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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of The Queen's Gallantry Medal and for the publication in *The London Gazette* of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Bravery.

Queen's Gallantry Medal

Gavin John MILLER*For rescuing a fire fighting colleague from a burning building*

This case relates to an incident on 1 November 2003. Gavin Miller was a member of a breathing apparatus team who attended a fire in a storeroom at a hotel. During the battle with the fire, a fireman fell through the roof of the storeroom into the flames below. Crew Commander Miller had previously been in the storeroom so he knew the intensity of the flames but he nevertheless immediately entered the storeroom again to rescue his colleague. The room was by now a fireball and the temperature was intense, estimated as being in excess of 1,000C. Despite the pain from the intense heat he managed to reach his colleague and started to drag him to safety. He eventually was helped by two other colleagues in making the rescue and when he emerged from the storeroom he had to be doused in water to extinguish the flames. Sadly, the colleague he rescued later died in hospital. Crew Commander Miller was treated for heat exhaustion and burns but made a full recovery.

Firefighter Dean SEAWARD*For rescuing a family of three from a burning building*

A rented flat in Blackpool caught fire on 25 November 2008 after an explosion and a family of three inside found themselves trapped on the third floor. The family made their way to the roof through two small dormer windows and awaited rescue. Fire Service personnel were quickly on the scene but were confronted with a well developed fire spreading rapidly. After hearing calls for help from the family on the roof, two ladders were pitched to affect a rescue.

Two breathing apparatus wearers were preparing to ascend the ladder when Firefighter Seaward, realising time was critical, climbed the ladder and rescued an adult male. He then joined a second crew who were tasked with pitching a further ladder to rescue the other members of the family. He ascended this ladder into the smoke and heat layer, this time having to make his way from the eaves to the ridge via a gully. On reaching the ridge he made contact with the rescued man's wife and son. Realising he had to get the two persons out of the smoke he first walked down the distressed female, located the ladder and passed her safely to a Firefighter at the top of the ladder. He then returned for the son and rescued him in the same manner before finally descending the ladder himself to safety.

Queen's Commendation for Bravery

Sergeant Torquil CAMPBELL, Strathclyde Police Force
PC Stewart William FERGUSON, Strathclyde Police Force
For their actions in dealing with the terrorist attack on Glasgow Airport on 30 June 2007

Sergeant Campbell was the police officer in charge at Glasgow Airport on 30 June 2007. When the bombers attacked he had just met an off duty colleague, PC Ferguson, who was at the airport to collect relatives. On hearing the commotion as the bombers' vehicle struck the terminal building, both officers raced to the scene, summoning help from colleagues and clearing the public from the area. Despite minor explosions continually taking place, both officers tackled the bombers, who were intent on resisting arrest. PC Ferguson even used a fire extinguisher to try and douse the flames and then used it to deter one of the bombers from launching an attack on him and his colleagues. After much effort, and with the assistance of other colleagues and members of the public, both bombers were subdued and arrested. During the struggle, Sergeant Campbell sustained an injury to his hand and suffered the effects of CS spray but despite this he remained on duty to ensure the safety of the public and to deal with the needs of the two men arrested. PC Ferguson also remained at the scene, securing evidence and maximising its preservation.

Stephen William CLARKSON

For his actions in assisting the police to subdue a Glasgow Airport bomber on 30 June 2007

Stephen Clarkson was at Glasgow Airport on 30 June 2007 to collect some relatives. He was in the main public foyer when the bombers struck. He ran towards the area from where he could see smoke billowing and assisted a police officer in subduing one of the bombers. Stephen Clarkson punched the bomber, who fell to the ground, and then used his body weight to restrain him until he was handcuffed.

Christopher DAVEY

For his actions in giving assistance to passengers after a light aircraft had crashed in Venezuela

On 17 April 2009 a light aircraft carrying 9 British tourists and 3 Venezuelans crashed on take off in a remote jungle area of Venezuela near Angel Falls. Christopher Davey, a trained paramedic, was one of the passengers and despite being cut, bruised and in a state of shock, stayed on board the aircraft and assisted others. Despite the real risk of the aircraft igniting, he treated two British women with serious injuries; one had a blocked airway and the second required CPR. He helped to remove all the passengers from the aircraft. He also treated a third British woman who had suffered serious head injuries which helped her to avoid more serious mental and neural damage. He also treated a young boy with serious head injuries but he unfortunately died later. Christopher Davey remained with all the casualties when they were transferred to hospital and ensured that their injuries were properly assessed and treated.

Sean FOXCROFT (deceased)

For his actions in saving several students from drowning in South Africa

Sean Foxcroft was one of five Team Leaders in charge of 15 British students aged between 16–18 on a London organised World Challenge school expedition to South Africa. On 27 July 2008 he and some students were playing on a beach when some of the students went into the water to cool off. This is a dangerous area for swimming and signs are posted on the beach to warn of the hazardous sea conditions. The students got into difficulties in the surf and he and another leader went to save them. He went into the water on more than one occasion and saved more than one student. Although he managed to get the students to safety, he himself was sadly swept away to his death.

Michael KERR

For his actions in assisting the police to subdue a Glasgow Airport bomber on 30 June 2007

Soon after the vehicle had rammed into the Glasgow Airport terminal building, one of the bombers emerged and a police officer attempted to detain him. Michael Kerr was at the airport returning from vacation when he witnessed the fight between the police officer and one of the bombers. He went to the police officer's assistance and ended up being punched in the face and kicked on the leg, which resulted in him suffering a broken leg. He was dragged to safety by other members of the public.

Henry LAMBIE

For his actions in assisting the police to subdue a Glasgow Airport bomber on 30 June 2007

On 30 June 2007, Henry Lambie was working at Glasgow Airport as an Airport Ambassador. He heard a loud bang and made his way to the area and saw a burning vehicle rammed against the main doors of the terminal building. Realising the danger, he instructed staff to evacuate and helped two members under threat from fire to do so. Thinking the fire was the result of a motor accident he obtained a fire extinguisher and moved towards the fire. He quickly realised this was not an accident but continued to fight the fire until help arrived. One of the bombers ran towards him in an attempt to stop him fighting the flames but he turned the water on the bomber and held him off, allowing police officers to apprehend him.

Michael Joseph McDONALD

For his actions in assisting the police to subdue a Glasgow Airport bomber on 30 June 2007

Michael McDonald was working as a check-in attendant when he heard a loud bang. He helped to evacuate passengers and then noticed police officers struggling with one of the bombers. He ran to assist and struck one of the bombers in an effort to subdue him and then helped wrestle him to the ground. He used his bodyweight to restrain the bomber while the police handcuffed him.

Alexander McILVEEN

For his actions in assisting the police to subdue a Glasgow Airport bomber on 30 June 2007

Alexander McIlveen was operating as a taxi driver and had just parked his car adjacent to the front of the terminal building when he witnessed the bombers' vehicle ramming the building. He directed his passenger to safety and then ran to the assistance of a police officer who was being attacked. He saw one of the bombers throw a petrol bomb. Undeterred, he helped the police restrain one of the bombers. During the altercation, CS Gas was used to try and control one of the bombers and Alexander McIlveen was temporarily blinded. He was helped away from the burning vehicle. He soon recovered and later helped Michael Kerr to safety.
