Costick and his two bomb disposal teams were called upon for many Explosive Ordnance Disposal tasks. Two of these in particular exemplify the diverse and hazardous nature of the work. In the first, Flight Lieutenant Costick was called into Famagusta to deal with two large unexploded bombs. One was located in mud and rested under a church. The other was located on the 6th floor of a large hotel. The first bomb in mud had to be dealt with by feel alone and could have been in a dangerous state. Flight Lieutenant Costick was undeterred by the danger and quickly cleared the bomb for safe removal. The second bomb, lying precariously across two beds in the hotel, was fused and in a highly dangerous

state. Regardless of the risk to his life he began to extract the fuse. Although he was fully trained in Explosive Ordnance Disposal techniques he was not familiar with the type of fuse on this bomb. Nevertheless by skill and brilliant improvisation he safely extracted the fuse of the bomb in a calm and efficient manner and thus prevented considerable extra damage to property and danger to personnel. Following this task Flight Lieutenant Costick was asked to clear Nicosia International Airport of unexploded bombs and other devices so that repair work could safely begin. He commanded a small team in this task which took seven days of very long hours work. During the whole of this operation he was working under arduous and hazardous conditions, often under the menace of the opposing guns of the Turkish Army and the National Guard. He finally gave safe clearance of the runway, taxi tracks and aircraft servicing platforms after safely disposing of two large unexploded 750 lb. bombs, ten 2.75 aerial rockets and a large variety of other explosive objects. Flight Lieutenant Costick's devotion to duty and the exemplary manner in which he performed his hazardous duties brought great credit to the Service and were in the finest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

This was first incident of conventional munitions disposal to be rewarded by the Queen's Gallantry Medal (see Major A. S. **Hogben** QGM).

Edward Harold Costick QGM was born in Watford on 5 October 1928. He was educated at Winchester College and, on leaving school, enlisted into the Royal Air Force in 1945 as an armament fitter. He was commissioned from Chief Technician (582668, Flying Officer) on 4 June 1964, with seniority 4 June 1963; Flight Lieutenant 4 June 1969; Squadron Leader 1 July 1976. He retired from the Royal Air Force on 5 October 1983. He died in Norfolk on 16 August 2015.

COURTNEY QGM

John Campbell

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Prison Officer; Northern Ireland Prison Service, **HMP Maze**
 Rank/Title: Prison Officer
 Conflict/Incident: Conflict in Northern Ireland
 Location: Northern Ireland – HMP Maze, County Down
 London Gazette: 14 March 1986. Issue 50458, p. 3673.

For gallantry during the breakout of prisoners from HMP Maze on 25 September 1983. The escape was the largest in British history—38 convicted members of the Provisional Irish Republican Army broke out having taken over H-Block 7. During the escape two prison officers, including Campbell Courtney, were shot. Others were stabbed and beaten; Prison Officer James Ferris died of a heart attack after being stabbed. Nineteen of the escapees were soon recaptured; 16 were charged with the murder of Prison Officer Ferris but all were acquitted.²¹

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Prison Officer James Andrew Black Ferris (Deceased)

Prison Officer William Gallagher

Prison Officer James Kenneth Lewis

Prison Officer Noel James McClenaghan

(John) Campbell Courtney QGM died on 18 November 2011 at his home at Magheralin, County Down. His ashes were interred at the graveyard of St. Colman's Parish Church, Dunmurry.

COUWENBERGH QGM

Guido Armand 'Gie'

Nationality: Belgium
 Occupation: Belgian *Marine Royale*
 Rank/Title: *Luitenant-Ter-Zee 1^{ste} Klas*
 Conflict/Incident: Maritime Rescue
 Location: Belgium – Zeebrugge
 London Gazette: 31 December 1987. Issue 51183, p. 61.

In recognition of bravery during the hazardous rescue operations after the capsizing of m.v. 'Herald of Free Enterprise' off Zeebrugge on the night of 6th March 1987.

For other awards earned in this incident see Lieutenant S. N. **Bound** QGM. For more information see the accounts by Lieutenant S. N. **Bound** QGM and Able Seaman E. C. McK **Fullen** QGM, and the comments by G. A. **Couwenbergh** QGM at Appendix 9.

Guido Armand 'Gie' Couwenbergh QGM was born in Antwerp, Belgium, on 6 September 1943. He joined the Belgian *Marine Royale* on 2 August 1965. He commanded the coastal minesweeper BNS *Rocheport* M930 on fishery protection duties and, after the Zeebrugge incident, he was appointed to command the

Aggressive class minesweeper BNS *Breydel* M906. His final appointment was as Commander of the Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Diving Group and Superintendent of Diving for the Belgian Armed Forces. He retired on 31 October 1994 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. His award was presented at Buckingham Palace by The Sovereign. Since leaving the Belgian Navy, Gie Couwenbergh has established a company that maintains and sells military diving equipment.

His medals group comprises: Badge of a Knight of the Order of Leopold (Military Division with Swords); Badge of a Knight of the Order of the Crown; Military Cross (2nd Class); Military Decoration for Exceptional Service or Acts of Courage or Devotion (1st Class for Gallantry); Medal for Military Merit; and Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR.

CRILLY QGM

New Award

John

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Released Prisoner
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: England – Fishmongers' Hall, London
London Gazette: 18 March 2023. Issue 64000, p. 5350.

On Friday 29 November 2019, a prison education and rehabilitation programme known as Learning Together, part of Cambridge University, held an event in London to celebrate their fifth anniversary. Former offenders and academics engaged in joint interactive workshops and learning aiming to advance the knowledge and understanding of offender rehabilitation. The event took place at Fishmongers' Hall, situated on London Bridge, on the north bank of the River Thames. There were around 100 attendees, including convicted offenders, academic professionals and members of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

One such attendee attended the event in the morning. During a break in proceedings, he carried out a terrorist attack at the venue resulting in the death of two people.

Just before 2pm, the attacker entered the gentlemen's toilets on the ground floor of the venue and prepared himself to carry out the attack. He attached a realistic-looking hoax IED or 'suicide belt' around his waist, and taped knives to both hands. He then attacked two members of the Learning Together team who later died as a result of their injuries. The attacker carried on with his attack, injuring a further three people.

The attacker was then confronted by four members of the public who were attendees and a member of staff at the venue. John Crilly and Steven Gallant were attendees at the event, Darryn Frost worked for HMPPS and Lukasz Koczocik was employed as a porter at the venue.

Steven Gallant had been upstairs when he heard screams, and immediately ran to the aid of the victims. Gallant confronted the attacker at the bottom of the stairs inside Fishmongers' Hall. Despite the attacker holding two knives, and displaying a very realistic-looking suicide belt, Gallant stood his ground forcing him to turn around and move towards the reception. Gallant then collected a narwhal tusk from Mr. Frost which he used to force the attacker away from the stairs and into the reception area. Had Gallant not stood his ground, the attacker was likely to have gone up to the main conference room, and could have taken more lives. From the reception area, the attacker was then forced by the actions of Gallant, Crilly and Koczocik to make his way out of the building, and onto the street. Mr. Gallant followed the attacker along the bridge, pulled him to the floor by his coat and was helped by others to hold him down until Police arrived.

John Crilly also heard screams and ran down the stairs to where the attacker was standing. Firstly he threw a lectern at the attacker, then proceeded to hit him with a chair when he continued an attack on an already injured female. He then picked up a fire extinguisher, and used this to force the attacker away from the stairs, and deter him from attacking people in the main conference room. He then used the extinguisher to force the attacker out of the building and along London Bridge. He pursued the attacker, spraying him with the extinguisher when he turned to attack Steven Gallant. Crilly then helped Gallant once he had pulled the attacker to the floor, using the extinguisher to force the knives from the attacker's hands, disarming him. This was all with the knowledge he was wearing a very realistic looking suicide belt.

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Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Darryn **Frost**

Mr. Steven **Gallant**

Mr. Lukasz **Koczocik**

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Prison Officer Adam Roberts

Adam Roberts was a Prison Officer escorting a prisoner on day release from prison to the Learning Together event at Fishmongers' Hall on 29 November 2019. He responded to the sounds of screaming and found one of the severely injured victims at the foot of the main stairs. Despite the attacker attacking people around him, he protected the victim and immediately provided emergency first aid, stemming the bleeding, and subsequently provided CPR. Sadly the victim lost their life as a result of their injuries.

The members of the Learning Together team who were murdered were Jack Merritt, aged 25, a law and criminology graduate who was working as a University of Cambridge administration officer and a course coordinator for Learning Together, and Saskia Jones, aged 23, a former University of Cambridge student and Learning Together volunteer. Three other people were wounded. The attack was carried out by Usman Khan; previously convicted of terrorist offences, he had been released from prison on licence in December 2018. In the police follow-up, Khan was shot and killed.

After a troubled youth and with a history of drug-related and other crime, in 2005 Mr. Crilly received a life sentence for murder and robbery after he and David Flynn broke into the home of Augustine Maduemezia in Millhead Avenue, Miles Platting, Manchester. Mr. Maduemezia died after being punched by Flynn but Mr. Crilly was convicted under the joint enterprise law. As a result of a Supreme Court ruling in 2016, his sentence was reduced to 18 years for manslaughter; he was released on licence in 2018. Mr. Crilly is a law graduate of the Open University and a beneficiary of the Learning Together scheme.

DAVIS QGM

New Award

Ricky

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Rank/Title: Firefighter
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire
Location: England – Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

On 8 April 2017, there was a serious fire at a care home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, which had 35 elderly residents. Of these residents, 5 were centenarians, another was blind and 29 were immobile. Initially, the fire appeared to be in its early stages but once inside the property it became clear that the fire was travelling with great ferocity through the roof void covering the whole care home and time was of the essence.

Evacuation was not an option, so a full scale rescue was embarked upon. When the breathing apparatus crews entered the burning building the stairs, first floor landing and corridor were free from fire and smoke, however conditions deteriorated quickly as a result of the fire in the roof void escalating. Firefighters rescued residents by carrying them down the stairs and repeatedly went back into the building to rescue more and more people. Soon the first floor corridor became heavily smoke-logged and more debris was dropping down from the roof space. It was also evident that the temperature had increased significantly. Firefighters found casualties in every room, many in bed, unable to move due to disabilities. They had to use their own bodies as shields to protect the casualties as the flaming debris fell. Every firefighter repeatedly re-entered the care home, with little regard for their own safety, knowing that had they not, the loss of life would have been catastrophic.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Firefighter W. **Ansell** QGM.

DOUGLAS QGM
Matthew Peter

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; The Parachute Regiment
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Service Number: 25091851
Conflict/Incident: Unspecified Military Operations
London Gazette: 15 September 2017. Issue 62052, p. 17278.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field during the period 1 October 2016 to 31 March 2017.

DUGUID QGM
David Ian

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Security Contractor
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: Yemen – Jannah oil field, Shabwa province
London Gazette: 6 January 2009. Issue 58940, p. 113.

For his actions in disarming a gunman in Yemen.

On 23 June 2007, David Duguid was on assignment at an airstrip in Yemen providing security cover for a client. The airfield was protected by Yemeni military forces and he was accompanied by a driver and armed escort. He himself was unarmed. As the aircraft carrying his client landed, he moved forward towards the aircraft. As he did so, he felt a pain in his forearm and heard the sound of gunfire. He had been shot. He took cover and saw a Yemeni soldier firing his AK 47 assault rifle. A number of people were on the ground having been hit by gunfire. The gunman was firing at opportune targets as well as at the aircraft. As the gunman moved behind the far side of the aircraft, Duguid broke cover and moved towards him in the hope of overpowering him. Unfortunately, he was spotted and had to take cover again. The gunman then started to fire at the casualties lying on the ground so he again broke cover to draw his fire. As the gunman focused on Duguid, the armed escort shot and wounded the gunman, enabling Duguid to charge forward and overpower him. Having incapacitated the gunman, and ignoring the pain from his wounds, he then began to help the other casualties. Despite the threat from leaking aviation fuel, he set up a triage and applied life-saving procedures to the most seriously injured. He then arranged evacuation to a hospital and applied further medical treatment throughout the journey. On arrival at the hospital he ensured that the right steps were taken with regard to the wounded. One man died in this incident.

He commented about the attack: “The incident resulted in one fatality—a young Indian electrical engineer, on his first trip to Yemen—three very seriously injured and three others wounded, not including the perpetrator. As said, I’m sure, by many; your training kicks in, and you react instinctively to the threat—you are just doing your job. This is also true for the immediate aftermath of an incident, when out of the chaos there needed to be order and cohesion.”²²

Awarded the Queen’s Commendation for Bravery: New Award
Anthony John Trethowan, Civilian²³

For helping to disarm a gunman in Yemen

On 23 June 2007, Tony Trethowan, a Health and Safety Consultant, was on duty at an airstrip in central Yemen managing aircraft and passenger safety. In accordance with standard operating procedure, the airfield was protected by a detachment of Yemeni military forces and he was accompanied by a military escort. He himself was unarmed and was there to greet an arriving aircraft. Once the aircraft had landed small groups of personnel moved forward to greet the passengers and to proceed with unloading. He was in one of the groups. As they moved towards the rear door, they came under automatic gunfire from a position behind them. A few people who had been standing by the front of the plane were seen to fall down. With no cover available Trethowan dived for the ground as bursts of gunfire continued. It became apparent that the source of the firing was a Yemeni soldier armed with an AK 47 assault rifle. The soldier ran forward around the front of the plane, shooting at the body of the aircraft. A number of individuals were hit by the weapons fire. As the soldier came around the back of the aircraft he began firing directly at people, some of whom were already wounded, firing also in Trethowan’s direction again. As the soldier started moving again one of the military guards shot him, hitting him in the left shoulder. As the gunman was starting to fall to the ground from the impact of the shot, the security manager present quickly ran forward and overpowered him. Trethowan ran forward to assist and a fierce struggle ensued. He helped disarm the gunman and restrained him until help came and the soldier was handed over to military

personnel.

During the attack Trethowan gave immediate life-saving first aid to a British man who had been badly wounded. That man later said that Trethowan had helped to save his life and very likely, the lives of at least three others. Trethowan also took a leading role in the recovery operation, supervising and directing personnel, managing the medical evacuation and escorting injured persons to medical facilities. One person died in the incident and five others were badly injured.

David Ian Duguid was born in Aberdeen in 1960. He enlisted into the British Army in 1978 and joined the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He subsequently volunteered for service with United Kingdom Special Forces and joined 22nd Special Air Service Regiment, where he spent the rest of his military career. He retired from the British Army in 2004 as a Warrant Officer Class 2. He subsequently established a career as a security contractor, primarily with security management, and oil and gas companies, usually in hostile environments.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; South Atlantic Medal with Rosette; Operational Service Medal (Afghanistan) with clasp 'AFGHANISTAN'; Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; and Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR.

DRISCOLL QGM

Aubrey William

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Prison Officer; Her Majesty's Prison Service, HMP Liverpool
Rank/Title: Governor
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: England – Walton, Liverpool
London Gazette: 24 June 1977. Issue 47253, p. 8252.

During the afternoon of 22nd December 1976, a civilian workman was taken hostage by a prisoner who had a history of violence. The prisoner had barricaded his cell, and was insisting on speaking to the Governor. Mr. Driscoll was on sick leave, but when he was informed of the situation by telephone he immediately went to the prison.

On arrival at the scene, Mr. Driscoll kicked open the door to remove the obstruction behind it and went into the cell. The prisoner told him that the hostage would be killed if he went any closer, but Mr. Driscoll continued to move forward, still talking to the prisoner who then threatened to kill him. When he was close enough, Mr. Driscoll jumped between the prisoner and the hostage, grappling with the prisoner. The man, who was armed with an improvised knife, attempted four times to stab Mr. Driscoll, but fortunately his overcoat gave him some measure of protection, although one stab penetrated through it into the chest above his heart. By this time, other staff who had been waiting outside the cell were able to enter; they overpowered the prisoner and took out the hostage, who was unhurt.

Mr. Driscoll acted with great courage, initiative and a complete disregard for his own safety when he tackled this extremely violent prisoner and brought about the release of the hostage.

Aubrey William Driscoll was born on 16 April 1930 at Cardiff. He served with the Corps of Royal Military Police Special Investigation Branch during his National Service and joined His Majesty's Prison Service in 1950. He subsequently became the principal of the Prison Service Staff College at Wakefield, West Yorkshire. In 1983 he was appointed a regional director of prisons, and later had responsibility for the north region. He retired from the Prison Service in December 1989. He died at Melbourne, Australia on 8 April 2014, aged 83.

ELLIOTT QGM

William Robert

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
Rank/Title: Constable
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 24 June 1977. Issue 47253, p 8252.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

On 26 July 1975, while answering a report of a suspicious car in Main Street, Dungiven, Co. Londonderry, Constable W. R. Elliott and Constable R. J. McPherson were ambushed by three gunmen armed with automatic weapons, reportedly members of the Irish National Liberation Army. Constable McPherson was killed and Constable Elliott suffered seven gunshot wounds but was able to return fire. The gunmen were able to make off with Constable McPherson's pistol. As an Army patrol arrived on the scene it too was fired at and fire was returned.

In 1979, after a re-arraignment James Gerard Dowdell was found guilty of the manslaughter of Constable McPherson and was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment; he was given concurrent sentences for other, unrelated offences. In June 2024, two other men were charged in relation to the murder of Constable McPherson.

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct (Posthumous):

Constable Robert John McPherson, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; Police Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR; and Royal Ulster Constabulary Service Medal.

FENWICK QGM **Kristopher Ewan**

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Royal Navy, Southern Diving Unit 2
Rank/Title: Chief Petty Officer (Diver)
Service Number: D236529M
Conflict/Incident: Munitions Disposal
Location: England – Portsmouth Harbour
London Gazette: 23 November 2018. Issue 62477, p. 21275.

For his calm and inspiring leadership when disposing of an unexploded 500lb German Air Dropped SC 250 bomb which was raised to the surface by a dredging vessel, in Portsmouth Harbour on 22nd February 2017.

During the dredging of Portsmouth Harbour in preparation for the arrival of the new aircraft carrier HMS *Queen Elizabeth*, over five tonnes of unexploded ordnance were found, mostly from the Second World War. This included a German parachute mine, one 1,000lb bomb and two 500lb SC250 bombs. The munitions were dealt by the Diving Group during 34 call-outs.

One of the air-dropped, general purpose, high-explosive SC250 bombs was trapped in the claw of the dredger *Stemat* near to Wightlink ferry terminal. During an eight-hour operation, Fenwick removed the bomb from the claw before it was taken out into the Solent and destroyed. The latter part of the operation was conducted in extremely bad weather conditions caused by Storm Doris, which caused large waves that threatened to swamp the dive boat.

Fenwick commented about the events: 'We dealt with many challenging incidents during the dredging and it was a real team success. I'm only successful if I have a successful team behind me – and bravery ran right through the ranks.'²⁴

FERGUSON QGM **William John**

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
Rank/Title: Inspector
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 18 March 1975. Issue 46520, p 3621.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

For other awards earned in this incident see Constable J. G. **Armstrong** QGM.

Award: Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
(Chief Superintendent, Royal Ulster Constabulary)
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 14 June 1986. Issue 50551, p. B13.

FOSTER QGM **Andrew**

Posthumous Award

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Sales Representative
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Rockfall
Location: United States – Yosemite National Park, California
London Gazette: 27 September 2019. Issue 62781, p. 17384.

On 27 September 2017 Andrew Foster and his wife Lucy were on a camping trip in Yosemite National Park in California when rocks, reportedly the size of cars, started to fall around them. Lucy was walking 50m behind Andrew when they heard the rocks begin to fall above them. Mr. Foster was already well clear of the danger site when the rockfall began but Mrs. Foster was not, and he shouted for her to run. She lost her footing on the uneven terrain, causing her to fall to the ground directly under the rock fall. Mr. Foster ran back to his wife and lay on top of her to protect her from falling rocks. He suffered fatal injuries whilst Lucy, although suffering life-threatening injuries at the time, was rescued from the mountainside and made a full recovery.

The rockfall occurred on the south-east face of *El Capitan*, a 3,000 feet high monolith that stands at the western end of the Yosemite Valley. Andrew and Lucy Foster, experienced climbers who were celebrating their first wedding anniversary, were walking at the base of the monolith when the fall occurred.

Andrew Foster was born in 1985 and educated at Cleeve School in Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, before studying engineering at Cardiff University. After graduating he worked for the outdoor pursuit shop *Up and Under*, before joining *Patagonia*. His courage was also recognised in 2018 by the Royal Humane Society In Memoriam Testimonial on Vellum.

FROST QGM

New Award

Darryn

Nationality:	South Africa
Occupation:	Communications Manager, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service
Rank/Title:	Mr.
Conflict/Incident:	Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location:	England – Fishmongers' Hall, London
London Gazette:	18 March 2023. Issue 64000, p. 5350.

On Friday 29 November 2019, a prison education and rehabilitation programme known as Learning Together, part of Cambridge University, held an event in London to celebrate their fifth anniversary. Former offenders and academics engaged in joint interactive workshops and learning aiming to advance the knowledge and understanding of offender rehabilitation. The event took place at Fishmongers' Hall, situated on London Bridge, on the north bank of the River Thames. There were around 100 attendees, including convicted offenders, academic professionals and members of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

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A South African, Darryn Frost QGM joined Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service in 2010. He established Own Merit, 'a social enterprise to support people to rebuild their lives after prison', with Stephen Gallant QGM. He is the only South African recipient of the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

GALLANT QGM

New Award

Stephen

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Serving Convicted Prisoner
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
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GRAHAM GM, QGM

John Leonard

Nationality:	Australia
Occupation:	Police Officer; Queensland Police Force
Rank/Title:	Senior Constable
Service Number:	1101
Conflict/Incident:	Rescue from Fire
Location:	Australia – Coolangatta Hotel, Brisbane, Queensland
London Gazette:	15 August 1975. Issue 46660, p. 10434.

In the early hours of 1 January 1975 smoke and flames were seen coming from an hotel where more than 30 people were known to be accommodated. The hotel was situated next to the Police Station and police personnel immediately went to the scene and unhesitatingly entered the burning building by ladders and stairs to rescue the occupants of the two storey building. The whole of the ground floor area was ablaze, filled with dense black smoke and several explosions were heard. Senior Sergeant O'Dea, Constable Frohmuller and Sergeant Preston climbed a fire escape ladder to the top section of the hotel. Senior Sergeant O'Dea forced open a window and entered the hotel. By this time the upstairs section had caught fire, but in spite of the intense heat and smoke he went on rousing and warning the guests, until finally a sudden sheet of flame scorched his clothes and forced him to leave and jump to the ground below.

Constable Frohmuller also broke a window and gained entry. The dense smoke made vision and breathing extremely difficult, so the Constable crawled along the floor. He broke down a locked door and dragged a man to safety; he continued to enter rooms and remove the occupants until he eventually collapsed and was pulled to safety. After a few minutes he recovered and assisted a fireman to operate a hose until the fire was brought under control.

Sergeant Preston also roused guests and assisted their escape until he found it impossible to penetrate any further because of the intense heat. Although he was severely affected by smoke he managed to sound an alarm by banging a chair against a wall. He remained in the hotel until he was told that all the guests were saved.

Constable Graham entered at the rear of the building and managed to save several guests. He also broke down the door of a locked room and rescued the occupant and, in the process sustained a severe injury to his arm from broken glass.

Constable Lacon, who was prevented by a large explosion from following Senior Sergeant O'Dea and the other police officers, also went to the rear of the building where he met Constable Graham who was guiding a guest from the building. Seeing that Constable Graham was bleeding profusely from his wound, Constable Lacon entered the hotel, but almost immediately lost his bearings because of the blinding smoke and poisonous fumes. By crawling at floor level he managed to climb through an open window on to an awning where he assisted two women to the ground. He once more went into the building and heard cries for help and succeeded in rescuing two more guests. By this time he became

ill from the fumes and heat and was assisted out by Constable Rogers who had earlier assisted in the rescue of the two women from the awning. Constable Rogers then climbed back into the hotel by way of a ladder and with other police made a search to ensure that all the occupants had left.

Constable Hoffman had entered the hotel by means of a wooden staircase, roused several guests and led them to safety. He then noticed that the gas supply to the kitchen was in danger of exploding and disconnected the system. He also managed to warn the hotel proprietor and his wife of their danger.

The conditions under which the rescue work was carried out was highly dangerous because of the dense smoke, fumes from burning plastic materials and the intense heat. If it had not been for the outstanding courage of these police officers, who displayed a complete disregard for their personal safety and great devotion to duty, there is every possibility that the guests in the burning hotel would have died.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Constable 1st Class W. T. **Frohmuller** QGM. For a first-hand account of the incident see Appendix 1.

Award: George Medal
(Detective Senior Constable, Queensland Police Force)
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
London Gazette: 9 October 1973. Issue 46907, p. 11944.

A mentally disturbed man deliberately drove a car into an electric light pole in a Brisbane suburb and then left the car and threatened to kill himself with a butcher's knife. Constable Graham arrived at the scene and was at this stage armed with a revolver. He recognised the man as one who had a history of violence and tried to persuade him to hand over the knife, offering to lay down his revolver if the man would do the same with his knife. After the Constable had placed his weapon on the ground the man pretended to do the same, but threw a handful of dirt in the Constable's face and grabbed the revolver; he then fired at close range, narrowly missing the officer. Although now unarmed the Constable continued to try and pacify the man who fired the gun twice, fortunately without effect; eventually while the man's attention was momentarily distracted the officer sprang forward and overpowered him. Throughout the entire ordeal Constable Graham showed courage of a very high order in handling the situation and acted without thought for his own safety when, unarmed, he continued to persuade the man to surrender his dangerous weapons.

Award: Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct
Sergeant 1st Class
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Queensland Gazette: 27 July 1985. p. 97.

At about 4.05 a.m. on Tuesday, 1st February, 1983, as a result of information received as to the possible whereabouts of a prison escapee, Police went to a block of flats situated at 147 Park Road, Woolloongabba. As Detective Sergeant First Class George David Pugh, Sergeant First Class John Leonard Graham and Detective Senior Constable Bradley Ralph Maidment were near the door of Flat Number Five, a shot was fired through the door narrowly missing these officers. In the interest of the safety of nearby residents and the need to recapture the escapee, the Police Officers chose to remain close to the door. Sergeant First Class Graham, who had been carrying a sledge hammer, commenced to smash the door down. In doing so it was necessary for Sergeant Graham to partly expose his body and whilst he was hammering at the door the escapee fired another shot which passed close to his head. After the door was broken down the escapee fired another shot at the Police Officers who returned the fire. To do so it was necessary for them to expose portion of their bodies around the door jamb and each time they fired they did so at great personal risk. Although the Police Officers continued to call on the escapee to surrender, he refused. Another shot was fired at the Police Officers but subsequently the escapee ran out of ammunition and shortly afterwards threw out his revolver. He was then overpowered by the Police Officers and taken into custody.

Also awarded a Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct: 1343 Detective Sergeant 1st Class George David Pugh and 2342 Detective Constable Bradley Ralph Maidment.²⁵

Lawrence 'Larry' Leavitt, a prisoner at Brisbane's Boggo Road jail, escaped at the end of January 1983. For three days, he lived in a flat in the Dutton Park area, half a mile from the prison, and made little attempt to hide. At dawn on Tuesday 1 February, Sergeant Graham, Detective Sergeant Pugh and Detective Constable Maidment were among a large contingent of police who went to the flat to arrest the escapee. Leavitt fired a pistol through the front door narrowly missing the policemen and the police officers returned fire but were then confronted by Leavitt with a hostage. Leavitt was wounded in the exchange of fire and arrested.

GRIFFITHS QGM **Stuart Michael**

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army, The Royal Tank Regiment

Rank/Title: Sergeant
 Service Number: 25133731
 Conflict/Incident: Munitions Accident
 Location: Wales – Castlemartin Ranges, Pembrokeshire
 London Gazette: 5 April 2019. Issue 62608, p. 6306.

For conspicuous courage in the face of extreme danger in extracting 3 crew members including an unconscious soldier from the turret of a tank which still had heat, smoke and flames coming from inside following a huge explosion, in the presence of live armaments, in Wales on 14 June 2017.

On the afternoon of 14 June 2017 at the Castlemartin Ranges in Pembrokeshire, a Challenger 2 tank of Badger Squadron, Royal Tank Regiment was conducting a live firing exercise when it suffered an internal explosion. At the time of the accident the crew comprised a commander, loader/operator, driver and a 'guest' gunner conducting an 'experience shoot'. The driver was closed-down in his position and the turret hatches were open. Prior to firing, white smoke was seen to come from the turret and as the commander tried to escape an explosion occurred that blew him some distance away. In the response by the Squadron medics and several other soldiers, the commander was removed to a place of greater safety and the loader and gunner, both severely injured, were removed from the tank. Attempts to remove the driver were unsuccessful until the arrival of the emergency services. The crew were transferred to hospital in a series of airlifts and, in the case of the driver, by ambulance. The commander, Corporal Darren Paul Neilson, and loader, Corporal Matthew Karl Hatfield, died of their injuries.²⁶

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Corporal Saimone Matasarasara **Qasenivalu**

GROVES QGM

New Award

David Michael

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Royal Navy; HMS *Argyll*
 Rank/Title: Leading Seaman (Seaman Specialist)
 Service Number: 30126044
 Conflict/Incident: Maritime Rescue
 Location: Atlantic Ocean – Bay of Biscay, 150 nautical miles south-west of Brest
 London Gazette: 29 November 2019. Issue 62841, p. 21589.

For his courage and bravery during storm Gareth, whilst rescuing 27 sailors from a raging fire onboard their vessel which had spread to their dangerous goods cargo containers, 150 nautical miles into the Bay of Biscay, on 10–11 March 2019.

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Able Seaman (Seaman Specialist) 1 Alex Harvey

For his valour and swift reactions in bravely placing himself at the forefront of harm's way in recovering 4 sailors and assisting in the rescue of 23 more, from a raging fire onboard their vessel which had spread to their dangerous goods cargo containers, 150 nautical miles into the Bay of Biscay, on 10–11 March 2019.

At 8.00pm on 10 March 2019 a fire broke out in a container on the weather deck of the 28,000-tonne MV *Grande America*, a cargo ship bound for Casablanca from Hamburg. Later that night, the crew, unable to prevent the fire spreading and knowing that the ship carried dangerous cargo, put out a Mayday call and prepared to abandon ship. HMS *Argyll*, returning to Plymouth after a nine-month deployment in the Asia-Pacific region, responded and launched the ship's sea-boat, crewed by Leading Seaman Groves and Able Seaman Harvey. In very heavy seas (described as being at the absolute limit of safe boat operations) and engulfed by smoke from the burning cargo ship, Groves and Harvey waited as the ship's lifeboat was launched. When the lifeboat finally launched, with the ship's 27 crewmen onboard, it hit the water with such force that it was damaged and unable to make headway. Having managed to get the two craft nose-to-nose, four of the cargo ship's crewmen jumped into the sea-boat. An attempt to tow the lifeboat failed when the line parted and it was decided that the sea-boat should try to nudge the lifeboat until it was alongside the frigate. After several hours this proved successful and as the sea-boat held the lifeboat alongside HMS *Argyll*, the exhausted and shocked crew were able to use a scramble net or were hoisted aboard the frigate. MV *Grande America* was still on fire when HMS *Argyll* left the scene at about 5.00am. A firefighting tug was unable to extinguish the fire and the vessel sank on 12 March in 15,000 feet of water.

GUDGEON QGM

Andrew

Nationality: United Kingdom

Occupation: Royal Fleet Auxiliary; RFA *Sir Galahad*
 Rank/Title: Third Officer
 Conflict/Incident: Falklands War, Operation CORPORATE
 Location: Falkland Islands – San Carlos Water & Fitzroy Creek
 London Gazette: 11 October 1982. Issue 49134, p. 12841.

Third Officer Gudgeon had been relieved in RFA SIR GALAHAD at Plymouth on 4 April 1982, but volunteered to remain during the Falkland Island campaign. On two occasions during this time he showed great courage in risking his life in order to save others. When HMS ANTELOPE blew up and caught fire in San Carlos Water, he volunteered to cox the crash boat to pick up survivors. This he did knowing that HMS ANTELOPE had a second unexploded bomb on board. Despite the fire spreading rapidly, spent Seacat missiles landing nearby, he carried out the rescue of several survivors in a cool and determined manner. Later, when SIR GALAHAD was bombed by Argentine aircraft and set on fire at Fitzroy Creek, the accommodation aft was rapidly set on fire and quickly filled with acrid smoke. Third Officer Gudgeon, wearing breathing apparatus, entered the area to search for people trapped. On his way towards the Galley he found someone at the foot of the ladder, trapped by debris but still alive. He made an unsuccessful attempt to move him and then decided to seek assistance, but as there were no more sets of breathing apparatus, he returned to make another rescue attempt. Unfortunately the man died.

Third Officer Gudgeon placed his concern for others above his own safety and carried out his tasks with great courage and determination.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Lieutenant J. K. **Boughton** QGM.

Andrew David Gudgeon was born on 2 May 1959 in Shipley, West Yorkshire but grew up in Nottinghamshire, where he was a Sea Cadet. He studied at Riversdale Technical College, Liverpool, earning his Second Mate's Certificate, before joining the Royal Fleet Auxiliary in April 1977. His first appointment was in RFA *Sir Lancelot*. He retired in April 2017, after 40 years' service, having been diagnosed with a brain tumour. He died on 3 December 2017.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; South Atlantic Medal with Rosette, General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'GULF', Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012; and Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service Medal with 1st clasp.²⁷

GUEST QGM

Richard Arthur

Posthumous Award

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Retired Bank Manager
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Rescue from the Sea
 Location: Wales – Tywyn, Cardigan Bay, Gwynedd
 London Gazette: 19 July 2018. Issue 62357, p. 12841.

For saving a young girl from drowning

On Saturday 4 July 2015, Richard Guest and his wife were walking along the beach in Tywyn, North Wales, when they heard screams for help coming from the sea. Two teenage girls had gone into the sea and had got into difficulty.

Richard Guest noticed that another man, Stephen Adams, was walking nearby and had also heard the screams. Without hesitation, both men quickly entered the sea to try and save the two teenage girls. The sea was extremely rough but the men persisted, and Richard Guest was the first of the two men to reach one of the girls. He held her out of the water until he was able to hand her to Stephen Adams. As they were about to return to shore, the rescued girl told the men that there was another girl in the water. While Stephen Adams helped the girl back to shore, Richard Guest decided to remain behind to search for the other girl who they believed was still in the water. Neither man was aware that the second girl had managed to make her own way safely back to shore.

Richard Guest spent some time in the very rough sea searching for the other girl and, having taken the girl to safety, Stephen Adams returned to where he had left Richard Guest. He discovered him face down in the water. He checked for a pulse but there was none and because of the rough conditions, he could not turn Richard Guest over. Realising his own life was in danger, he reluctantly returned to the shore. Richard Guest was later pulled unconscious from the sea by the RNLI and taken to hospital, but he was pronounced dead.

Both men demonstrated unselfish courage. Neither man knew the two girls yet were willing to risk their own lives to ensure the safety of two strangers.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Stephen John **Adams**

Richard Arthur Guest was born on 10 September 1940 and brought up in Bethel near Caernarfon in Gwynedd; as a child he spoke Welsh as his first language. He was educated at Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen in Caernarfon and represented North Wales Schools at soccer and cricket; he was also a strong swimmer having learned to swim in sea at Caernarfon and in the River Seiont. In 1956 the family moved to Staffordshire. Dick Guest worked for 30 years for Midland Bank/HSBC before taking early retirement and then for 10 years with the Professional Footballers' Association. He was a keen rugby player for Handsworth Rugby Club and a keen fan—he supported Llanelli's *Y Sgarlets*. Dick Guest and his wife had been married for 50 years at the time of his death; he had two children and four grandchildren. His act was recognised in 2016 by an entry in the Roll of Honour of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust.

GURUNG QGM

Janga Bahadur

New Award

Nationality: Nepal
 Occupation: Civilian Security Contractor; G4S
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Operations in Afghanistan
 Location: Afghanistan – British Council compound, Kabul
 London Gazette: 2 September 2014. Issue 60977, p. 17010.

For resisting an attack by insurgents on the British Council Compound in Kabul.

On 19th August 2011, the British Council compound in Kabul, Afghanistan underwent a complex attack involving 2 Suicide Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices and an assault by 4 heavily armed insurgents. At the time of the assault there were 2 female staff asleep on site and the compound was protected by 4 armed Gurkha guards, 6 unarmed Afghan National security staff, and one British National security manager/bodyguard, all in the employ of Group 4 Security. During the course of the attack, 3 of the Afghan National security guards were killed by small arms fire, 3 others were wounded by blast and small arms fire but survived, and 3 of the 4 Gurkha guards were also wounded. The 2 British Council staff and security manager survived having endured 7½ hours locked in a safe room within the main building.

The 500kg first bomb detonated at the front gate to the complex totally destroying the gate and internal security barriers. At this point Shayam Limbu, the Security Supervisor and 2 Afghan National staff were wounded and Janga Gurung in the gun tower received burns. Two insurgents then entered the main gate area and proceeded to engage the CCTV room with small arms and grenades. At this point Shayam Limbu was wounded and he then received a gunshot wound to the head. Nevertheless, he stayed in the guardhouse area and protected the wounded Afghan National staff until he was rescued. The insurgents proceeded to the security changing rooms and shot to death the 3 Afghan National security guards within. They then attacked the gun tower with small arms and grenades wounding Janga Gurung. Two insurgents then made their way towards the second compound, accessed through a doorway, and it was at this point that they engaged Deepak Thapa, who returned fire killing one of the insurgents before he withdrew to the main building, where he met Jeetman Magar.

Concurrent with this action, the security manager Hameed Choudhry had gone from his bedroom to one of the staff bedrooms and taken the staff member to the safe room in the main building. At this point the second large bomb detonated on the road outside the complex. The second female staff member had already taken herself from her bedroom in the main building to the safe room. Hameed Choudhry ensured that both members of staff were in the safe room and then proceeded to brief Deepak Thapa and Jeetman Magar on further defensive measures. He then entered the safe room himself and stayed with the two members of staff for the duration of the battle. Throughout this time, he maintained an open mobile telephone link with the British Embassy operations centre keeping them informed of the exact situation. This included detail of insurgent movements as well as providing intelligence of assistance to the rescue team. He was a calm and reassuring presence in the safe room.

Deepak Thapa and Jeetman Magar guarded the safe room access for about an hour but then had to withdraw as the insurgents started to throw grenades into the building to gain access. Deepak Thapa and Jeetman Magar withdrew to the roof space where they remained until they were able to evacuate some 7 hours later. Due to their swift action and response to the attack, precious time was bought for the staff and Hameed Choudhry to make their way into the safe room before they could be attacked by the insurgents. Jeetman Magar sustained shrapnel wounds to his leg and foot. Janga Gurung in the tower engaged the insurgents in the main building with his machine gun firing all his ammunition during a furious fire fight. The insurgents managed to get into the base of the tower and subjected him to sustained fire but he remained at his post until rescued some 90 minutes after the start of the attack. During the attack he fired some 8,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition. By his actions Janga Gurung helped suppress the insurgents and bought critical time that enabled staff to enter the safe house.

The siege culminated in Afghan commandos assaulting the building to rescue those in the safe room. The attackers were all killed or detonated themselves within the building. It is beyond question that the actions of all the Gurkha guards greatly assisted in saving the lives of the British Council staff. They all

remained at their posts, despite several of them being wounded. Their bravery and swift action bought critical time for others to find sanctuary.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Shayam Kumar **Limbu**

Jeetman Sharu **Magar**

Deepak Kumar **Thapa**

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Hameed Choudhry, Security Manager, British Council

During the attack on the compound, launched on a public holiday—Independence Day, the 92nd anniversary of the Treaty of Rawalpindi—three Afghan security guards were killed as described in the citation; several Afghan policemen and a soldier of the New Zealand Special Air Service were also killed during the day. The assault on the compound to rescue the besieged guards and teachers was conducted by the Afghan Crisis Response Unit with mentors from the New Zealand Special Air Service. The soldier killed was Corporal Douglas Grant; another New Zealand soldier, Lance Corporal Leon Smith, was awarded the New Zealand Gallantry Decoration for attempting to save Grant's life while under fire from the insurgents.²⁸ Smith was killed in action on 28 September 2015. Other New Zealand awards for gallantry during this incident were published in 2014.²⁹

Janga Bahadur Gurung is a former British Army soldier of the Brigade of Gurkhas. His award was presented in Kabul in February 2015 by the British Ambassador to Afghanistan, Sir Richard Stagg KCMG.

HAMILL QGM

William Edward

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Messenger, Crown Buildings, Armagh
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Conflict in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 17 December 1974. Issue 46435, p. 12884.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

In 1974 members of the IRA planted an explosive device at the Crown Buildings in Armagh and attacked the building's security guards. When the attackers left, Hamill carried the explosive device outside, where it was later defused by the Army.

HARDY QGM

James Patrick

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
Rank/Title: Detective Constable
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 17 February 1976. Issue 46827, p 2431.
(Gives his rank as 'Constable.' His rank is given, correctly, as 'Detective Constable' in the Belfast Gazette. (17 February 1976). Issue 3248, p 137.)

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

On 22 November 1974, an armed robbery took place at the Trustee Savings Bank in Glengormley. Detective Sergeant McMullan and Detective Constable Hardy responded to the incident and as they drove towards the scene they were passed by the robbers' car going in the opposite direction on the Ballyclare Road. They gave chase until the robbers' car crashed at Corrs Corner, Newtownabbey. As the four robbers attempted to escape, the police officers fired at one who was armed wounding him; a second man was at the scene and the other two men were caught after a short chase.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Detective Sergeant George **McMullan**

HAW QGM, BEM

Anthony Robert

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)
Rank/Title: Corporal
Service Number: 24111168

Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette: 19 March 1978. Issue 47560, p. 6841.
In recognition of service in Northern Ireland during the period 1st November 1977 to 31st January 1978.

Award: British Empire Medal (Military Division)
(Sergeant, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment))

Conflict/Incident: British Mission to the Soviet Forces in East Germany (BRIXMIS)

London Gazette: 12 June 1982. Issue 49008, p. 20.

Sergeant Haw joined the Mission in November 1980. Since that date he has been on almost continuous intelligence gathering tours in East Germany as a Tour Non-Commissioned Officer. Often working in arduous and sometimes hazardous conditions, and always under circumstances imposing constant strain, he has showed himself to be an exceptional NCO, possessed of skill, coolness, courage and determination.

His performance reached a peak on 1 May 1981, and it is his actions on that day that deserve special recognition. He was tasked as Tour Non-Commissioned Officer to accompany Captain McLeod to certain areas where useful physical intelligence might be obtained due to the relative stand-down of Soviet Forces on May Day. One of the tasks of the tour was to endeavour to effect entry into Soviet armoured vehicles, if the opportunity presented itself. Such an opportunity did present itself which was exploited fully due to the experience and skill of Captain McLeod ably assisted by Sergeant Haw. The two were able, after a long, careful and potentially hazardous reconnaissance, to enter a building containing Soviet T-64 tanks.

Whilst Captain McLeod photographed the exterior and interior of the tanks Sergeant Haw assisted constantly by positioning his torch, helping with photographic equipment and generally supporting in the operation. In addition he kept a constant security watch as the risk of being discovered in the act of acquiring intelligence information was very great. The photography and coverage of the tanks took over an hour, and throughout this time Sergeant Haw displayed great coolness and courage, as well as being of great practical assistance to the Tour Officer.

The results of this exploit were quite superb, and were due in no small part to Sergeant Haw's professional skill, coolness and courage, and total disregard for his own safety. Throughout the period in the building he and Captain McLeod were at great personal risk and under constant strain, deep in a hostile environment with no way out if detected – always a high possibility in such an area irrespective of May Day.

The dedication to duty, regardless of his own safety, his coolness, skill and vital assistance to his Tour Officer were of the very highest order and deserving of special recognition.³⁰

Made a Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

Captain Hudson Hugh McLeod, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; British Empire Medal (Military Division), EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; United Nations Medal (United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)); Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; Accumulated Campaign Service Medal 2011, EIIR; and Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR. This group sold in 2017 for £21,000.

HOOPER QGM

New Award

Michael

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Leicestershire Police
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Conflict/Incident: Aircraft Accident
Location: England – King Power Stadium, Leicester
London Gazette: 8 May 2021. Issue 63342, p. 8336.

On 27 October 2018, Leicester City Football Club played West Ham United Football Club at the King Power Stadium, Leicester. After the game, a helicopter crashed and caught fire in a car park at Filbert Way, Leicester, adjacent to the stadium.

Police Sergeant Michael Hooper and Police Constable Stephen Quartermain were on uniformed duty in a police car assisting with the policing of the football match, when they observed the helicopter take off and then start to descend, quickly and out of control.

On arrival near the crash site, PC Quartermain ran straight to the helicopter, which was on wasteland adjacent to the car park. It was already dark and the ground surface was uneven and littered with debris. PS Hooper then parked the police car as close to the crash site as fencing would allow. The helicopter was lying on its left hand side with its engines still operating, the rear section was on fire,

and a loud bang was heard. Both officers immediately perceived that there was a significant risk of a large explosion due to the intensity of the fire and the amount of fuel they could see leaking from the aircraft.

Members of the public were already in the vicinity and PS Hooper urgently directed them back to ensure their safety.

PC Quartermain looked for a way to get into the helicopter, but as the helicopter was lying on its left side against the ground with the right side raised at height, immediate access via the doors was not possible. PS Hooper joined PC Quartermain at the helicopter and began to repeatedly and forcefully strike the helicopter's windscreen, in an attempt to shatter it and gain entry. PC Quartermain positioned himself next to PS Hooper, ready to assist. By now, the heat from the fire was searing hot and driving the officers back. The majority of the helicopter became engulfed in flames, but both officers kept going forward, to strike the windscreen and attempt a rescue.

When attempts to shatter the helicopter windscreen failed, PS Hooper ran back to the police car and retrieved the vehicle's fire extinguisher. The flames had already completely engulfed the rear section of the helicopter, and PS Hooper discharged it towards the rear of the cockpit in an attempt to keep the flames back.

Members of the public were now moving towards the helicopter and PC Quartermain urgently directed them back to prevent further casualties.

The fire now consumed and totally engulfed the whole aircraft with repeated loud bangs, two other officers arrived with hand held fire extinguishers. During the attempted rescue, both the officers made sustained efforts to save the lives of the helicopter occupants, comprehending but ignoring the very real possibility of their own deaths. As a result of their efforts both officers received treatment for first degree burns and smoke inhalation. Sadly, the occupants of the helicopter all died in the accident.

The helicopter, an AgustaWestland AW169, crashed shortly after take-off. Club owner Mr. Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha; two members of his staff, Mr. Kaveporn Punpare and Ms. Nusara Suknamai; the pilot, Mr. Eric Swaffer; and co-pilot, Ms. Izabela Roza Lechowicz were killed in the crash.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Constable Stephen **Quartermain**

HUGHES QGM

New Award

Sally Louise

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Royal Navy; HMS *Dragon*
Rank/Title: Leading Seaman (Seaman Specialist)
Service Number: 30100936
Conflict/Incident: Maritime Rescue
Location: Atlantic Ocean – 550 nautical miles south-west of Land's End
London Gazette: 15 September 2017. Issue 62052, p. 17278.

For saving the lives of 14 civilian sailors from a racing yacht that was storm battered, de-masted and was out of range of helicopter rescue, in worsening wintry Atlantic weather 550nm south west of Land's End, on 11 February 2017.

On 5 February 2017, the 60-foot racing yacht *Clyde Challenger* left the Azores bound for the United Kingdom. In strong winds and heavy seas, the yacht was severely damaged, losing its mast on 9 February. In response to an emergency call, merchant vessels and an RAF aircraft were soon on the scene. One merchant vessel attempted three times to rescue the crew but was defeated by the weather conditions. At 14.30 hours on 11 February, HMS *Dragon* arrived and over a two-hour period Leading Seaman Hughes made 13 approaches to lift off the yacht's crew. On one of the approaches the ship's sea-boat was punctured by the yacht and Hughes suffered an injured arm. After the rescue the yacht was scuttled.

IRVINE QGM*

Awarded a Bar

Frederick Andrew

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 18 March 1975. Issue 46520, p 3622.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

In 1974, in one of the many such attacks on Castlederg, County Tyrone, a bomb was reported to be in a vehicle in the town. Sergeant Irvine rescued a girl sitting in a car beside the vehicle containing the bomb.

Second Award: Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 17 February 1976. Issue 46827, p 2431.
For gallantry in Northern Ireland.
This was the first award of a Bar to the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

JACKSON QGM, SC

Posthumous Award

New Award

Thomas Leslie

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: 'Free Spirit'
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: Australia – Home Hill Backpackers, Home Hill, Queensland
London Gazette: 19 July 2018. Issue 62357, p. 12842.

For trying to save a woman attacked by a man armed with a knife

On 23 August 2016, a tourist at a backpackers' hostel in Queensland, Australia went on a frenzied knife attack injuring three people (two fatally) and assaulted police officers. He stabbed British backpacker Mia Ayliffe-Chung, who subsequently died at the scene.

The attacker dragged Mia Ayliffe-Chung from her bed with the knife at her throat. Daniel Richards was in the next bedroom and realised what was going on. He pleaded with the attacker to put the knife down and went on to witness the stabbing. Despite this, he made a courageous attempt to approach the attacker and called for assistance; the risk was demonstrated by the cut a companion received, which required 100 stitches. His actions, however, distracted the attacker, allowing Mia Ayliffe-Chung to run to a first floor bathroom. After raising the alarm downstairs, Daniel Richards returned with Thomas Jackson to the bathroom to care for Mia Ayliffe-Chung.

Thomas Jackson on being alerted to the situation (Mia Ayliffe-Chung had been stabbed but was still alive), went to the first floor bathroom with Daniel Richards to care for her. Thomas Jackson persisted in trying to calm the attacker and reduce the risk. But the assailant attacked Thomas Jackson ferociously, stabbing him multiple times. These wounds were to prove fatal; he died on 29 August.

Despite the ongoing danger, when the assailant attacked Thomas Jackson, Daniel Richards did not leave but remained, continuing to call for help.

Both Thomas Jackson and Daniel Richards were aware of the danger that the attacker posed, as they had seen that Mia Ayliffe-Chung had been attacked when coming to her aid. They were untrained, unprotected and unarmed during the attack. Their actions were to protect the victim, and assist her in the first floor bathroom. Thomas Jackson tried to calm the attacker down. The attack on him was unexpected, and he was unable to prepare for it. Daniel Richards was aware of the danger, demonstrated by stab wounds that victims received during the incident. He protected a third party throughout the attack, and at risk to his own safety.

Having completed a course at Buxton College studying childcare, Mia Ayliffe-Chung, aged 20, from Wirksworth in Derbyshire, embarked on backpacking holiday. Having visited Morocco, Turkey, India and Thailand, she arrived in Australia and spent some time on the Gold Coast, where she worked in a nightclub. She and a British friend then went to work on a farm in Townsville, an activity that allows young adult tourists to extend their visa. They found accommodation at a hostel in Home Hill. During the incident the hostel manager, Mr. Grant Scholz, was also stabbed. The attacker, Frenchman Smail Ayad, was initially charged with 16 offences, including the murder of Mia Ayliffe-Chung and Thomas Jackson. In April 2018 the charges were dropped following a diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia; Smail Ayad was confined to a secure medical facility.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Daniel Leigh **Richards**

Tom Jackson was also awarded the Australian Star of Courage and the 2020 Clarke Posthumous Medal by the Royal Humane Society of Australasia.³¹ Daniel Richards was also awarded the Australian Bravery Medal and the Silver Medal of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia.³² Grant Scholz was awarded an Australian Commendation for Brave Conduct and the Gold Medal of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia.³³

Tom Jackson was born in Chelmsford on 7 November 1985, the eldest of three children. The family lived at Maldon in Essex until they moved to Congleton in Cheshire in 1987. He attended Congleton High School until 2002 and then undertook a Sports and Exercise Science course at South Cheshire College. An aspiring journalist, he was inspired to travel. In the summer months he worked on the Scilly

Isles and in the Channel Islands to fund trips to India, Malaysia, Thailand and Cambodia. In Cambodia he spent a year teaching English to local children at an International School. Having arrived home from Cambodia in early 2015, he immediately made plans for his next trip to Australia. He arrived in Australia in January 2016 and, like Mia Ayliffe-Chung was working in the Townsville area when he was severely injured in the attack at the hostel; he died of his injuries in hospital on 29 August 2016. His funeral was held on 30 September 2016 at St. Mary's Church, Astbury, where his ashes were interred in July 2017. Tom Jackson is commemorated by a bench and a tree at Tatton Park, Knutsford and by a plaque at Quinta Primary School.³⁴

JEWELL QGM

Christopher

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Cave Diver, Cave Diving Group
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Cave Rescue
 Location: Thailand – Tham Luang Nang Non cave, Chiang Rai Province
 London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

Chris Jewell arrived in Thailand on 5th July to help in the rescue of 12 junior footballers and their coach, who had been lost in the Tham Luang Nang Non cave complex in Chiang Rai Province since 23rd June. The children had been located on 2nd July. Jewell was part of a diving team who brought supplies through the cave system to the boys, monitored their health, helped to map the route and helped to plan a method of rescue.

Two days later, after careful planning and once the Thai authorities had agreed to a diving rescue, Jewell was one of four core recovery divers in the team, who worked over the next three days to extract the sedated boys from Chamber 9, where they were stranded, back to chamber 3 where they were handed over to a military medical team. He was responsible for bringing out three of the boys. During Jewell's final rescue trip, he lost his grip on the dive line and spent four minutes adrift with one of the young boys before finding his way to safety. The rescue was completed successfully on 11th July.

Below are shown the British, Australian and Canadian awards made to those who took part in the rescue. All nine Australians were also awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. Also recorded are the Thai honours to those awarded British honours and medals. The Royal Thai Government Gazette of 21 March 2019 listed 115 awards to foreigners and 38 awards to Thai nationals.³⁵ In addition, the only fatal casualty of the rescue, Mr. Saman Kunan, a former Thai Navy SEAL, was made Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant posthumously. In addition, several awards were made by the Royal Humane Society, including Bronze Medals to Mr. C. Jewell QGM and Mr. J. Mallinson QGM.³⁶

Made Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:³⁷

Mr. Joshua Brian Bratchley

Lance Corporal Connor Stuart Roe, Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers

Mr. Vernon Harry Unsworth

Awarded the George Medal:

Mr. Richard William Stanton MBE³⁸

Mr. John Volanthen³⁹

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Jason **Mallinson**

Awarded the Star of Courage (Australia):

Dr Craig Challen

Dr Richard Harris

Awarded the Bravery Medal (Australia):

Australian Federal Police Special Response Group:

Senior Constable Justin John Bateman

Leading Senior Constable Kelly Craig Boers

Detective Leading Senior Constable Benjamin Walter Cox

First Constable Matthew Peter Fitzgerald

Acting Station Sergeant Robert Michael James Australian

Detective Leading Senior Constable Christopher John Markcrow

Royal Australian Navy:

Chief Petty Officer Troy Matthew Eather, Specialist Liaison Officer, Clearance Diving Team

Awarded the Medal of Bravery (Canada)

Mr. Erik Richard Brown
 Made Knight Grand Cross of the Most Admirable Order of the Direkgunabhorn (Thailand)
 Mr. Joshua Brian Bratchley MBE
 Mr. Christopher Jewell QGM
 Mr. Jason Mallinson QGM
 Lance Corporal Connor Stuart Roe, Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers MBE
 Mr. Richard William Stanton GM
 Mr. John Volanthen MBE, GM
 Made Knight Commander of the Most Admirable Order of the Direkgunabhorn (Thailand)
 Mr. Vernon Harry Unsworth

KENNEDY QGM

New Award

Michael Robert John

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: British Army; Corps of Royal Engineers
 Rank/Title: Captain
 Service Number: 565765
 Conflict/Incident: Improvised Explosive Device Disposal,
 Military Operations in Afghanistan, Operation HERRICK
 London Gazette: 21 March 2014. Issue 60813, p. 5836.

On his third tour of operations in Afghanistan, Captain Kennedy and his Improvised Explosive Device Disposal team were supporting a Brigade Operations Company that had landed by helicopter at a compound. After scaling the compound walls using ladders, a search revealed bomb-making equipment and a number of concealed IEDs. As he and his team prepared to neutralise the IEDs remotely in the hope of recovering the items intact, a message came through that he had five minutes before the patrol would be extracted by helicopter. With time now a major obstacle to retrieving the IEDs intact, he decided to destroy them. Insurgents were now reported to be in the area and preparing to detonate a concealed command wire IED.

Noting a patch of disturbed earth near the ladder used to scale the compound walls, he discovered a large artillery shell with a command wire running off to a tree-lined area that insurgents were moving toward. Realising he had minutes to neutralise the device before it was detonated he shouted to patrol commander to evacuate the area. Once his colleagues were out of harm's way he set about defusing the device, cutting the command wire and carefully removing the detonator. With time running out before the extraction of the patrol he quickly placed explosive charges near the remaining IEDs detonating them from a safe vantage point. All of this was completed within just five minutes.⁴⁰

Michael Robert John Kennedy QGM was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Corps of Royal Engineers (565765, Second Lieutenant) on 16 December 2006, with seniority 13 December 2003; Lieutenant 16 December 2006, with seniority 13 December 2005; Captain 16 June 2009. He retired from the British Army on 13 December 2014.

KOCZOCIK QGM

New Award

Lukasz

Nationality: Poland
 Occupation: Kitchen Porter, Fishmongers' Hall
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
 Location: England – Fishmongers' Hall, London
 London Gazette: 18 March 2023. Issue 64000, p. 5350.

On Friday 29 November 2019, a prison education and rehabilitation programme known as Learning Together, part of Cambridge University, held an event in London to celebrate their fifth anniversary. Former offenders and academics engaged in joint interactive workshops and learning aiming to advance the knowledge and understanding of offender rehabilitation. The event took place at Fishmongers' Hall, situated on London Bridge, on the north bank of the River Thames. There were around 100 attendees, including convicted offenders, academic professionals and members of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).

One such attendee attended the event in the morning. During a break in proceedings, he carried out a terrorist attack at the venue resulting in the death of two people.

Just before 2pm, the attacker entered the gentlemen's toilets on the ground floor of the venue and prepared himself to carry out the attack. He attached a realistic-looking hoax IED or 'suicide belt' around

his waist, and taped knives to both hands. He then attacked two members of the Learning Together team who later died as a result of their injuries. The attacker carried on with his attack, injuring a further three people.

The attacker was then confronted by four members of the public who were attendees and a member of staff at the venue. John Crilly and Steven Gallant were attendees at the event, Darryn Frost worked for HMPPS and Lukasz Koczocik was employed as a porter at the venue.

Steven Gallant had been upstairs when he heard screams, and immediately ran to the aid of the victims. Gallant confronted the attacker at the bottom of the stairs inside Fishmongers' Hall. Despite the attacker holding two knives, and displaying a very realistic-looking suicide belt, Gallant stood his ground forcing him to turn around and move towards the reception. Gallant then collected a narwhal tusk from Mr. Frost which he used to force the attacker away from the stairs and into the reception area. Had Gallant not stood his ground, the attacker was likely to have gone up to the main conference room, and could have taken more lives. From the reception area, the attacker was then forced by the actions of Gallant, Crilly and Koczocik to make his way out of the building, and onto the street. Mr. Gallant followed the attacker along the bridge, pulled him to the floor by his coat and was helped by others to hold him down until Police arrived.

John Crilly also heard screams and ran down the stairs to where the attacker was standing. Firstly he threw a lectern at the attacker, then proceeded to hit him with a chair when he continued an attack on an already injured female. He then picked up a fire extinguisher, and used this to force the attacker away from the stairs, and deter him from attacking people in the main conference room. He then used the extinguisher to force the attacker out of the building and along London Bridge. He pursued the attacker, spraying him with the extinguisher when he turned to attack Steven Gallant. Crilly then helped Gallant once he had pulled the attacker to the floor, using the extinguisher to force the knives from the attacker's hands, disarming him. This was all with the knowledge he was wearing a very realistic looking suicide belt.

Darryn Frost responded at the sound of screams. He took a narwhal tusk from the wall, ran downstairs and used it to halt the attacker. The attacker then threatened him with the bomb, and said he was waiting for the police. Mr. Frost passed the narwhal tusk to Steven Gallant, who was unarmed, and ran back upstairs to get the second tusk. By the time he returned, the attacker had left the venue. Mr. Frost joined other attendees pursuing the attacker along London Bridge and helped force the attacker to the ground. He then laid on top of the attacker, restraining him by the wrists until the police arrived. When the armed police repeatedly shouted at Mr. Frost to move, he refused as he was preventing the attacker from moving his hands towards the device.

Lucasz Koczocik was downstairs working, and also ran towards the threat posed by the attacker. Using an ornamental spear to defend himself during the struggle, Koczocik was stabbed three times to the hand, arm and shoulder, sustaining serious injuries. He also contributed to forcing the attacker to leave the reception to the venue, at which point he was unable to continue due to the severity of his injuries.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Mr. J. **Crilly** QGM.

Lukasz Koczocik is the only Polish recipient of the Queen's Gallantry Medal (but see Firefighter R. P. Pejka QGM). He was also awarded the Silver Medal and subsequently the Stanhope Gold Medal, the highest awards of the Royal Humane Society.⁴¹

LIMBU QGM **Shayam Kumar**

New Award

Nationality: Nepal
Occupation: Civilian Security Contractor; G4S
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Operations in Afghanistan
Location: Afghanistan – British Council compound, Kabul
London Gazette: 2 September 2014. Issue 60977, p. 17010.

For resisting an attack by insurgents on the British Council Compound in Kabul.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Janga Bahadur **Gurung** QGM.

LUCY QGM **Nathan**

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Hampshire Constabulary
Rank/Title: Constable
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from the Sea
Location: England – Cowes, Isle of Wight
London Gazette: 24 January 2017. Issue 61828, p. 1410.

On 12 April 2014, PC Lucy was on duty when he was made aware of a female who had walked out of a mental health hospital after attending as a voluntary patient. The woman had made numerous threats to her own safety.

PC Lucy responded to a radio message stating that the same woman had jumped into the water from the Red Jet Terminal in Cowes. The officer saw the woman in the water and knew that she was being swept out by the current. He ran to three different locations to get ahead of her in the water and shouted at her to swim towards him, but she ignored him.

PC Lucy considered the woman to be in danger of drowning due to the current and temperatures known to make that stretch of water dangerous. He therefore took a life ring and jumped into the sea and started to swim towards the woman. When he reached her, he stretched out towards her but she kicked him in the chest. He eventually managed to get hold of the female but she pushed him under the water. When he resurfaced, this time he successfully pulled her towards him and gripped the life ring. Someone on the jetty then started to pull them in. The woman continued to resist but then went very still with her eyes closed. PC Lucy pushed her head higher out of the water which again caused him to go under. Despite this he retained hold of her until they were finally pulled into the jetty where she was lifted out and given immediate life saving treatment before being conveyed to hospital.

PC Lucy was aware of the danger to himself when he went into the water to save the woman. The woman was intent on taking her own life and put herself and the officer in grave danger. Throughout the incident he displayed great dedication and remained calm and in control.

He commented about the award and the incident: "I am extremely proud to receive the medal. I think this incident clearly portrays the challenges and very difficult decisions that front-line police officers face on a daily basis. With regards to the incident itself, I could not have done it without that member of the public pulling on the rope of the life ring to help get me into the jetty."

Nathan Lucy was born on the Isle of Wight in February 1973. In 1989, he enlisted into the Royal Navy in 1989 as an Air Engineering Mechanic; his final post was in the Mobile Aircraft Support Unit (now 1710 Naval Air Squadron). He joined Hampshire Constabulary on 7 July 1997 and was first posted to Shanklin on the Isle of Wight. Since 2003 he has been a police dog handler. For the rescue at Cowes he was awarded a Chief Constables Commendation.

His medals group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; NATO Service Medal (Former Yugoslavia) with clasp 'FORMER YUGOSLAVIA'; Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; and Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012.

LYE QGM

New Award

Paul

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Unknown
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Unknown
Location: Unknown
London Gazette: 10 March 2015. Issue 61167, p. 4414.
To be dated 15 April 2014.

No further details are known about the incident that resulted in this award.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Wesley **Richards**

LYON QGM

Irving

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Cumbria Constabulary
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Conflict/Incident: Tackling Armed and Violent Persons
Location: England - Cumbria
London Gazette: 25 August 1978. Issue 47625, p 10123.

After murdering three people, including a policeman, two men who had escaped from a mental home in Scotland made their way towards the English border in a stolen car, pursued by police officers from Scottish Forces.

At about 9 p.m. on 30th November 1976 Sergeant Lyon, Constable Brough and Constable Gardner, driving separate vehicles, were instructed to look out for the stolen car and, shortly afterwards, saw the vehicle and joined the chase. At this time four other Police vehicles were also in pursuit.

All vehicles were travelling south at very high speeds along the motorway and then Constable Brough succeeded in overtaking the stolen car and positioned his vehicle in front of it. Several times the driver

of the stolen vehicle attempted to overtake Constable Brough on the inside without success. At the approach to a slip road for another interchange the driver once again attempted to overtake Constable Brough who moved to the nearside and forced the other car on to the slip-road where the driver lost control, struck a barrier, collided with a lamp standard and finally stopped on the grass verge. Constable Brough continued along the motorway for a short distance and then returned to the scene of the crash.

As the two escapees left the crashed vehicle, one of them was seen brandishing an axe above his head. They then ran towards a private motor car which had stopped when the crash occurred. Running after them Sergeant Lyon grabbed one man who had entered the car, the man immediately lunged at the officer with a knife. The Sergeant quickly grasped the knife by the blade and held it firmly while his assailant struggled violently. With the assistance of Constable Brough, the man was disarmed and, still violently struggling, removed from the car, overpowered and handcuffed.

Meanwhile the second man was partially on the floor of the car behind the front seats and threatening the driver with an axe. While the axeman's attention was momentarily diverted Constable Gardner grabbed hold of his weapon, struggled with him and after a short while was able to pull the axe away from the driver's head and out of the man's grasp. With the assistance of other police officers who were by now on the scene Constable Gardner pulled the axeman from the car and arrested him.

Sergeant Lyon, Constable Brough and Constable Gardner all displayed bravery of a very high order and a complete disregard for their own safety when, after driving at high speeds in pursuit of the stolen car, they overpowered, disarmed, and arrested the two dangerous `criminals who had already committed three murders.

Irving Lyon wrote about the final part of the incident : 'I saw two men running away from the car, the first carrying a large fireman's axe that he was brandishing over his head. The men were running back towards the carriageway and towards a Mini which had stopped at the approach to the roundabout. They were about 20 meters from my position and I calculated that I could reach the second man by the time he reached the Mini, and possibly take him down with the offside wing of my car without injuring him too much. I started to carry out this manoeuvre, still on the grass verge, but at the last second as the man reached the Mini he grabbed hold of the top of its open passenger door with his right hand and proceeded to lower himself backwards into the Mini. I had to change direction slightly but then stopped and was out quickly. I grabbed his right wrist from its position on the door frame then got hold of his left shoulder with my right hand, preventing him from getting into the Mini. An extremely violent struggle then ensued. After about 30 seconds I saw an unusual movement from his left arm and, acting purely on instinct, I dropped my right hand from his shoulder to counteract it and found myself to be grasping a dagger by the blade as the man thrust it at my body screaming insults at me. As it made contact with my uniform jacket I realised what it was and what he was attempting. It was imperative that I kept the knife away from my body. It was a true life or death situation—life if I kept hold of the knife, and death if I didn't. I kept hold of the knife for the next 30 seconds or so during the continuing violent struggle during which my assailant was trying his utmost to stab me.'⁴²

For other awards earned in this incident, and for more information see Constable J. M. **Brough** QGM.

Irving Lyon was born on 12 May 1933 at Egremont Cumbria, the fourth child of seven. He left school at 16 to begin an apprenticeship as a carpenter at the Sellafield atomic power station, and for the last 18 months was employed on house building. Having served his required term as an apprentice, he fulfilled the requirements of National Service, which had been deferred from his 18th birthday—he enlisted into the British Army and joined the Scots Guards on 16 June 1954. He served with the 1st Battalion at Wellington Barracks, London on public duties and then at Lydd in Kent. On 16 June 1957 he joined Cumbria Constabulary, with which he would serve for 30 years.

MAGAR QGM

New Award

Jeetman Sharu

Nationality: Nepal
Occupation: Civilian Security Contractor; G4S
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Operations in Afghanistan
Location: Afghanistan – British Council compound, Kabul
London Gazette: 2 September 2014. Issue 60977, p. 17010.

For resisting an attack by insurgents on the British Council Compound in Kabul.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Janga Bahadur **Gurung** QGM.

MALLINSON QGM

New Award

Jason

Nationality: United Kingdom

Occupation: Cave Diver, Cave Diving Group
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Cave Rescue
 Location: Thailand – Tham Luang Nang Non cave, Chiang Rai Province
 London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

Jason Mallinson arrived in Thailand on 5 July to help in the rescue of 12 junior footballers and their coach, who had been lost in the Tham Luang Nang Non cave complex in Chiang Rai Province since 23 June. The children had been located on 2 July. Mallinson was part of a diving team who brought supplies through the cave system to the boys, monitored their health, helped to map the route and helped to plan a method of rescue.

Two days later, after careful planning and once the Thai authorities had agreed to a diving rescue, Mallinson was one of four core recovery divers in the team, who worked over the next three days to extract the sedated boys from chamber 9, where they were stranded, back to chamber 3 where they were handed over to a military medical team. He was responsible for bringing out three boys; including the first and last boy to be rescued, plus their coach. During the last rescue, the child's allotted full face mask did not fit properly, so Mallinson had to make the critical decision to use a different type of mask of lesser security, rather than leave the boy behind. This entailed a much slower and more cautious exit, and increased the risk and complexity of the process. The rescue was completed successfully on 11 July.

For other awards earned in this incident, including other awards to Mr. Mallinson, and more information see Mr. C. **Jewell** QGM.

McCABE QGM

Noel Michael

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
 Rank/Title: Constable
 Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
 London Gazette: 17 December 1974. Issue 46435, p 12884.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

On 30 October 1973, five youths in the Ballymurphy area of Belfast were chased following a shooting at an Army base. One of the youths was armed with a rifle. Constables McCabe and Tester saw the incident and chased the youths. They arrested two of the youths in the face of a large hostile crowd. The three others were later arrested.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Constable Laurence Winston **Tester**

Detective Constable Noel Michael McCabe QGM was subsequently killed on duty on 2 November 1976. He was shot by a member of the Provisional IRA in his unmarked police car at the Falls Road/Clonard Street junction and died before reaching hospital; he was 26 years old.⁴³

He was the cousin of Constable D. **Crooks** QGM.

His medal group comprises: Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; and Royal Ulster Constabulary Service Medal.⁴⁴

McKEAG QGM

New Award

Jonathan

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Royal Marines
 Rank/Title: Corporal
 Service Number: P059060X
 Conflict/Incident: Unspecified Military Operations
 London Gazette: 26 February 2015. Issue 61155, p. 3473.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field during the period 1 October 2013 to 30 June 2014.

McLEOD QGM

New Award

Leon

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Police Officer; British Transport Police
 Rank/Title: Constable

Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: England – London Bridge and Borough Market
London Gazette: 19 July 2018. Issue 62357, p. 12842.

For confronting armed terrorists to protect others at London Bridge on 3 June 2017

On 3 June 2017 three terrorists carried out a sustained attack on members of the public at London Bridge and Borough Market. That evening two British Transport Police officers, PC Wayne Marques and PC Leon McLeod, left their station at London Bridge to commence routine patrol. Almost immediately upon exiting the station, they heard screaming. They ran towards the disturbance and were told by people running away from the scene that someone had been stabbed. They found a man on the ground that had been stabbed and who was being tended to by members of the public. PC McLeod stopped to help administer first aid to the man and radioed for assistance.

He then heard PC Marques shouting and saw him waving his arms about like he was trying to break up a fight. He ran towards PC Marques and saw men holding knives. He drew his baton and shouted at the men to 'drop it' when they suddenly ran off. As he ran after the attackers, he saw a man and woman on the ground, both who had been injured. He went to their aid and radioed for immediate assistance, confirming further casualties. At this point he saw PC Marques covered in blood. He radioed again that an officer was injured.

PC McLeod ran in the direction the men had gone and came across many people running towards him shouting that people had been stabbed. He was told that the men had gone up a street and he ran in the same direction where he found further casualties. He stopped to help administer emergency aid to the victims, when he heard gun fire in the immediate vicinity and became aware of armed police officers on scene. Despite the danger he continued to help treat a victim and assisted others carry him out of the danger zone to an ambulance. He then returned to check on PC Marques, help the injured and evacuate people out of the danger zone. PC McLeod remained on scene until the following morning.

With little regard for his own safety, he demonstrated exemplary bravery by running into what he quickly recognised as a terrorist attack to help the many innocent people who were caught up in it. His courage in the face of adversity as one of the first police officers on scene during this atrocity is highly commendable.

At about 10.00pm on 3 June 2017, a Renault van was driven into pedestrians on London Bridge before it crashed on the south bank of the River Thames; three people were killed, including Xavier Thomas, a Frenchman whose body was recovered from the River Thames on 6 June. Three men armed with kitchen knives then ran from the site of the crash to the nearby Borough Market area and attacked people in and around restaurants and public houses. A further five people died during this part of the attack. Eight minutes after the initial emergency call was made the three Islamist attackers were shot and killed by armed officers of the Metropolitan Police Service and City of London Police. The victims of the attack were: Kirsty Boden and Sara Zelenak (Australia), Christine Archibald (Canada), Sebastien Belanger, Alexandre Pigeard and Xavier Thomas (France), Ignacio Echeverria (Spain), and James McMullan (United Kingdom). Forty-eight others were injured. The terrorists were Khuram Shazad Butt (a Pakistan-born, British citizen), Rachid Redouane (a north African-born, Irish and United Kingdom resident), and Youssef Zaghba (a Moroccan-born, United Kingdom resident with Italian and Moroccan citizenship).

Awarded the George Medal:

Mr. Ignacio Echeverria (Posthumous)
Constable Charlie Guenigault, Metropolitan Police Service
Constable Wayne Marques, British Transport Police

Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Nurse Kirsty Louise Boden (Posthumous)
Miss Ellen Gauntlett⁴⁵
Mr. Justin Jones⁴⁶
Mr. Florin Morariu

Bravery Medal (Australia):

Nurse Kirsty Louise Boden (Posthumous)⁴⁷

Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal:

Captain Peter Louis George Bryan, Royal Artillery
Ms. Elizabeth Bryan
Ms. Nicola Purchase
Dr. Tom Perrin

McNAIR QGM
John Wilkinson

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: British Army; Royal Army Medical Corps
 Rank/Title: Warrant Officer Class 2
 Service Number: 24297047
 Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Former Yugoslavia
 United Nations Protection Force, Operation GRAPPLE
 Location: Bosnia and Herzegovina – Konjević Polje
 London Gazette: 21 June 1993. Issue 53333, p. 31.

Between 11th to 12th March 1993 Warrant Officer Class II McNair of the Royal Army Medical Corps, was a member of a joint British United Nations and United Nations Military Observer Group sent to evacuate wounded from Konjevic Polje in Eastern Bosnia. In addition the group aimed to rescue a doctor of the World Health Organisation.

In Konjevic Polje the party's vehicles were surrounded by approximately two thousand to three thousand people all demanding to be escorted to safety away from Bosnian Serb attacks. The crowd was hysterical especially when shelling was taking place. Fire, from both tanks and artillery, became particularly intense on 12th March causing many deaths and casualties around the British vehicles. Warrant Officer McNair worked tirelessly with the doctor. Throughout the whole period he assisted with emergency operations on severely wounded civilians in a makeshift hospital or, more often, on the spot under fire. Working in the most primitive of conditions and lacking anaesthetic and even the most basic of surgical instruments, the strain upon Warrant Officer McNair was immense. Horrific though it may seem, circumstances forced him to undertake some amputations with domestic scissors. When not assisting in surgical operations Warrant Officer McNair spent his time tending injured and dying people. Several people, including some young children, died in his arms.

During what was a most traumatic ordeal Warrant Officer McNair acted with courage and immense humanity. He showed great professionalism and selfless courage at considerable danger to himself.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Colonel N. **Ilic** MBE, QGM. For other awards for gallantry earned during this first deployment on Operation GRAPPLE see Captain M. W. **Forgrave** QGM.

John Wilkinson McNair QGM was born in Glasgow in 1959, the eldest of five children. He enlisted into the British Army on 21 August 1975 and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps. Promoted to Warrant Officer Class I, he left the Army on 17 March 1999 and settled in Stoke-on-Trent. He was recalled for service in June 2000 and served in Kosovo with the Multi-National Brigade Headquarters, initially a watch-keeper but then as a liaison officer at Pristina hospital, where he assisted Department for International Development set up a new casualty department. In December 2000 he joined Staffordshire Ambulance Service as an ambulance technician, working primarily as a registered paramedic. In 2016 he joined a private company contracted to the National Health Service, where he continues to work as a registered paramedic.

Award: Serving Brother of the Most Venerable
 Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (MStJ)
 (Warrant Officer Class 1, Royal Army Medical Corps)

London Gazette: April 1996. Issue 54362, p. 4857.

His medals group comprises: Badge of a Serving Brother of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem; Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; General Service Medal 1962-2007 with clasp 'NORTHERN IRELAND'; Gulf Medal with clasp '16 JAN TO 28 FEB 1991'; United Nations Medal (United Nations Protection Force 1992-95 (UNPROFOR)); NATO Service Medal (Kosovo) with clasp 'KOSOVO'; Golden Jubilee Medal 2002; Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012; and Army Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, EIIR.⁴⁸

MEADOWS QGM Christopher

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
 Rank/Title: Firefighter
 Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire
 Location: England – Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
 London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

On 8 April 2017, there was a serious fire at a care home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, which had 35 elderly residents. Of these residents, 5 were centenarians, another was blind and 29 were immobile. Initially, the fire appeared to be in its early stages but once inside the property it became clear that the fire was travelling with great ferocity through the roof void covering the whole care home and time was of the essence.

Evacuation was not an option, so a full scale rescue was embarked upon. When the breathing apparatus crews entered the burning building the stairs, first floor landing and corridor were free from fire and smoke, however conditions deteriorated quickly as a result of the fire in the roof void escalating. Firefighters rescued residents by carrying them down the stairs and repeatedly went back into the building to rescue more and more people. Soon the first floor corridor became heavily smoke-logged and more debris was dropping down from the roof space. It was also evident that the temperature had increased significantly. Firefighters found casualties in every room, many in bed, unable to move due to disabilities. They had to use their own bodies as shields to protect the casualties as the flaming debris fell. Every firefighter repeatedly re-entered the care home, with little regard for their own safety, knowing that had they not, the loss of life would have been catastrophic.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Firefighter W. **Ansell** QGM.

MOON QGM

New Award

Giles Edward George

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: British Army; The Royal Lancers (Queen Elizabeth's Own)
 Rank/Title: Captain
 Service Number: 30121455
 Conflict/Incident: Unspecified Military Operations
 London Gazette: 21 April 2017. Issue 61908, p. 8515.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field during the period 1 April to 30 September 2016.

Giles Edward George Moon was commissioned on 17 December 2011 and promoted Captain on 17 June 2014.

MOORE QGM

New Award

John

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Unknown
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Traffic Accident
 Location: England – Watling Street, Elstree, Hertfordshire
 London Gazette: 19 July 2018. Issue 62357, p. 12843.

For rescuing a driver from a burning vehicle.

On 10 June 2014, John Moore was in the front passenger seat of a car driven by his partner, Theresa Cosgrove, when he noticed that a motorcycle was travelling behind their car. Ms Cosgrove spotted the motorcycle in her rearview mirror and moved over slightly to indicate the motorcyclist could overtake the car safely and then moved back to the middle of the road. After a few seconds, John Moore saw a car emerging into the road from a private driveway. The motorcycle continued along the road and was unable to react safely to the emerging car, as there was not enough room or time. It braked hard, which caused its rear wheel to lift off the ground and the motorcycle collided with the driver's door of the car and burst into flames almost instantly.

Theresa Cosgrove stopped her car and John Moore immediately ran towards the passenger side of the car. He discovered that a young woman was sitting in the driver's seat, on fire and screaming for help. The motorcyclist was lying across the woman, trapping her in her seat. John Moore and Theresa Cosgrove managed to move the motionless cyclist away to a safe distance from the burning car. Moore then returned to the car and set about trying to free the woman, but was unsuccessful. Theresa Cosgrove then came to assist John Moore but without success.

John Moore took over again. He climbed into the passenger footwell to grab the woman while Theresa Cosgrove lent in to assist. Flames rolled up the inside of the windscreen and over his upper half. The seatbelt melted onto the woman and because of this, Mr. Moore was able to pull her over the centre console and free of the car. On moving the driver, he shouted that it was time to get away from the burning car. Both he and Theresa Cosgrove went back to where the motorcyclist was lying. Shortly afterwards, the car exploded and John Moore used his body to shield Theresa Cosgrove and the motorcyclist. The emergency services arrived shortly after and declared that the motorcyclist had sadly died. As a result of returning to the burning vehicle, prioritising the rescue of the woman without regard for his own safety, John Moore suffered burns to his hands and face. Although he and Theresa Cosgrove knew that there was significant risk to life and they could have refused to enter the area where the car was burning, they did not hesitate to go to the assistance of the two injured motorists. Their aim was to bring the injured motorists to safety and they persisted until this was achieved.

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Miss Theresa Cosgrove

Both Moore and Cosgrove were awarded the Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal.

MUFTIZADE OBE, QGM ⁴⁹

Omar Faik

Nationality: Cyprus
Occupation: Civil Servant; Ministry of Defence, Area Officer,
Akrotiri Sovereign Base Areas Administration
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Turkish Invasion of Cyprus
Location: Cyprus – Limassol
London Gazette: 21 January 1975. Issue 46471, p. 883.

Early on 20th July 1974 fighting broke out in Limassol between Greek and Turkish Cypriot Forces. The heavy exchange of fire presented a serious danger to the lives of British personnel and caused their evacuation to be halted. Soon after midday negotiations were successfully concluded with the Greek Cypriot National Guard for a cease-fire to allow the evacuation of British personnel and families to be completed.

Mr. Muftizade was given the task of negotiating a ceasefire with the Commander of the forces in the Turkish Cypriot quarter. Accompanied by a British officer and three soldiers, Mr. Muftizade drove into Limassol. The vehicle was stopped at a Greek Cypriot National Guard road block and the party ordered out at gunpoint and disarmed, but Mr. Muftizade eventually persuaded them to allow his party to drive on. As the vehicle approached a factory it came under small arms fire and the radiator was pierced by a bullet. They drove on at high speed until they reached a house where Mr. Muftizade met a Turkish officer and began discussions. The remainder of the party took cover from sporadic small arms and mortar fire.

When the cease-fire negotiations were completed Mr. Muftizade and his party drove back through continuing small arms fire from both sides. At the National Guard block they retrieved their weapons and found that their vehicle's radiator was completely drained. After changing vehicles Mr. Muftizade then confirmed the Turkish Cypriot acceptance of the cease-fire to the National Guard Commander in Limassol.

The success of the negotiations for a cease-fire was vital to the security of more than 11,000 British nationals who were subsequently evacuated from Limassol without a single casualty. Mr. Muftizade completed his mission in the most hazardous circumstances with total disregard for his personal safety. Faced with hostility and extreme danger he refused to turn back, even after his vehicle was hit under fire from both sides. Throughout this mission he displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Captain Simon John MacMillan **Barnetson**

Ömer Faik Müftüzade was born in November 1915 at Larnaca, on the southern coast of Cyprus. He worked as a teacher before the Second World War, when he enlisted into the newly-formed Cyprus Regiment; he was commissioned into the Regiment (144874, Second Lieutenant) on 4 May 1940. He was subsequently promoted to Major and from 1946 to 1949 commanded the Regiment. He relinquished his commission on 26 May 1950. He joined the Civil Service in Cyprus and served in the administration of the Sovereign Base Areas. He was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Famagusta in February 1952 before being appointed as Commissioner of Paphos. On the night of 30 March/1 April 1955, the first night of the EOKA campaign, a bomb exploded at his house. In 1975, he was appointed as the London Representative for the unrecognised Turkish Federated State of Cyprus. He held this post until 1982, when he retired; he returned Cyprus in 1991. Ömer Faik Müftüzade OBE, QGM died on 9 July 2002, aged 87, and was buried in Nicosia.⁵⁰

Award: Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
(Major, The Cyprus Regiment)
Conflict/Incident: Second World War
London Gazette: 1 January 1947. Issue 37835, p. 10.
Award: Ordinary Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
(Commissioner, Paphos, Cyprus)
London Gazette: 13 June 1957. Issue 41089, p. 3392.

His medal group comprises: Badge of an Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire; (Badge of a Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire); Queen's Gallantry Medal, EIIR; 1939-45 Star; Africa Star with clasp '8TH ARMY'; Defence Medal; War Medal 1939-45; and Coronation Medal 1953.⁵¹

NICHOLLS QGM**New Award****Craig**

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Police Officer; West Yorkshire Police
 Rank/Title: Constable
 Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
 Location: England – Birstall Library, Market Street, Birstall, West Yorkshire
 London Gazette: 16 June 2017. Issue 61969, p. 11775.

For the arrest of the murderer of Jo Cox MP.

On 16 June 2016, West Yorkshire Police received a report that Jo Cox MP had been stabbed and shot outside Birstall Library. The suspect had left the immediate scene armed with a knife and a gun. His whereabouts and intentions were not known. PC Nicholls and his colleague PC Wright, both unarmed and on routine patrol, decided to make their way in the general direction of the incident. They noticed a man who took evasive action to avoid being seen. They pursued the man, knowing that he was potentially the suspect who had shot and stabbed one person and stabbed another. They quickly confirmed that, and realised that the suspect was likely still to be armed with a gun and a knife. Of concern was the fact that there were numerous members of public on the street going about their normal business. They therefore continued to follow the suspect and began communicating with him. Under extreme pressure and fear of the unknown, the two officers decided instinctively to rush the suspect and arrest him to prevent him from committing any further acts of violence. A gun and a knife were subsequently found in his possession.

Awarded the George Medal:

Mr. Bernard Carter Kenny

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Constable Jonathan **Wright**

Just before 1.00pm on 16 June 2016, Helen Joanne Cox, the Labour Party Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen, was attacked outside Birstall Library where she was due to hold a constituency meeting. Shot and stabbed, she died soon after being admitted to Leeds General Infirmary. Her attacker, Thomas Mair, who had a history of association with far-right extremism, was convicted of her murder and other related offences and sentenced to life imprisonment with a whole-life tariff.

NICHOLSON QGM**New Award****Daniel**

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Civilian
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Aircraft Accident
 Location: Wales – Abergavenny, Monmouthshire
 London Gazette: 8 May 2021. Issue 63342, p. 8336.

On 12 May 2019, a light aircraft containing three passengers took off from a runway in Abergavenny, Wales. Immediately after take off, the plane suffered engine failure, which resulted in the plane hitting a tree and inverting before crashing to the ground and catching fire. Daniel Nicholson and Joel Snarr were independently driving along the A40 dual carriageway in separate vehicles. They observed the crash, stopped their vehicles, ran towards the burning wreckage, and forced entry to the plane by breaking a window to reach the three occupants who were trapped. They then safely removed the two passengers and pilot. After this the plane was totally consumed by fire. No injuries were caused to any party.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Joel **Snarr**

In 2021 Daniel Nicholson QGM and Joel Snarr QGM also received the St. David Bravery Award (the national award of Wales).

O'ROURKE QGM**New Award****Shane Mark**

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: British Army, Adjutant General's Corps (Royal Military Police)
 Rank/Title: Warrant Officer Class 2
 Service Number: 25026294

Conflict/Incident: Aircraft Accident
Location: Afghanistan – NATO Headquarters, Kabul
London Gazette: 21 October 2016. Issue 61739, p. 22385.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field during the period 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016.

Warrant Officer Class II O'Rourke was serving on operations in Afghanistan—on Operation TORAL, the British component of the NATO training mission Operation RESOLUTE SUPPORT—when the incident occurred.

At 1623 hours on 11 October 2015, a Royal Air Force Puma HC Mk2 hit the tether of a military observation aerostat and crashed within the confines of the NATO headquarters in Kabul. Two aircrew and three passengers were killed, and a third member of the aircrew and three passengers were injured, some severely.⁵²

Amongst the first on the scene, Warrant Officer Class II O'Rourke took command of the rescue efforts, which lasted for almost 1½ hours, and personally engaged in the extraction of the casualties from the wreckage. An extract from his citation states: 'There is no doubt that O'Rourke's actions prevented further loss of life as four were pulled from the wreckage alive. For his courage, leadership, compassion, skill and determination, he is worthy of formal recognition.'

Those killed in the accident were Flight Lieutenant Alan James Scott, 33 Squadron Royal Air Force (Aircraft Captain); Flight Lieutenant Geraint Roberts, 230 Squadron Royal Air Force (Crewman), Major Phyllis J. Pelky United States Air Force, Master Sergeant Gregory T. Kuhse United States Air Force, and Mr. Gordon Emin, (former French Foreign Legion NCO, civilian security contractor). Of the injured passengers, one was United States Air Force, one was a US civilian contractor and one was from the Lithuanian armed forces. In addition, a Turkish military bystander was also injured.

PEJKA QGM

New Award

Radosław Przemysław

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Rank/Title: Firefighter
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire
Location: England – Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

On 8 April 2017, there was a serious fire at a care home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, which had 35 elderly residents. Of these residents, 5 were centenarians, another was blind and 29 were immobile. Initially, the fire appeared to be in its early stages but once inside the property it became clear that the fire was travelling with great ferocity through the roof void covering the whole care home and time was of the essence.

Evacuation was not an option, so a full scale rescue was embarked upon. When the breathing apparatus crews entered the burning building the stairs, first floor landing and corridor were free from fire and smoke, however conditions deteriorated quickly as a result of the fire in the roof void escalating. Firefighters rescued residents by carrying them down the stairs and repeatedly went back into the building to rescue more and more people. Soon the first floor corridor became heavily smoke-logged and more debris was dropping down from the roof space. It was also evident that the temperature had increased significantly. Firefighters found casualties in every room, many in bed, unable to move due to disabilities. They had to use their own bodies as shields to protect the casualties as the flaming debris fell. Every firefighter repeatedly re-entered the care home, with little regard for their own safety, knowing that had they not, the loss of life would have been catastrophic.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Firefighter W. **Ansell** QGM.

PICKARD QGM

Clive Robert

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; Officer Commanding, 321 (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Company, Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Rank/Title: Major
Service Number: 462402
Conflict/Incident: Improvised Explosive Device Disposal, Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette: 25 March 1975. Issue 46527, p. 3978.

In recognition of services in Northern Ireland during the period 1st August 1974 to 31st October 1974.

In May 1974, a call was received to say that there was a bomb in a hijacked van, parked on the forecourt of a garage over underground tanks storing over 2,000 gallons of petrol, and which was timed to explode in two hours. Pickard and another ammunition technical officer were called to deal with the incident. Having taken two hours to cover the van with foam to limit damage should the bomb explode, the two ammunition technical officers took turns dealing with the neutralisation of the device. Over 1,000lbs of unstable, home-made explosive was removed from the back of the van, as were ten home-made, mortar bombs and a quantity of commercial explosive. The operation took 11 hours.

Clive Robert Pickard QGM was born on 22 May 1937 in Hull and educated at Kingston High School. He was commissioned for National Service into The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) on 12 September 1959; Lieutenant 31 March 1961. He transferred to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps on 19 April 1961; Captain 31 March 1965; Major 31 December 1969; Lieutenant Colonel 30 June 1976; Colonel 31 December 1982; Brigadier 30 June 1989. Pickard took command of 321 (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Company in March 1974 and was engaged in a series of counter IED operations, including that for which Captain N. W. **Wylde** was awarded the QGM. He retired from the British Army on 12 October 1991. He subsequently became an Honorary Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Defence Economics at the University of York. He died on 23 June 2016.

QASENIVALU QGM

New Award

Saimone Matasarasara

Nationality: Fiji
Occupation: British Army, The Royal Tank Regiment
Rank/Title: Corporal
Service Number: 30061679
Conflict/Incident: Munitions Accident
Location: Wales – Castlemartin Ranges, Pembrokeshire
London Gazette: 5 April 2019. Issue 62608, p. 6306.

For conspicuous courage in the face of extreme danger in extracting 3 crew members including an unconscious soldier from the turret of a tank which still had heat, smoke and flames coming from inside following a huge explosion, in the presence of live armaments, in Wales on 14 June 2017.

For another award of the Queen's Gallantry Medal and more information see Sergeant S. M. **Griffiths** QGM.

QUARTERMAIN QGM

New Award

Stephen

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Leicestershire Police
Rank/Title: Constable
Conflict/Incident: Aircraft Accident
Location: England – King Power Stadium, Leicester
London Gazette: 8 May 2021. Issue 63342, p. 8336.

On 27 October 2018, Leicester City Football Club played West Ham United Football Club at the King Power Stadium, Leicester. After the game, a helicopter crashed and caught fire in a car park at Filbert Way, Leicester, adjacent to the stadium.

Police Sergeant Michael Hooper and Police Constable Stephen Quartermain were on uniformed duty in a police car assisting with the policing of the football match, when they observed the helicopter take off and then start to descend, quickly and out of control.

On arrival near the crash site, PC Quartermain ran straight to the helicopter, which was on wasteland adjacent to the car park. It was already dark and the ground surface was uneven and littered with debris. PS Hooper then parked the police car as close to the crash site as fencing would allow. The helicopter was lying on its left hand side with its engines still operating, the rear section was on fire, and a loud bang was heard. Both officers immediately perceived that there was a significant risk of a large explosion due to the intensity of the fire and the amount of fuel they could see leaking from the aircraft.

Members of the public were already in the vicinity and PS Hooper urgently directed them back to ensure their safety.

PC Quartermain looked for a way to get into the helicopter, but as the helicopter was lying on its left side against the ground with the right side raised at height, immediate access via the doors was not possible. PS Hooper joined PC Quartermain at the helicopter and began to repeatedly and forcefully strike the helicopter's windscreen, in an attempt to shatter it and gain entry. PC Quartermain positioned himself next to PS Hooper, ready to assist. By now, the heat from the fire was searing hot and driving

the officers back. The majority of the helicopter became engulfed in flames, but both officers kept going forward, to strike the windscreen and attempt a rescue.

When attempts to shatter the helicopter windscreen failed, PS Hooper ran back to the police car and retrieved the vehicle's fire extinguisher. The flames had already completely engulfed the rear section of the helicopter, and PS Hooper discharged it towards the rear of the cockpit in an attempt to keep the flames back.

Members of the public were now moving towards the helicopter and PC Quartermain urgently directed them back to prevent further casualties.

The fire now consumed and totally engulfed the whole aircraft with repeated loud bangs, two other officers arrived with hand held fire extinguishers. During the attempted rescue, both the officers made sustained efforts to save the lives of the helicopter occupants, comprehending but ignoring the very real possibility of their own deaths. As a result of their efforts both officers received treatment for first degree burns and smoke inhalation. Sadly, the occupants of the helicopter all died in the accident.

For another award of the Queen's Gallantry Medal and more information see Sergeant M. **Hooper**.

REES QGM

Posthumous Award

New Award

John

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Retired
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: Wales – Penygraig, Rhondda Cynon Taf
London Gazette: 18 March 2023. Issue 64000, p. 5350.

On 5 May 2020 at around 1:50pm, the assailant made their way to the Co-op store in Penygraig High Street. Inside the store were Lisa Way, Alette Bounouri and John Rees. On her way to the store, the assailant attacked a man by stabbing him in the neck; causing him to fall to the ground. He was able to get up and managed to escape. The assailant followed him for a short distance before entering the Co-op, with the knife visible in her hand. Here she approached customers shouting and then attempted to stab a customer in the neck. John Rees was at the counter and noticed the attack taking place. Without hesitation, he made the decision to go forward and intervene. Alette Bounouri, who also witnessed the assault, picked up a shopping basket as a means of defence, whilst Mr. Rees approached the assailant in an attempt to defuse the situation. Mr. Rees took hold of the assailant's right arm, with which she was holding the knife. Mr. Rees then placed himself between the female customer and the assailant, kicking out at the assailant as she approached him with the knife extended in her hand. The attacker lunged forward, causing Mr. Rees to lose his balance and fall backwards. At this point, Lisa Way took hold of the assailant's hand in an attempt to stop her attack. Mrs. Bounouri also tried to help Mr. Rees by using the shopping basket to disarm the attacker. Mrs. Way and Mrs. Bounouri continued to put themselves in harm's way by trying to distract the assailant. The assailant then turned her actions to Mrs. Way in a ferocious and determined attack and tried to stab her several times to the upper part of her body. Mrs. Bounouri at this time desperately tried to drag Mr. Rees to safety at the rear of the shop. Mr. Rees was unable to regain standing. Mrs. Bounouri in a final act of bravery to protect Mr. Rees, tried to grab the knife from the assailant but was threatened and forced to back away. At this point Mrs. Bounouri would have been fully aware of the ferocity with which the assailant was intent on assaulting people. By their selfless actions, it is without doubt that both Mrs. Bounouri and Mrs. Way put themselves in harm's way, in an effort to save Mr. Rees' life.

For more information, including other awards earned in this incident, see Mrs. A. **Bounouri** QGM.

RICHARDS QGM, BM

New Award

Daniel Leigh

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Casual Worker
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: Australia – Home Hill Backpackers, Home Hill, Queensland
London Gazette: 19 July 2018. Issue 62357, p. 12842.

For trying to save a woman attacked by a man armed with a knife

On 23 August 2016, a tourist at a backpackers' hostel in Queensland, Australia went on a frenzied knife attack injuring three people (two fatally) and assaulted police officers. He stabbed British backpacker Mia Ayliffe-Chung, who subsequently died at the scene.

The attacker dragged Mia Ayliffe-Chung from her bed with the knife at her throat. Daniel Richards was in the next bedroom and realised what was going on. He pleaded with the attacker to put the knife

down and went on to witness the stabbing. Despite this, he made a courageous attempt to approach the attacker and called for assistance; the risk was demonstrated by the cut a companion received, which required 100 stitches. His actions, however, distracted the attacker, allowing Mia Ayliffe-Chung to run to a first floor bathroom. After raising the alarm downstairs, Daniel Richards returned with Thomas Jackson to the bathroom to care for Mia Ayliffe-Chung.

Thomas Jackson on being alerted to the situation (Mia Ayliffe-Chung had been stabbed but was still alive), went to the first floor bathroom with Daniel Richards to care for her. Thomas Jackson persisted in trying to calm the attacker and reduce the risk. But the assailant attacked Thomas Jackson ferociously, stabbing him multiple times. These wounds were to prove fatal; he died on 29 August.

Despite the ongoing danger, when the assailant attacked Thomas Jackson, Daniel Richards did not leave but remained, continuing to call for help.

Both Thomas Jackson and Daniel Richards were aware of the danger that the attacker posed, as they had seen that Mia Ayliffe-Chung had been attacked when coming to her aid. They were untrained, unprotected and unarmed during the attack. Their actions were to protect the victim, and assist her in the first floor bathroom. Thomas Jackson tried to calm the attacker down. The attack on him was unexpected, and he was unable to prepare for it. Daniel Richards was aware of the danger, demonstrated by stab wounds that victims received during the incident. He protected a third party throughout the attack, and at risk to his own safety.

For a posthumous award of the Queen's Gallantry Medal and more information, including other awards earned in this incident, see Mr. T. L. **Jackson** QGM.

RICHARDS QGM

Jeremy Paul

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: British Army; The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment
 Rank/Title: Private
 Service Number: 24492291
 Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
 London Gazette: 17 April 1984. Issue 49709, p. 5590.

In recognition of service in Northern Ireland during the period 1st May 1983 to 30th September 1983.

On 26 October 1983, Lance Corporal S. W. Taverner,⁵³ of 7 Platoon, 'C' Company, 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment (under command of The Queen's Company, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards) was in command of a team on patrol in Crossmaglen. As he patrolled near the Northern Bank in the town square a parked car exploded. Lance Corporal Taverner was engulfed in flames and suffered severe burns. Private Richards took command and administered first aid although he had been wounded in the legs. Lance Corporal Taverner died of his injuries in Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich on 6 November 1983.

RICHARDS QGM

New Award

Wesley

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Unknown
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Unknown
 Location: Unknown
 London Gazette: 10 March 2015. Issue 61167, p. 4414.
 To be dated 15 April 2014.

No further details are known about the incident that resulted in this award.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Paul **Lye**

RIDLEY QGM

New Award

Luke Anthony

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Tree Surgeon
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Traffic Accident
 Location: England – A303 near Amesbury, Wiltshire
 London Gazette: 27 September 2019. Issue 62781, p. 17384.

On Friday 23 November 2018 at 6:49 am, Luke Ridley contacted police via a 999 call. He had been driving on the A303, close to Countess Services in Amesbury, Wiltshire when he witnessed a car leave the carriageway and come to rest on its side, partially suspended from an earth bank and at a precarious angle. The vehicle started to smoke and then flames ignited from within the bonnet area. Mr. Ridley stopped and ran to assist. There was a single female driver, aged in her 60's, in the vehicle, who was still in the driver's seat and was disoriented and unable to free herself from her seat belt. Mr. Ridley entered the vehicle via the rear hatch and cut through the seatbelt using a tool from his own vehicle. He then dragged the occupant through the rear hatch to safety, whilst the fire was taking hold. The occupant, although disoriented and shaken, and having inhaled some smoke, was uninjured. The police received several 999 calls from the public to alert them that the vehicle was on fire although no other drivers had stopped. The attending officers noted that within two minutes of their attendance, the vehicle had become completely engulfed in flames with loud explosions being heard. The attending officers were in no doubt that had Mr. Ridley not acted a loss of life would have occurred.

Luke Ridley QGM was also awarded the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Chief Fire Officer's Commendation, and the Bronze Medal of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire.

RILEY QGM

Graham Francis

Nationality:	United Kingdom
Occupation:	British Army; The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment
Rank/Title:	Corporal (Local Sergeant)
Service Number:	23887886
Conflict/Incident:	Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette:	8 October 1974. Issue 46364, p. 8531. To be dated 24 September 1974.

In recognition of services in Northern Ireland during the period 1st February 1974 to 30th April 1974.

During his battalion's four-month tour of duty in Northern Ireland, Local Sergeant Riley was a rifle platoon sergeant and also leader of the search team in the company which was responsible for maintaining security in the Turf Lodge and East Andersonstown district of Belfast. The district harboured a Provisional IRA unit which was consistently aggressive against the security forces. An Official IRA company was also based in the area and certain members of it attempted to outmatch the Provisional's attempts to cause security force casualties. The general level of violence was such that the Royal Ulster Constabulary did not operate in the neighbourhood without Army protection. Sergeant Riley assimilated details of the geography of the area and then set about the task of getting to know the inhabitants whose trust and confidence he soon gained. He quickly developed the ability to judge when to be firm and when to be sympathetic. His patrolling was outstandingly thorough. On the occasions when he came under fire his reactions were swift, bold and effective. As leader of the company search team he showed conspicuous bravery and determination although he had a good reason to be over-cautious because during a previous tour on the border in 1972 he escaped death only narrowly when two 100-pound bombs exploded as he entered a derelict house. His work, usually undertaken in unpleasant conditions, often when he was very tired and frequently under the threat of booby trapping, was always energetic and thorough. His high standards were rewarded at the end of the tour when his team found eight terrorist weapons, all cunningly hidden, over a three-week period. During the evening of 15th January 1974, a report was received that a bomb had been placed at the RUC station in Andersonstown. The report was taken very seriously because a 200-pound IRA car bomb had been exploded outside the station only a week before. The station was searched and no bomb was found. It was then noticed that the padlock had been forced on one of the two, empty, boarded-up houses which adjoin the station. Sergeant Riley was ordered to enter the house with his team and search it. Despite the obvious danger of a booby trap, or of a bomb inside, he set about the task with great coolness and skill, revealing to his team none of the apprehension which he must have felt. As always, his team followed him happily into the house and carried out its search carefully and thoroughly but with a negative result. Sergeant Riley's bravery and demeanour on that occasion was an inspiration to all around him. In another capacity, Sergeant Riley successfully handled a valuable 'source' of information who was, however, a person whose allegiance was very much in doubt. This task involved frequent meetings in a house in a very hostile area and although there was always cover at a distance the final approach had to be made by him with only one escort. He knew that ambush was always a strong possibility but was never deterred and through these consistently courageous acts added much to his battalion's knowledge of the local terrorists and their activities. Towards the end of the tour while searching an attic Sergeant Riley suffered a rupture which required an operation. On discharge from hospital he declined sick leave and although in some pain returned immediately to supervise his search team and organise the administration of his platoon. Throughout his tour Sergeant Riley displayed continuous bravery which, combined with never failing leadership, determination and resourcefulness, made an outstanding contribution towards his company's successful attrition of the local Provisional IRA. His efforts were an inspiration to both his superiors and his subordinates.

The first published military award of the Queen's Gallantry Medal (see also P. J. **Anthony** QGM, C. A. D. **Barber** QGM, M. A. N. **Britton** QGM, A. R. **Carter** QGM, P. **Fletcher** QGM, R. **Gill** QGM, P. H. **John** QGM, W. G. **Mountain** QGM, & P. V. **Snell** QGM).

Graham Francis Riley QGM was born in Jersey in October 1944 during the German occupation. He enlisted into The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment in December 1961 as a boy soldier and later joined the 1st Battalion. He served with the battalion in the British Army of the Rhine, in Libya, Malta, British Honduras (Belize) and in England and undertook four tours of duty in Northern Ireland. He also served with the Infantry Display Team in Warminster, an Army Youth Team in Exeter and with the Territorial Army. He retired from the British Army in 1984. He returned to Jersey in 1991 and later took up the post as Chief Usher to the Royal Courts.

ROGERS QGM

New Award

Stuart Maurice

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Royal Navy; 815 Naval Air Squadron, HMS *Monmouth*
 Rank/Title: Air Engineering Technician (Mechanical)
 Service Number: 30174939
 Conflict/Incident: Helicopter Rescue
 Location: Gulf of Yemen –140 miles off Socotra
 London Gazette: 11 May 2018. Issue 62283, p. 8432.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field during the period 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017.

Rogers was a newly qualified winchman and had not conducted a real rescue when HMS *Monmouth's* Wildcat (callsign 'Black Jack') was tasked to the rescue of two crewmen from the merchant tanker MV *Rama 2*. At 01.36 hours on 26 June 2017, the tanker had declared an emergency and the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Fareham, Hampshire, the United Kingdom Maritime Component Command and the Combined Maritime Force in Bahrain began to coordinate a rescue. By 05.30 hours MV *Rama 2* had sunk and other merchant vessels on the scene managed to rescue all but two of the 14-man crew by about 08.00 hours. At 11.32 hours another tanker reported a survivor in a lifejacket in the middle of an oil sheen but was unable to rescue him due to the weather conditions. HMS *Monmouth's* Wildcat had flown to RFA *Cardigan Bay*, which was closer to the scene, to refuel. When within range, the Wildcat crew launched and headed for the area. The efforts were supported by a Japanese maritime patrol aircraft (callsign 'Japan 41'), operating in the region as part of Combined Task Force 151. Almost at the limit of endurance the possible survivor was located but the Wildcat was forced to return to RFA *Cardigan Bay* to refuel. The helicopter returned to the site where a survivor's location had been marked by a merchant vessel and, again with fuel running low and in poor weather conditions, he was finally located, and Rogers was winched down to him. Roger's rescue was conducted in heavy seas, which repeatedly engulfed both Rogers and the survivor; it took almost 30 minutes to get the seaman connected to the wire. Having finally done so, the Wildcat returned to RFA *Cardigan Bay* just before sunset. The fourteenth crewman was lost at sea.

RUDDY QGM

Raymond Harry

Nationality: Australia
 Occupation: Australian Army; 40th Transport Platoon (Amphibious), Royal Australian Corps of Transport, Citizens Military Force
 Rank/Title: Corporal
 Service Number: 138937
 Conflict/Incident: River Rescue
 Location: Australia - Mogill, Brisbane
 London Gazette: 16 May 1975. Issue 46574, p 6399.
 To be dated 13 May 1975.

During the afternoon of 28th January 1974, at Brisbane, one of the detachment of two water-borne amphibious vehicles on a flood rescue and relief operation, while carrying twelve civilians, sustained a severe electrical discharge as it passed close under high tension cables. Two of the four Servicemen aboard were killed and the vehicle operator and a number of civilians injured. The accident occurred upstream and about 100 metres from a junction with other high tension cables. At the time there was considerable confusion about what was happening.

The vehicle was eventually tied to the upper branches of a tree in still water. A number of passengers were in need of rapid medical attention, and as there was no uninjured operator on board, a call for assistance was made to the other vehicle. The cable responsible for the accident had fallen into the

water between the two vehicles and although a number of people had been thrown into the water, there was still some doubt about its safety. In spite of this, Corporal Ruddy, a Citizen Military Forces soldier, swam from the undamaged vehicle to the assistance of the others. He drove the damaged vehicle to safe water and eventually to land.

Corporal Ruddy's subsequent conduct on land alone, was meritorious. One of those killed had been a close friend, yet Corporal Ruddy's cool, competent assistance to all, during the evacuation of the injured, was commended by the senior officer present, and by a number of civilians. One of the civilians, although unaware of the member's previous brave conduct in the water, went out of his way to commend Corporal Ruddy to his Commanding Officer for his conduct on land. Corporal Ruddy's actions were also commended in the report of the Court of Inquiry which investigated the accident.

Corporal Ruddy's concern for others, his disregard for personal danger, and his persistent devotion to duty were an example and an inspiration to all.

For other awards earned during these floods see Mr. W. D. **Lickiss** QGM.

Those killed in the Lighter, Amphibious Resupply, Cargo V (LARC-V) in the incident were Captain Ian C. R. Kerr, Training Officer, 41st Transport Company, and Corporal Neville Barry Hourigan, 40th Transport Platoon (Amphibious). In all, 16 people lost their lives during the flood.

SHRED QGM

Charles

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Leicestershire Constabulary
Rank/Title: Constable
Conflict/Incident: Tackling Armed and Violent Persons
Location: England - Leicestershire
London Gazette: 16 February 1979. Issue 47773, p. 2289.

In the early hours of 1st January 1978, a man, who had earlier been involved in a fight outside a public house, returned to his home, armed himself with a loaded shotgun and then left his house. He fired a shot and wounded a neighbour who attempted to take the gun from him, threatened another man who managed to escape uninjured and then fired two shots at a passing car. By this time the police had been alerted and the man fired a shot at a police vehicle which was searching for him.

Constable Shred, on duty alone in a patrol vehicle, was also alerted. As he approached a garage the gunman appeared and ordered him to leave his car. He obeyed, but was told to get back into his vehicle and to drive away with the man. He managed to communicate with other police who were also in the area and then drove for many miles with the shotgun aimed at the back of his neck until eventually the man ordered him to stop the car and to start walking. The gunman took the Constable's uniform cap and a small amount of money and drove away in the police car.

Constable Shred was soon picked up by another police vehicle which had been trying to catch the gunman. They saw the armed man abandon the police car and get into another car after having forced the three passengers to leave; he ordered the driver at gunpoint to drive him away. At intervals on the ensuing journey the gunman told the car driver to stop and the pursuing police officers together with the man's wife endeavoured to persuade him to surrender. Finally the gunman ordered the driver of the commandeered car to stop and demanded a better vehicle. Since the man had become extremely excited by now and was shouting uncontrollably, it was decided that the best course was to appear to meet his demands and while the necessary arrangements were being made Constable Shred offered himself as a hostage in place of the other driver. This enabled the hostage driver to escape to safety.

The man then got into the back seat of the police car and the Constable drove off at gunpoint. During the journey which followed Constable Shred continually talked to the man and tried to persuade him to hand over his rifle peacefully, but the man refused to give it up. The gunman's behaviour and threats became more and more excitable but the officer continued to speak to him and eventually he became calmer and finally handed the loaded shotgun to the Constable.

Constable Shred displayed outstanding courage throughout the incident. In a very volatile situation he was aware in voluntarily subjecting himself a second time to the gunman of the likelihood that he might be killed by the man whom he knew had already shot and injured one man.

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Chief Inspector David Brian Redman, Leicestershire Constabulary

The incident began with a fight at a pub on New Year's Eve. After the first shots that injured Mr. John Goodman had been fired, Constable Shred found the gunman at Westleigh Avenue in Leicester. Having been taken hostage, he was released near Shepshed to the north-west of the city but, having been picked up by a second police vehicle, at Coalville (outside the church where his parents had been married and where he had been christened) Constable Shred arranged to exchange himself for the civilian hostage. The incident ended back in Leicester at 23 Stuart Street, the home of the

gunman. At trial Colin Daniel Desborough plead guilty and was sentenced to four years imprisonment for his actions.

Charles Shred QGM was born on 24 November 1929. He died on 2 July 2022, aged 92.

SLADE QGM
James Alexander

New Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; The Royal Logistic Corps
Rank/Title: Warrant Officer Class 2
Service Number: 25210779
Conflict/Incident: Unspecified Military Operations
London Gazette: 6 March 2026. Issue 65010, p. 4334.
To be dated 5 April 2019.

SMAHON QGM
Dean Carey

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Royal Ulster Constabulary
Rank/Title: Constable
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 2 July 1993. Issue 53360, p. 11212.

For Bravery in Northern Ireland.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Sergeant A. **McKinley** QGM.

Award: Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct
(Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary)
Conflict/Incident: Police Operations in Northern Ireland
London Gazette: 3 October 1986. Issue 50673, p. 12803.

For bravery in Northern Ireland.

Also awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct in this incident:
Constable Thomas William Sanderson

Dean Smahon QGM represented Northern Ireland in athletics (javelin) in 1994. He left the Royal Ulster Constabulary and settled in England, where he became a well-regarded music DJ. In 2010, he fell seriously ill with sepsis and lost both legs, his right hand and fingers of his left hand.

SMITH QGM
Darren

Posthumous Award

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: **Security Guard**
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire
Location: Wales – Maxton Court, Lansbury Park Estate, Caerphilly, Glamorgan
London Gazette: 21 March 1991. Issue 52481, p. 4498.

At approximately 10.45 p.m. on 29th December 1989, a fire broke out on the ground floor of a two-storey maisonette. The occupant, a mother of two children, trapped in a bedroom on the first floor, shouted for help. The fire brigade was summoned.

Darren Smith, who was in a nearby flat, heard the woman cry for help. He, together with a neighbour, attempted to break into the flat through the front door. After several attempts Mr. Smith managed to force open the door, while the neighbour gained access through a rear kitchen window. By this time, the mother had climbed out of the bedroom window and hung from the ledge as smoke and hot gases quickly entered the room. She fell onto the concrete below as she grasped a nearby television aerial that gave way.

Mr. Smith and the neighbour went up the stairs to search for the children, but became separated in the dense smoke. The neighbour, unable to withstand the heat and smoke, came out for fresh air. He re-entered the maisonette but only managed to reach the first floor landing where he heard Mr. Smith calling. The thick acrid smoke made it impossible for the neighbour to continue the search and he was forced to leave the burning flat. The fire, now out of control, developed quite rapidly making it impossible for the neighbour to re-enter. The fire brigade arrived and, wearing breathing apparatus, two firemen

located the body of Mr. Smith in the mother's bedroom and the two children in an adjacent room. The two children died later in hospital. The fire was brought under control at approximately 12.30 a.m.

Darren Smith, with total disregard for his own safety, displayed bravery of a high order in attempting to rescue a mother and her two children from their blazing and smoke-laden maisonette, losing his life in the attempt.

The neighbour who helped in the rescue attempt was Mr. Brian Evans, and the children who died were Geraint Lewis, aged two, and nine-month-old Jade Lewis.

Darren Smith QGM was born Darren Paul Thomas on 6 April 1969 in Caerphilly District Miners' Hospital and lived in Lansbury Park all his life. He attended Lansbury Park Junior School and St. Martin's School, Caerphilly. His sister commented: "Darren always got into trouble with his brothers, but he had a heart of gold and always made sure I was safe and got all his mates to look after me." At some time, he changed his name to Darren Smith and at the time of his death he was working as a security guard on a building site on the outskirts of Caerphilly. Darren Smith QGM is buried in Bedwas Cemetery, near the children he tried to save. He was also awarded a Society for the Protection of Life from Fire Certificate in Testimony of Distinguished Conduct. He is commemorated on a memorial plaque on the wall inside the local doctor's surgery in Wedgewood Court.⁵⁴

This Queen's Gallantry Medal is now in a private collection in Wales.

SMITH QGM

Leslie

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; The Queen's Lancashire Regiment
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Service Number: 24401001
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette: 14 November 1995. Issue 54212, p. 15368.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Northern Ireland during the period 1st October 1994 to 31st March 1995.

His QGM was earned in Belfast—his commanding officer wrote that he 'displayed the highest levels of courage and determination in the face of adversity' and that his actions 'helped prevent the loss of life on more than one occasion'.

Leslie Smith was born in 1959 in Newton le Willows, Merseyside, the eldest of five children. He enlisted into the British Army in 1975, joining the Infantry Junior Leaders Battalion at Shorncliffe and then 1st Battalion, The Queens Lancashire Regiment. He was awarded a General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland Commendation in October 1992 for his work as a team leader of the battalion's close observation platoon in South Armagh. After 28 years' service Warrant Officer Class II L. Smith left the Army in 2004. He subsequently worked in the private military security industry in West Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan until he was diagnosed with cancer in 2017. He died on 30 May 2019.

SNARR QGM

New Award

Joel

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Civilian
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Aircraft Accident
Location: Wales – Abergavenny, Monmouthshire
London Gazette: 8 May 2021. Issue 63342, p. 8336.

On 12 May 2019, a light aircraft containing three passengers took off from a runway in Abergavenny, Wales. Immediately after take off, the plane suffered engine failure, which resulted in the plane hitting a tree and inverting before crashing to the ground and catching fire. Daniel Nicholson and Joel Snarr were independently driving along the A40 dual carriageway in separate vehicles. They observed the crash, stopped their vehicles, ran towards the burning wreckage, and forced entry to the plane by breaking a window to reach the three occupants who were trapped. They then safely removed the two passengers and pilot. After this the plane was totally consumed by fire. No injuries were caused to any party.

Also awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal:

Mr. Daniel **Nicholson**

In 2021 Daniel Nicholson QGM and Joel Snarr QGM also received the St. David Bravery Award (the national award of Wales).

Joel Snarr served in the armed forces with the Royal Logistic Corps on operational tours in Iraq, Afghanistan and Northern Ireland, including as a High Threat Improvised Explosive Device Disposal Operator. Suffering from post-traumatic stress, he was discharged from the British Army in 2018.

SPEED QGM

New Award

Alan Paul

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Royal Navy, HMS Gannet Search and Rescue Flight, Prestwick
Rank/Title: Petty Officer Aircrewman
Service Number: D251861A
Conflict/Incident: Helicopter Rescue
Location: Scotland – Dailly, South Ayrshire
London Gazette: 21 October 2016. Issue 61739, p. 22386.

For rescuing ten passengers trapped in a single decker bus in a heavily flooded river in Dailly, South Ayrshire on 30th December 2015.

Awarded the Air Force Cross:

Acting Lieutenant Commander Richard Alan Lightfoot, Royal Navy

For assisting in the rescue of ten passengers trapped in a single decker bus in a heavily flooded river in Dailly, South Ayrshire on 30th December 2015.

The area had suffered severe flooding in the aftermath of Storm Frank and the bus was in a precarious position and nearly flooded. The difficulty of the rescue was compounded by over-hanging trees. The crew of Rescue 177—which included Lieutenant Commander Martin Lanni AFC Royal Navy and Lieutenant James Bullock Royal Navy—was awarded the Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award by the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators; the citation provides a full account of the incident:

On 30 December 2015, Rescue 177 (R177), the duty Search and Rescue aircraft at HMS Gannet was under the command of Lt Richard Lightfoot and his crew comprised of Lt Cdr Lanni AFC (P1/Handling Pilot), Lt Bullock (P2) and POACMN Speed (Aircrewman). South Ayrshire was suffering significant rainfall and continued gale force winds during the passage of ‘Storm Frank’. R177 had already conducted three rescues during their duty period when Lt Lightfoot received tasking from the ARCC to proceed to Dailly, South Ayrshire to attend a vehicle stuck in floodwater that was to test their mettle as a SAR crew

Once on scene, this transpired to be a single-deck bus stuck in a heavily flooded river, listing and 75% submerged with water already at the windows’ midpoint. Precariously positioned, the bus was only just held from being completely lost by a submerged wall. All other attempts by attending rescue services had failed and the only available boat was a Fire Rescue Service Rib that had been damaged beyond use and now lay roped to the bus, its crew inside the bus. The bus itself was also under significant tree cover, preventing easy access. Lt Lightfoot assessed the scene and saw that with no other viable form of rescue, and the water continuing to flood, the bus and its passengers were likely to be lost to the torrent and the 60kts winds. His initial plan was to use a hi-line to extract the casualties as safely as possible, however this was soon impossible due to the extensive overhang of the trees preventing the hi-line being passed. With the aircrewman’s consent, Lt Lightfoot now planned to put the aircraft itself into the branches of the trees, enabling the aircrewman to be lowered directly through the branches using the aircrewman’s own weight to force a way through. Lt Cdr Lanni had to position the aircraft with the starboard sponson of the aircraft now in the treeline constantly challenged by gale force winds and significant turbulence but the man was successfully placed into the bus.

Inside the bus, the scene was grim, water halfway up the cabin and the passengers retreated to the highest seats; after 2 hours, they were cold and scared. POACMN Speed tactfully assessed the priority for evacuation and set up the hi-line for recovery. He intelligently decided to use an adult male first in order to prove the extraction. He and the casualty met with considerable swing of the winch but nonetheless he had proved its viability. In contact with the aircrewman, Lt Lightfoot’s plan was to extract casualties one by one, under his supervision and conducting the winching. Lt Cdr Lanni continued to hover within inches of the treeline’s branches and with such a small aperture of escape for the winchman and casualties, a careful, constant and exact conn of the aircraft was required, and given, by Lt Lightfoot. On the second deployment, the current caught POACMN Speed, sweeping him under the tethered Rib, trapping him under water. Lt Lightfoot immediately spotted this, raising the winch and bringing the aircrewman back to the surface saving his life with his quick actions. POACMN Speed caught his breath, signalled that he was OK and to continue. What followed was 9 further lifts, 9 pinpoint re-iterations of the hovering required to rescue the casualties for 90 minutes in an unrelenting storm, including two rescues of children using the child’s rescue valise until all casualties were clear.

Lt Lightfoot decided that with the potential of total loss of the bus still present, there would be no opportunity to stop. In consultation with his crew, he decided to take the aircraft to its limit of endurance, accepting the fuel low captions would illuminate and that the aircraft would have to shut down after

with not enough fuel to continue flying. With forethought, R177 alerted the ARCC to deploy Gannet's fuel bowser by road to refuel on completion. Ending the rescue with 10 casualties on board and every seat full, they landed in darkness. POACMN Speed was cold, soaked and had suffered a near drowning but never gave up or asked for time to recover. The crew were marshalled to keep going by Lt Lightfoot's continued direction. Now, every casualty was individually handed over by the winchman to the medical services. Finally, the crew lifted to find, rescue and land at an optimal area to refuel the aircraft in situ and returned it to alert status. The aircraft was to launch again later that night for the fifth callout of their 24 hour duty. Lt Lightfoot commanded a crew through a period of constant bad weather. He planned and conducted a rescue with flexibility of thought and, crucially, it worked and lives undoubtedly saved. Lt Cdr Lanni positioned the aircraft in close proximity to obstructions for over 90 minutes and together they took the aircraft to the very limit of its fuel endurance. This rescue tested every fibre of POACMN Speed, from a near drowning to exhausting work in freezing conditions. The crew of R177 were resolute, determined and successful and with no other feasible method of recovery, their actions were decisive in saving all. The entire crew is therefore most deservedly recognised for their outstanding courage and devotion to duty by the award of the Prince Philip Helicopter Rescue Award.⁵⁵

Alan Speed left the Royal Navy and joined Bristow Helicopters as a winchman paramedic for HM Coastguard, Inverness.

THAPA QGM **Deepak Kumar**

New Award

Nationality: Nepal
Occupation: Civilian Security Contractor; G4S
Rank/Title: Mr.
Conflict/Incident: Operations in Afghanistan
Location: Afghanistan – British Council compound, Kabul
London Gazette: 2 September 2014. Issue 60977, p. 17010.

For resisting an attack by insurgents on the British Council Compound in Kabul.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Janga Bahadur **Gurung** QGM.

TROULAN GC, QGM **Dominic Charles Rupert**

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Royal Marines
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Service Number: P038978B
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette: 10 May 1996. Issue 54393, p. 6458.
To be dated 12 October 1993.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Northern Ireland.

Dominic Charles Rupert Troulan QGM subsequently transferred to The Parachute Regiment (25082514) and was later promoted to Warrant Officer Class 1, He was commissioned into The Parachute Regiment (557799, Captain) on 15 April 2002; Major 31 July 2008. He retired from the British Army on 31 August 2009.

In 2017, Troulan was attacked in a suburb of Nairobi in what he believes was a robbery attempt. Two armed men on a motorcycle accosted him and gunshots were exchanged. Troulan was wounded in the leg and the two attackers were killed.

Award: Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service
(Warrant Officer Class 1, The Parachute Regiment)
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Northern Ireland, Operation BANNER
London Gazette: 29 April 2003. Issue 56920, p. 5272.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Northern Ireland during the period 1st April 2002 to 30th September 2002.

Award: George Cross
Civilian, Security Consultant
Conflict/Incident: Rescuing Civilians During a Terrorist Attack
London Gazette: 16 June 2017. Issue 61969, p. 11774.

For saving lives during the Westgate Shopping Mall terrorist attack in Kenya in 2013.

On 21 September 2013, a group of heavily-armed terrorists entered the Westgate Shopping Mall in Nairobi, Kenya and started to murder men, women and children indiscriminately. Dominic Troulan, a

security consultant working in Nairobi, was contacted by a friend who asked him to go to the incident to try and locate the friend's wife and daughter.

On arrival at the Mall, Troulan contacted the family by telephone and entered the Mall. He was armed with only a pistol while the area was dominated by terrorists armed with grenades and machine guns. Nevertheless, Troulan managed to bring the two women to safety. Realising that large numbers of civilians remained trapped while the terrorists continued to kill indiscriminately, Troulan re-entered the Mall.

Over the course of several hours, he went into the building at least a dozen times and on each occasion managed to bring many innocent civilians to safety. He was fired on twice by the terrorists but managed to force them back. By now, Troulan was exhausted, dehydrated and at the limit of his mental capacity. He was about to stop when a distress call was received from a woman who was trapped, injured and bleeding. Once again, Troulan entered the Mall and brought the woman to safety.

Despite the strain of his efforts, it should be noted that Troulan had the presence of mind to realise that the terrorists could be hiding among the survivors. Troulan enlisted help and searched the civilians once he had led them to safety, thus ensuring that no terrorists were hiding in their midst.

The attack in the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi was carried out by four members of the Somali, militant, Islamist group *al-Shabaab*, who killed 67 people and wounded over 175 others. All four terrorists were killed.

WRIGHT QGM

New Award

Andrew Mark

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Police Officer; Police Service of Northern Ireland
Rank/Title: Sergeant
Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
Location: Northern Ireland – Filbin Crescent, Kilwilkie, Lurgan
London Gazette: 24 January 2017. Issue 61828, p. 1410.

On 5 February 2012 Sergeant Wright volunteered to deal with an urgent call for assistance from a woman who had been assaulted during a serious disturbance in a house. Sergeant Wright was accompanied by two other police officers. The suspected perpetrator of the assault had locked himself inside the house with two very young children. He was described as 'dangerously out of control' but it was not known that he was armed.

Sergeant Wright could see evidence of a disturbance and blood through a window. As he was about to force entry the suspect, armed with a knife in each hand, attacked him at close quarters. Sergeant Wright sustained serious wounds to his head. Despite his injuries, Sergeant Wright wrestled with the suspect in an attempt to prevent injury to others. However, the suspect struggled free and attacked a second officer nearby, swinging a knife towards the officer's throat. Sergeant Wright 'rugby tackled' the suspect to the ground, preventing any injuries to his colleague. He and his colleagues then overpowered and handcuffed the suspect.

Although Sergeant Wright was trained and experienced in personal protection, the immediacy and ferocity of the attack and the risk of death to both him and his colleague was significant. Although seriously wounded, Sergeant Wright made a deliberate decision to continue to pursue the suspect in the face of the danger to his colleague. His actions ensured the safety of the children, protected the life of his colleague and culminated in the conviction of a man on various charges including Wounding with intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm. The man was subsequently sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment.

During the sentencing of the perpetrator at Craigavon Crown Court, Judge Patrick Lynch QC commended the police for using minimum force. Sergeant Wright commented: "I am aware of the perception in some communities that police are heavy-handed, and I hope the judge's comments dispels some of this thinking."

This is the first award of the Queen's Gallantry Medal to the Police Service of Northern Ireland since its formation in 2001.

WADDINGHAM QGM

New Award

Simon

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: Firefighter, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
Rank/Title: Firefighter
Conflict/Incident: Rescue from Fire
Location: England – Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
London Gazette: 29 December 2018. Issue 62516, p. N75.

On 8 April 2017, there was a serious fire at a care home in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, which had 35 elderly residents. Of these residents, 5 were centenarians, another was blind and 29 were immobile. Initially, the fire appeared to be in its early stages but once inside the property it became clear that the fire was travelling with great ferocity through the roof void covering the whole care home and time was of the essence.

Evacuation was not an option, so a full scale rescue was embarked upon. When the breathing apparatus crews entered the burning building the stairs, first floor landing and corridor were free from fire and smoke, however conditions deteriorated quickly as a result of the fire in the roof void escalating. Firefighters rescued residents by carrying them down the stairs and repeatedly went back into the building to rescue more and more people. Soon the first floor corridor became heavily smoke-logged and more debris was dropping down from the roof space. It was also evident that the temperature had increased significantly. Firefighters found casualties in every room, many in bed, unable to move due to disabilities. They had to use their own bodies as shields to protect the casualties as the flaming debris fell. Every firefighter repeatedly re-entered the care home, with little regard for their own safety, knowing that had they not, the loss of life would have been catastrophic.

For other awards earned in this incident and more information see Firefighter W. **Ansell** QGM.

WATSON QGM

New Award

James Spencer Kennedy

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Diplomat, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
 Rank/Title: Mr.
 Conflict/Incident: Unknown
 Location: Unknown
 London Gazette: 10 September 2019. Issue 62763, p. 16232.
 To be dated 29 November 2006.

For services to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. (No further details are known about the incident that resulted in this award.)

WAY QGM

New Award

Lisa

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Nurse, Royal Glamorgan Hospital
 Rank/Title: Mrs.
 Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
 Location: Wales – Penygraig, Rhondda Cynon Taf
 London Gazette: 18 March 2023. Issue 64000, p. 5350.

On 5 May 2020 at around 1:50pm, the assailant made their way to the Co-op store in Penygraig High Street. Inside the store were Lisa Way, Alette Bounouri and John Rees. On her way to the store, the assailant attacked a man by stabbing him in the neck; causing him to fall to the ground. He was able to get up and managed to escape. The assailant followed him for a short distance before entering the Co-op, with the knife visible in her hand. Here she approached customers shouting and then attempted to stab a customer in the neck. John Rees was at the counter and noticed the attack taking place. Without hesitation, he made the decision to go forward and intervene. Alette Bounouri, who also witnessed the assault, picked up a shopping basket as a means of defence, whilst Mr. Rees approached the assailant in an attempt to defuse the situation. Mr. Rees took hold of the assailant's right arm, with which she was holding the knife. Mr. Rees then placed himself between the female customer and the assailant, kicking out at the assailant as she approached him with the knife extended in her hand. The attacker lunged forward, causing Mr. Rees to lose his balance and fall backwards. At this point, Lisa Way took hold of the assailant's hand in an attempt to stop her attack. Mrs. Bounouri also tried to help Mr. Rees by using the shopping basket to disarm the attacker. Mrs. Way and Mrs. Bounouri continued to put themselves in harm's way by trying to distract the assailant. The assailant then turned her actions to Mrs. Way in a ferocious and determined attack and tried to stab her several times to the upper part of her body. Mrs. Bounouri at this time desperately tried to drag Mr. Rees to safety at the rear of the shop. Mr. Rees was unable to regain standing. Mrs. Bounouri in a final act of bravery to protect Mr. Rees, tried to grab the knife from the assailant but was threatened and forced to back away. At this point Mrs. Bounouri would have been fully aware of the ferocity with which the assailant was intent on assaulting people. By their selfless actions, it is without doubt that both Mrs. Bounouri and Mrs. Way put themselves in harm's way, in an effort to save Mr. Rees' life.

For more information, including other awards earned in this incident, see Mrs. A. **Bounouri** QGM.

WHARTON QGM**New Award****Simon**

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Royal Navy, Southern Diving Unit 1
 Rank/Title: Leading Seaman (Diver)
 Service Number: D253035E
 Conflict/Incident: Maritime Rescue
 Location: English Channel – four nautical miles south of Plymouth
 London Gazette: 23 November 2018. Issue 62477, p. 21275.

For risking his own life in an attempt to locate a missing crewmember in the upturned hull of a fishing vessel, which had capsized in heavy seas 4nm south of Plymouth on 27th September 2017.

At a little after 7.30pm on 26 September 2017 the modified scallop dredger *Solstice* capsized when its crew attempted to haul in its nets. Two of the crew, Nick Jones and Chris Wonnacott were thrown into the water and the third crew member, Jones' father Tony, was trapped in the boat's wheelhouse and drowned. The two men in the water managed to get onto the boat's hull. When a call to the emergency services reported the vessel missing, a search was launched. The upturned boat was found by Newquay-based Search and Rescue helicopter R924 and the two men were picked up by Looe RNLI inshore lifeboat at about 1.00am, about five and a half hours after the boat capsized.

Overnight HMS *Argyll* stood-by the upturned hull and attached a line to prevent the boat running aground. At 8.30am on 27 September the Diving Unit was tasked and later that morning Leading Seaman Wharton volunteered to look for the missing crew member; Able Seaman Smith acted as his safety diver. Wharton found Jones dead and trapped in the wheelhouse and rather than leave his body there he recovered it with 'unwavering nerve' in pitch black darkness, through the tangled lines and fishing nets, led out by Smith. *Solstice* sank later that morning.⁵⁶

Awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Able Seaman (Diver) Joshua Thomas Smith

For volunteering to act as the safety diver in a 2-man dive team in order to search and locate the missing crew member in the upturned hull of a capsized fishing vessel, in heavy seas 4nm south of Plymouth on 27th September 2017.

WRIGHT QGM**New Award****Jonathan**

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: Police Officer; West Yorkshire Police
 Rank/Title: Constable
 Conflict/Incident: Tackling an Armed and Violent Person
 Location: England – Birstall Library, Market Street, Birstall, West Yorkshire
 London Gazette: 16 June 2017. Issue 61969, p. 11775.

For the arrest of the murderer of Jo Cox MP.

On 16 June 2016, West Yorkshire Police received a report that Jo Cox MP had been stabbed and shot outside Birstall Library. The suspect had left the immediate scene armed with a knife and a gun. His whereabouts and intentions were not known. PC Nicholls and his colleague PC Wright, both unarmed and on routine patrol, decided to make their way in the general direction of the incident. They noticed a man who took evasive action to avoid being seen. They pursued the man, knowing that he was potentially the suspect who had shot and stabbed one person and stabbed another. They quickly confirmed that, and realised that the suspect was likely still to be armed with a gun and a knife. Of concern was the fact that there were numerous members of public on the street going about their normal business. They therefore continued to follow the suspect and began communicating with him. Under extreme pressure and fear of the unknown, the two officers decided instinctively to rush the suspect and arrest him to prevent him from committing any further acts of violence. A gun and a knife were subsequently found in his possession.

For other awards earned in this incident and for more information see Constable C. **Nicholls** QGM.

WRIGHT QGM**New Award****Kevin Marc**

Nationality: United Kingdom
 Occupation: British Army; The Royal Logistic Corps
 Rank/Title: Sergeant
 Service Number: 25209808

Conflict/Incident: Improvised Explosive Device Disposal, Unspecified Military Operations
London Gazette: 21 March 2014. Issue 60813, p. 5838.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field during the period 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013.

WYLES QGM

Anthony Michael

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; Corps of Royal Engineers, Territorial Army
Rank/Title: Staff Sergeant
Service Number: 24868242
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Iraq, Operation TELIC
London Gazette: 23 April 2004. Issue 57269, p 5133.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Iraq during the period 1st April to 30th September 2003.

During the invasion of Iraq in 2003, Staff Sergeant A. M. Wyles was serving with the Joint Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group. He was recognised for his conduct in two actions: Firstly, the clearance of sub-munitions from the site of multi-launch rocket system that had caused the death of a number of Iraqi children. Secondly, the clearance operation to recover the bodies of two British soldiers. On 23 March 2003 Staff Sergeant S. Cullingworth and Sapper L. D. G. Allsopp, both serving with 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), had been captured by militia fighters in an ambush on a convoy on the outskirts of Al Zubayr.⁵⁷ Murdered that day, their bodies were discovered several weeks later in a shallow grave near the town.

Award: Volunteer Reserves Service Medal
(Corporal, Corps of Royal Engineers)
London Gazette: 30 April 2002. Issue 56553, p 5261.
Award: Volunteer Reserves Service Medal 1st clasp
(Warrant Officer Class 2, Corps of Royal Engineers)
London Gazette: 29 November 2005. Issue 57825, p 15377.

YORKE QGM

Robert William

Nationality: United Kingdom
Occupation: British Army; 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards
Rank/Title: Lieutenant (Acting Captain)
Service Number: 529600
Conflict/Incident: Military Operations in Former Yugoslavia,
United Nations Protection Force, Operation GRAPPLE
Location: Bosnia and Herzegovina
London Gazette: 22 November 1994. Issue 53855, p 16323.

In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the former Republic of Yugoslavia during the period November 1993 to April 1994.

The original recommendation for his award stated: *During the six months of Operation GRAPPLE 3 Captain Yorke was the G5 Liaison Officer for the battalion based in Vitez, a role requiring a very mentally robust officer, as a high proportion of as tasks involved medical evacuations and body exchanges across active confrontation lines after lengthy negotiations.*

On more than a dozen occasions, most notably when entering the besieged enclaves of Stari Vitez and Kruscica in his Landrover, Captain Yorke was deliberately targetted by hostile mortars and snipers. He pressed on relentlessly and more often than not achieved his aim.

For example, on 15 December 1993 Captain Yorke set off at very short notice to evacuate a seriously injured woman from the Muslim enclave of Kruscica. Having managed to persuade the Bosnian Croat authorities to let him cross the lines in his soft skinned Landrover, he found that the Croat soldiers on the front line would not move their own mines from the road, because of the threat from Bosnian Army snipers. They did, however, agree that he could move the mines for himself. Aware that the casualty might die at any moment, Captain Yorke spent almost half an hour, under continual Bosnian Army sniper fire, crawling forward and dragging clear each mine. As he drove through no man's land the Bosnian Army snipers stopped firing at his vehicle, but the Bosnian Croats opened up instead.

After reaching the primitive field hospital and loading the very sick woman into his vehicle, he made the return trip, driving at speed through no man's land, not only to avoid the ever present sniper fire, but also to stop the Croats looking inside as he had not cleared the movement of an injured Muslim with

them; this was because they usually stalled and prevaricated until the casualty had died. His brave and determined actions saved the woman's life and she made a full recovery in due course.

Captain Yorke carried out a most complex and often harrowing and frustrating job over an extended period with great style, determination and bravery. His dedication to easing suffering, on whatever side, was exemplary and won him widespread acclaim.

Captain Yorke was without question the officer whose life was most consistently at risk within the battalion. His unquestionable gallantry and success in saving lives deserves clear recognition.⁵⁸

Operation GRAPPLE was the deployment of British forces to Bosnia-Herzegovina from late-1992 to March 1995 as part of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) with responsibility for the security of humanitarian aid convoys.

Other awards earned by members of 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards during this tour of operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina:⁵⁹

Additional Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gage Williams MBE

Additional Member of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

Sergeant Murdoch MacRury, The Royal Logistic Corps

Major Michael George Tucker, Royal Australian Regiment.

Military Cross:

Lance Sergeant Darren Waterhouse

Mention in Despatches:

Sergeant Nigel Stuart Crisford

Captain Simon John Henry Gill

Captain Dominic Evan Mark Guinness

Lance Corporal Stephen John May, Grenadier Guards

Queen's Commendation for Bravery:

Guardisman Gareth Jeffrey Andrews

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service:

Major Andrew James Benjamin Johnston MBE

Major The Honourable Richard Francis David Margesson

Lance Sergeant Paul William Murray, Grenadier Guards

Nine Joint Theatre or Force Commander's Commendations were awarded also.

Robert William Yorke was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Coldstream Guards (529600, Second Lieutenant) on 10 December 1988; Lieutenant 10 December 1990; Captain 10 December 1994; Major 30 September 1999. As a Major he commanded Number 3 Company, 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards. He retired from the British Army on 30 June 2006. **He died on 5 September 2007, aged 39.**

Award: Mention in Despatches
(Lieutenant, Coldstream Guards)

Conflict/Incident: Gulf War, Operation GRANBY

London Gazette: 29 June 1991. Issue 52588, p 15.

In recognition of service during the operations in the Gulf.

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¹ Citation with permission of The Honourable Company of Air Pilots; Trophies and Awards 2014.

² Comments about the award, and details of his career and medals group provided to the author by R. J. Adams QGM.

³ Citation with permission of Shipwrecked Mariners' Society; Awards for Skill and Gallantry 2015.

⁴ As at 2020. Comment about the award and details about his career and medals group provided to the author by D. M. Allanson QGM.

⁵ For an account of Operation SAID, and Allen's part in it, see: Akehurst, J. (1982). *We Won a War: The Campaign in Oman 1965-1975*. pp. 154-157. Salisbury: Russell Publishing. In it, Brigadier Akehurst writes of Allen's 'cool gallantry', and, in a handwritten dedication in a copy presented to Allen, Akehurst wrote; '...to whose courage in action these pages could not begin to do justice'.

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- ⁶ Details about his career, and medals group provided to the author by G. D. Allen QGM.
- ⁷ Letter to Ra'ees (Captain) G. D. Allen from Major General K. Perkins MBE, DFC, Commander, The Sultan's Armed Forces, dated 29 September 1976. Letter of authority for unrestricted wear dated 31 December 1976.
- ⁸ Ordinary Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Chaplain Hugh Patrick Murphy RD, Royal Naval Reserve. *London Gazette* 15 June 1974. Issue 46310, p. 6797.
- ⁹ *Hansard*. House of Commons Debate. (30 October 1974). Volume 880, cc. 212-20.
- ¹⁰ *London Gazette* 14 June 1975. Issue 46593, p. 7380, 7393 and 7394, respectively.
- ¹¹ At the time of publication Sea King XV663 was on display at the National Maritime Museum Cornwall Search and Rescue Exhibition, painted in Royal Navy (port side) and Royal Air Force (starboard side) livery. XV663 has since been moved to the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton.
- ¹² Comment about the award and details about his career and medals group provided to the author by J. K. Boughton QGM.
- ¹³ Honorary award; approved 19 June 1983.
- ¹⁴ Details of the incident from the archive at [Noonans, Mayfair](#).
- ¹⁵ For a full report on the incident see: Curren, I. (15 February 2017). *Investigation of a hang gliding incident, which occurred at Chabre Mountain, Laragne, France, on 22nd June 2016*. IR GBR-2016-3434. British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.
- ¹⁶ Details of the incident and of his career and medals group provided to the author by S. J. Butler QGM.
- ¹⁷ Approved by the Governor-General on 31 January 1974. At the time of publication of *For Exemplary Bravery* the award to Cullenward had not been identified. It was one of several such awards not published in the *London Gazette*. I am grateful to Anthony Staunton for providing the details of it.
- ¹⁸ Details of the incident provided to the author by V Jeffries and B Jeffries. The citation published in the *London Gazette* differs significantly from that provided by Government House, Brisbane. That citation states (with differing text underlined):
- On 11th October, 1972, Captain Phillip Henry Clay volunteered to fly a helicopter to rescue a man clinging to an upturned boat near Mackay in Queensland and the body of another man seen floating one mile south. Two of the crewmen accompanying him were David Maxwell Jeffries and Richard David Cullenward. The weather at the time was stormy with strong winds and very rough seas.
- Captain Clay located the upturned boat and despite the adverse flying conditions manoeuvred the helicopter to a position which enabled Jeffries to climb down the lowered helicopter steps and lift the man, who had been in the water for 27 hours and was completely helpless, out of the water. With the help of Cullenward, who was positioned on the steps immediately above Jeffries, they were able to lift the man into the helicopter. The seas were so rough that the man being rescued was submerged two or three times during the attempt, and it was with great difficulty that Jeffries managed to keep a hold on the steps with one hand and the man with the other.
- The helicopter then proceeded to the drowned man, but because of the rough weather and the fact that the body was floating below the surface of the water, it was impossible to recover it without serious risk to the rescuers.
- During the entire operation, exceptional skill, determination and courage of the highest order were displayed by the three rescuers without regard for the danger to their own lives.
- ¹⁹ Ashman, R. (17 April 1989). *Spitfire Against The Odds*. Somerset: Patrick Stephens Ltd.
- ²⁰ Shores, C. (3 October 2004). *Those Other Eagles*. London: Grub Street.
- ²¹ The official report on the escape (*Report of an Inquiry by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons into the security arrangements at HM Prison, Maze—Hennessy Report, 1984*) may be found at CAIN. <<http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/hms0/hennessy/hennessy84.htm>>
- ²² Details of the incident and of his career and medals group provided to the author by D. I. Duguid QGM.
- ²³ *London Gazette* 2 September 2014. Issue 60977, page 17010.
- ²⁴ 'Divers, Aviators and Commandos Honoured for Going Beyond the Call of Duty'. (23 November 2018). Royal Navy News Online. Retrieved 18 May 2019 from <<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk>>.
- ²⁵ None of these awards were published in the *London Gazette*. An undocumented number of Queen's Commendations for Brave Conduct were published only in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette or in State Gazettes. I am grateful to Anthony Staunton for identifying these awards to me. For a full list of these awards to the Queensland Police see *OMRS Journal*, December 2019, pp. 264-270.
- ²⁶ For details of the incident see: 'Service Inquiry Challenger 2 Incident at Castlemartin Ranges, Pembrokeshire, 14 Jun 17'. (16 May 2018). Defence Safety Authority, Ministry of Defence.

²⁷ Details of his life and medals group provided to the author by Mrs. Lesley Gudgeon.

²⁸ New Zealand Special Honours List, 20 April 2013.

New Zealand Gallantry Decoration. T1002840 Lance Corporal Leon Kristopher Smith, 1 New Zealand Special Air Service Group, New Zealand Defence Force

On 19 August 2011 Lance Corporal Smith, as a member of the NZSAS Task Force, responded to an insurgent attack on the British Council Offices in the centre of Kabul, Afghanistan. Five insurgents used a Suicide Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device to gain entry into the British Council Offices. Having made entry into the compound they manoeuvred themselves into a strong defensive position where they could rain down small arms fire and rockets and ultimately detonate suicide vests against the rescue force. This incident was complex in nature. Not only was the enemy determined and well-equipped, five British nationals were also isolated within the compound.

Lance Corporal Smith arrived on the scene with other members of the NZSAS who were supporting the Afghan Crisis Response Unit (CRU). As part of a supporting plan Lance Corporal Smith moved into an over-watch position 30 metres away from the insurgents' stronghold. The NZSAS personnel, including Lance Corporal Smith, began to prepare a plan to rescue the hostages and to assist the CRU to clear the compound of insurgents.

At approximately 11.35 am (local time) Corporal Douglas Grant, another member of the Task Force, moved across the backyard of the target building to link up with other NZSAS members. Whilst rushing up a stairwell Corporal Grant was mortally wounded by insurgent fire. Initially it was not known where Corporal Grant had fallen or what condition he was in.

With no concern for his personal safety, Lance Corporal Smith pushed into an exposed position to view and confirm Corporal Grant's exact location. Lance Corporal Smith saw Corporal Grant lying inside a small structure slightly above him at the top of some stairs. Without hesitation Lance Corporal Smith requested to move to Corporal Grant's position in order to render first aid, but was told by his Troop Commander to wait for a ballistic shield. During this period Lance Corporal Smith's position was receiving a significant volume of insurgent machine gun and rifle fire.

Once Lance Corporal Smith received the ballistic shield, he took two deep breaths, gave his Troop Commander a positive nod and the 'GO' call was issued. Covering fire from over-watch positions was directed towards the insurgents as Lance Corporal Smith jumped into the fray. Once again without thought for his personal safety, he leapt over a wall and across exposed and open ground and up the same stairs where Corporal Grant had been shot. All the while, insurgent bullets were impacting around him. Lance Corporal Smith threw himself into the room where Corporal Grant lay and then, with cool and professional resolve, began providing immediate medical treatment. Corporal Grant was not yet confirmed dead and Lance Corporal Smith, also trained in advanced patrol paramedic techniques, applied first aid to the wound and commenced CPR, which he continued to administer until Corporal Grant was evacuated from the building in the care of the Task Force medic. To evacuate Corporal Grant safely, Lance Corporal Smith had to call for other Task Force members to knock a hole in the brick wall of the building that he and Corporal Grant were in. Lance Corporal Smith then calmly returned to the fight. During this stage he again exposed himself to enemy fire so that he could engage the insurgents effectively. He then took part in blowing a large hole in the outer wall of the compound so that he and other members of the Task Force could minimise the open ground they had to cover to get to the panic room where the British captives were hiding. Lance Corporal Smith then provided covering fire as the captives were rushed to safety through the compound wall.

Throughout the entire incident Lance Corporal Smith displayed extreme calmness under pressure, tremendous personal bravery, and the utmost professionalism whilst under continuous insurgent fire. As a result of Lance Corporal Smith's actions Corporal Grant received the best medical treatment possible, the Task Force was able to recover all five British nationals alive and the insurgent threat was neutralised.

²⁹ New Zealand Special Honours List, 9 December 2014.

³⁰ The National Archives. Public Record Office. (1982). *Recommendation for Award for Haw, Anthony Robert*. WO 373/178/23.

³¹ Star of Courage: [Australian Bravery Decorations, 24 March 2021](#). Royal Humane Society of Australasia, [Clarke Posthumous Medal](#). Both were presented to his parents at the Australian High Commission in London on 14 December 2021.

³² Bravery Medal: [Australian Bravery Decorations, 24 March 2021](#). Royal Humane Society of Australasia, [Silver Medal](#). Both were presented at the Australian High Commission in London on 22 February 2022.

³³ Commendation for Brave Conduct: [Australian Bravery Decorations, 24 March 2021](#). Royal Humane Society of Australasia, [Gold Medal](#). The Gold Medal was presented on 21 May 2021 at Brisbane City Hall.

³⁴ Details of his life provided to the author by his father, Les Jackson.

³⁵ The Royal Thai Government Gazette may be accessed [here](#). The Gazette of 21 March 2019 may be found [here](#).

³⁶ Royal Humane Society, [Annual Report 2019](#).

Silver Medal and Stanhope Gold Medal: R. W. S. Stanton MBE, GM and J. Volanthen GM; Bronze Medal: J. B. Bratchley MBE, C. Jewell QGM, J. Mallinson QGM, Lance Corporal C. S. Roe MBE, and J. Warny; Certificate of Commendation: R. Harper, V. Unsworth MBE.

³⁷ London Gazette 29 December 2018. Issue 62507, pages N24-N25.

³⁸ Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal. *For the attempted rescue (with J. Volanthen) of a French cave diver in Dragonnière de Gaud (a cave) in the Ardèche Gorge, France, between 3rd and 14th October 2010*. Date of Award: 2012.

Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. Firefighter Richard William Stanton, West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service. *For services to Local Government*. London Gazette 29 December 2012. Issue 60367, page 22.

³⁹ Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal. *For the attempted rescue (with R. W. Stanton) of a French cave diver in Dragonnière de Gaud (a cave) in the Ardèche Gorge, France, between 3rd and 14th October 2010*. Date of Award: 2012.

⁴⁰ 'Military courage recognised by Operational Honours list'. (21 March 2014). Ministry of Defence Press Release.

⁴¹ Royal Humane Society: [Lukasz Koczocik – Stanhope Gold Medal](#).

⁴² Provided to the author by Irving Lyon QGM.

⁴³ McKittrick *et al.* *Op. Cit.* (footnote 88). p 686.

⁴⁴ Details about his medals group provided to the author by D. Crooks QGM.

⁴⁵ Also awarded the Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal.

⁴⁶ Also awarded the Royal Humane Society Silver Medal.

⁴⁷ Australian Bravery Decorations Honours List, 28 March 2019.

Ms Boden was having dinner with two friends at a restaurant at Borough Market when they heard a crash on the nearby London Bridge. Without hesitation, Ms Boden, who was working as a nurse at Guy's Hospital, told her friends that she was going to see if anyone was injured. She quickly left the table, running in the direction of the bridge. Moments later, the area turned to a scene of mass chaos and panic as people began screaming and running from the bridge into Borough Market. Ms Boden's two friends lost sight of her in the melee. Pulled along with the crowd, they fled their seats and were swept around a corner away from the bridge. As soon as they were able, they made their way back to where they thought Ms Boden would be. They located her on the pavement about 50 metres away from the restaurant. She had been attacked and severely wounded by terrorists who had been in the van, and a police officer was performing CPR on her. Her friends explained to the police officer that Ms Boden had left them at the restaurant in an attempt to help others. Sadly Ms Boden did not survive her injuries. By her actions, Ms Boden displayed considerable bravery.

⁴⁸ Biographical details and information about his medals group provided to the author by J. W. McNair QGM.

⁴⁹ His forename has been published as both Omar and Omer. His full correct name is Ömer Faik Müftüzade.

⁵⁰ The additional details in this amended biography of Ömer Faik Müftüzade were taken from: Sheard, Margaret. (2015). *Ömer Faik Müftüzade: OBE, MBE and Queen's Gallantry Medal awards, as told by his son Hakki Müftüzade*. Online at <<https://tfnorthcyprus.wordpress.com>>. Retrieved 17 December 2015.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*

⁵² The record of the Service Inquiry into the incident may be found here: [Service Inquiry](#).

⁵³ 24463879 Lance Corporal Stephen William Taverner. Died of wounds on 6 November 1983.

⁵⁴ Details of his life provided to the author by his sister, Deborah John.

⁵⁵ Citation with permission of The Honourable Company of Air Pilots; Trophies and Awards 2016.

⁵⁶ For details of the incident see: 'Report on the investigation into the capsizing and foundering of the fishing vessel Solstice (PH199) resulting in one fatality approximately 7 miles south of Plymouth, England, 26 September 2017'. (6 December 2018). Marine Accident Investigation Branch Report No. 20/2018.

⁵⁷ 24779897 Staff Sergeant Simon Cullingworth and 25066729 Sapper Luke Denis Glyn Allsopp.

⁵⁸ **Recommendation from the archives of Regimental Headquarters, Coldstream Guards provided by Ian Tindall.**

⁵⁹ For more information about the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards on this operational tour see: Paget, J (ed). (2000). *Second to None: The History of the Coldstream Guards 1650 – 2000*. Barnsley: Pen & Sword. Chapter 11.