

BRAVERY MEDAL

Detective Senior Constable
Kimbal Manning COOK
New South Wales Police Force.

On 7 July 1980 at Cremorne, New South Wales, Detective Cook and other police were pursuing an offender known by them to be armed and dangerous. Notwithstanding the fact that during the pursuit the offender was firing his revolver at Detective Cook, and at one stage narrowly missed him, the detective continued the pursuit. When the offender then fired at other police who were approaching Detective Cook pushed the man's arm away to spoil his aim. A struggle ensued during which the offender fired a further shot narrowly missing the detectives. With the assistance of further police the offender was eventually subdued.

Detective Cook displayed considerable bravery in continuing to pursue and in apprehending an armed and dangerous man who was firing at police.

Chief Petty Officer
David Elliott GRANT
Royal Australian Navy

On 1 March 1981 submarine HMAS Onslow was submerged during sea exercises off the East Coast of Australia when, during certain procedures in stopping engines, a dense cloud of white acrid, noxious smoke filled the Engine Room and circulated through the ventilation system into the Control Room and accommodation area seriously affecting, and endangering the lives of, a large number of the crew. Chief Petty Officer Grant donned breathing apparatus and, on his hands and knees, searched the Engine Room for signs of fire. He removed his breathing mask to report 'safety from fire' and in so doing inhaled the fumes. Although now affected by the smoke he then searched the accommodation area and found an unconscious seaman. He reported the casualty and, notwithstanding he was near collapse, attempted to revive the sailor by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and by using air from his own breathing unit.

By his actions in ensuring that the Engine Room was safe and in attempting to revive an unconscious seaman Chief Petty Officer Grant displayed considerable bravery.

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Mr Keith Edward LOVERIDGE
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Shortly after 9 a.m. on 21 April 1981 at Tullamarine, Victoria, Mr Loveridge noticed a large quantity of black smoke from a house fire when driving to his place of work. He went to the scene. On being advised that two young children were in the burning building he removed his shirt and, after wetting it with water, kicked in the lower portion of a corner window and, through it, entered the building, holding his shirt to his face. Mr Loveridge searched the room; he had to return to the window for air on three occasions, but eventually located a six year old boy. He brought him to safety outside the building and was attempting to re-enter the building at another point to search for the second child when fire officials arrived. The six year old child survived.

Mr Loveridge displayed considerable bravery in rescuing the young child from the burning building.

Petty Officer
Harold Francis ROLLINSON
Royal Australian Navy

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In his persistent efforts in the Engine Room Petty Officer Rollinson displayed considerable bravery. He placed the safety of the submarine and the survival and well being of other crew members above his own safety.

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Mr Geoffrey Angus WILLIAMS
R.S.D. 2560
RUTHERGLEN VIC. 3685

When driving on the Murray Valley Highway, near Major's Creek, Victoria, at about 3 p.m. on 4 January 1981, Mr Williams saw a burning car in a paddock off the highway. Upon seeing persons in the car Mr Williams attempted to lever the driver's door open with a crowbar but was unsuccessful. He then attempted to lever other doors open and eventually managed to open the front passenger door and release the driver. He then levered one of the rear doors partially open to release the passenger. By this time the floor and the back seat of the car were on fire. With the assistance of another person Mr Williams pulled the passenger free a few moments before the entire car was alight.

By his actions Mr Williams displayed considerable bravery.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Detective Sergeant Ronald DALY
New South Wales Police Force

On 7 July 1980 at Cremorne, New South Wales, Detective Daly and other police were pursuing an offender known by them to be armed and dangerous. During the pursuit the armed offender fired shots at close range at Detective Daly, who, nevertheless, continued the pursuit. When another police officer apprehended the offender Detective Daly joined in the ensuing struggle despite further shots being fired. The offender was subsequently overpowered.

In these circumstances Detective Daly displayed commendable courage.

Detective Senior Constable
Michael Allen DONOVAN
New South Wales Police Force

On 7 July 1980 at Cremorne, New South Wales, Detective Donovan and other police were pursuing an offender known by them to be armed and dangerous. During the pursuit the armed offender fired at Detective Donovan, who was saved only as a result of another police officer tackling the offender and spoiling his aim. Detective Donovan joined in the ensuing struggle despite further shots being fired. The offender was subsequently overpowered.

In these circumstances Detective Donovan displayed commendable courage.

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Senior Constable
Peter Ian KING
Tasmania Police Force

At about 1.40 a.m. on 22 June 1981 a young woman climbed on to a small platform inside the maintenance unit attached to the outside of the Tasman Bridge, Hobart, Tasmania. The woman who was in a state of panic and screaming, and who appeared to be deranged, was threatening to jump to the water 50 metres below. Constable King climbed down the outside of the maintenance unit from the other side of the bridge until he was able to make his way inside. When the woman's attention was distracted he rushed and managed to hold her, despite her severe struggles, until other help arrived.

By his actions Constable King displayed commendable courage.

Sergeant Graham Anthony George SLOANE
Australian Army

On 28 November 1980 Sergeant Sloane - then holding the rank of Corporal - was the instructor during a live hand grenade practice for recruits of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka, New South Wales. During the practice an armed grenade was incorrectly thrown by a recruit and rebounded into the throwing bay. Sergeant Sloane commenced normal evacuation procedure but found the fused grenade lying in the exit. He immediately changed his, and the recruit's route of egress. He wrestled the man bodily into another area of the throwing bay while also shielding the frightened recruit with his own body from the lethal effects of the explosion which occurred moments later.

Sergeant Sloane displayed commendable courage in such hazardous circumstances.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

First Class Constable
Terry John SOMERVILLE
South Australian Police Force

On 24 August 1981, at about 11 p.m., Constable Somerville was called to a house in Elizabeth Downs, South Australia, where a man had locked himself inside after first soaking the house with an inflammable liquid. When the man set the house alight Constable Somerville broke into the premises but was driven back, first by the man threatening to throw a drum of liquid and then by the thick black smoke which had affected his breathing. Constable Somerville entered the burning building, which was rapidly filling with smoke, on two more occasions. On the last occasion Constable Somerville forced the man towards the front door and with the assistance of other police subdued him.

Constable Somerville displayed commendable courage in entering the burning and smoke filled building to rescue the man.