

STAR OF COURAGE

Mr Grahame Douglas MACKELMANN
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On 8 June 1979 Mr Mackelmann was Flight Captain on a TAA flight from Coolangatta to Brisbane. Shortly after take off at about 8.40p.m. a man armed with a loaded shotgun entered the flight deck and made a number of demands. During the flight the armed man continually menaced and threatened the crew. Finally, with the aircraft low on fuel, and despite constant threats with the loaded shotgun held against his neck, Mr Mackelmann landed the plane safely. Following negotiations the passengers disembarked and eventually the hijacker was overpowered.

Mr Mackelmann displayed conspicuous courage and placed himself in great peril by ignoring the hijacker's demands in order to ensure the safety of passengers and crew.

Miss Esme QAZIM
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On 8 June 1979 Miss Qazim was a hostess on a TAA flight from Coolangatta to Brisbane. Shortly after take off at about 8.40p.m., a man armed with a loaded shotgun entered the flight deck and made a number of demands and threats. Eventually the aircraft landed and the passengers disembarked but the hijacker held Miss Qazim and other crew members hostage for approximately one and a half hours. During a moment when the hijacker's attention was distracted Miss Qazim attacked him and knocked him to the floor, forcing him to release the shotgun. Other crew members then assisted Miss Qazim to overpower him.

Miss Qazim displayed conspicuous courage in attacking an armed and dangerous man.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Detective Sergeant Third Class John William BURKE
New South Wales Police Force

On 15 June 1978, Detective Sergeant Burke and four other police officers were assigned to apprehend a number of persons who, it was known, were about to carry out an assassination. All of the officers were aware that the suspects would attempt to detonate an explosive device if stopped by police. As the suspects drove slowly along a street Detective Sergeant Burke and two other officers rushed their moving car. Later when searching the vehicle Detective Sergeant Burke located an explosive device and, after warning other police away, removed the bomb to a safe place.

Detective Sergeant Burke displayed considerable bravery in assisting to apprehend the dangerous persons and in removing the bomb from the vehicle.

Chief Inspector John Bagnall BURROWS
Australian Federal Police

On 4 April 1979, Chief Inspector Burrows, a member of the Australian Federal Police at Sydney International Airport was alerted that a man had taken a young woman hostage aboard an aircraft parked at the terminal. Chief Inspector Burrows entered the aircraft to negotiate with the man who was holding a knife at the hostage's throat. During the next two hours Chief Inspector Burrows slowly gained the man's confidence and then saw an opportunity to seize the man, thereby allowing the hostage to escape.

By his actions Chief Inspector Burrows displayed considerable bravery in seizing the armed man to allow the hostage to escape.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mrs Merrill Elizabeth COULTON
67 Roseville Avenue
ROSEVILLE N.S.W. 2069

On 5 May 1979 an armed man entered the Rozelle Branch of the Totalisator Agency Board and menaced staff at the counter. Mrs Coulton, the Branch Manager, immediately activated the teleprinter alarm. The man fired a shot at Mrs Coulton narrowly missing her, then fired further shots seriously wounding another employee. Although she had taken cover Mrs Coulton then left cover and exposed herself to the armed man in order to obtain a telephone and summon assistance. Soon after police arrived and apprehended the offender.

Mrs Coulton displayed considerable bravery in twice risking the danger of being shot by the armed man.

Mr Anthony JACOB
94 Queen Street
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On 9 June 1979, at about 10.15p.m., a fire started in the Ghost Train complex at Luna Park, Sydney. Anthony Jacob, aged 17 years, a part-time attendant, obtained a fire extinguisher and entered the building. He immediately assisted about 20 persons to safety outside the building and then returned to fight the fire, but was driven back by the heat and smoke. He then attempted to gain access to another section of the burning building to assist persons inside but was again driven back.

Anthony Jacob displayed considerable bravery in rescuing a number of persons from the burning building and in carrying out further attempts to fight the fire and save lives.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Detective Sergeant Third Class Aldo LORENZUTTA
New South Wales Police Force

On 4 April 1979 a man forced a young woman at knife point aboard an aircraft parked at the Sydney International Airport terminal. Through the efforts of another police officer the hostage escaped but the man produced an explosive device which he then threatened to detonate. Detective Sergeant Lorenzutta entered the aircraft to negotiate with the man knowing he was armed with at least one explosive device. After about two hours of negotiations with the man, who by now was very irrational, Detective Sergeant Lorenzutta distracted his attention and signalled other police officers nearby to allow them to make their way into the aircraft and apprehend the man.

Detective Sergeant Lorenzutta displayed considerable bravery in confronting an armed and dangerous man.

Miss Kathryn Bridget PARTINGTON
34 Altona Avenue
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On 9 June 1979, at about 10.15 p.m. a fire started in the Ghost Train complex at Luna Park in Sydney. Miss Partington and a youth, both aged 16 years, were riding the train. Upon becoming aware of the fire ahead they immediately left their carriage and returned down the track towards the entrance. When a carriage came near they pulled the two occupants out and continued back along the track. When another carriage containing two children aged about five years travelled past them, Miss Partington and the youth chased it along the track, pulled the children from it, and carried them towards the entrance.

By her actions Miss Partington showed considerable bravery in assisting persons trapped in the burning building.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Ralph Anthony SCHIANO
3 Wheatleigh Street
NAREMBURN N.S.W. 2065

On 9 June, at about 10.15 p.m. a fire started in the Ghost Train complex at Luna Park in Sydney. Ralph Schiano and a young woman, both aged 16 years, were riding the train. Upon becoming aware of the fire ahead they immediately left their carriage and returned down the track towards the entrance. When a carriage came near they pulled the two occupants out and continued back along the track. When another carriage containing two children aged five years travelled past them, Ralph and the young woman chased it along the track, pulled the children from it, and carried them towards the entrance.

By his actions Ralph Schiano showed considerable bravery in assisting persons trapped in the burning building.

Mr Wayne Ralph STEPHENS
2 Hobart Avenue
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On 12 December 1979 at about 5.40 p.m. Wayne Stephens aged 16 years was fishing at the western end of Brighton Jetty in South Australia, in the company of three friends, when a woman ran up the jetty and jumped fully clothed into the rough water below. One of the boys threw a lifebuoy to the woman but she made no attempt to get into it. Wayne, a non-swimmer, then entered the water to assist the woman who was now floating face down. Wayne placed the buoy over her head and arms and asked his companions to pull them towards the ramp, but because of the strong wind which was blowing they made little progress. The woman slipped through the lifebuoy and went under the water, dragging Wayne with her. However, he brought her to the surface and supported her. The other boys now entered the water assisted Wayne to get the woman back on to the jetty.

In entering the water to assist the woman, Wayne Stephens showed considerable bravery.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Steven William BROOKES
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On 9 September 1979 at about 10.00p.m. Mr Brookes, in the company of others, saw a woman swimming in the Prosser River at Orford, Tasmania. When the woman appeared to become exhausted Mr Brookes, in response to her call for assistance, entered the water despite the cold conditions and supported her until help arrived.

By his actions Mr Brookes displayed commendable courage.

Master Darrell Gregory EVANS
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On 10 June 1979, at about 4.00p.m. Darrell Evans was told that a five year old boy had fallen down a steep bank and into the Clyde River at Hamilton, Tasmania. Darrell aged 14 years, although unable to swim, immediately ran to the river bank and jumped fully clothed into the river in an endeavour to rescue the child.

Although the attempt was unsuccessful Darrell displayed commendable courage in attempting to rescue the young boy.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Detective Sergeant Third Class Dennis Martin GILLIGAN
New South Wales Police Force

On 15 June 1978, Detective Sergeant Gilligan and four other police officers were assigned to apprehend a number of persons who, it was known, were about to carry out an assassination. All of the officers were aware that the suspects would attempt to detonate an explosive device if stopped by police. As the suspects drove slowly along a street, Detective Sergeant Gilligan and two other officers rushed the vehicle and pulled the suspects from their moving car before they were able to detonate the bomb which was later located in the vehicle.

By his actions Detective Sergeant Gilligan displayed commendable courage.

Detective Senior Constable Robert George GODDEN
New South Wales Police Force

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By his actions Detective Senior Constable Godden displayed commendable courage.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Detective Senior Constable Michael Anthony HALES
New South Wales Police Force

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Detective Senior Constable Hales, assisted by another officer, then stopped the driverless car which later was found to contain a bomb.

By his actions Detective Senior Constable Hales displayed commendable courage.

Detective Sergeant Third Class Barry Herbert SUMMERFIELD
New South Wales Police Force

On 15 June 1978, Detective Sergeant Summerfield and four other police officers were assigned to apprehend a number of persons who, it was known, were about to carry out an assassination. All of the officers were aware that the suspects would attempt to detonate an explosive device if stopped by police. As the suspects drove slowly along a street three police officers rushed the vehicle and pulled them from their moving car.

Detective Sergeant Summerfield, assisted by another officer, then stopped the driverless car which later was found to contain a bomb.

By his actions Detective Sergeant Summerfield displayed commendable courage.