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Honours and Awards

His Excellency The Governor-General has announced that The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the award of The Queen's Gallantry Medal (Q.G.M.) to the under-mentioned:

Kenneth Trevor PENNIALL, of Auckland.

David Alexander Jethro HADLEY, of Auckland.

On 4 November 1976, an armed man robbed the National Bank of New Zealand Ltd., at East Tamaki, Auckland.

At the time Mr Penniall was a customer in the Bank and when the offender made off Mr Penniall followed in his utility vehicle accompanied by Mr Hadley, who had been in a near-by shop. They followed the offender for some distance and at Pakuranga they found him sitting on his motor-cycle in a parking area. The offender attempted to flee but was foiled by Mr Penniall driving into the motor-cycle and knocking it to the ground. Mr Hadley then alighted and tackled the offender.

At this stage the offender produced the loaded sawn-off shotgun used in the hold-up and threatened to shoot Mr Hadley. This did not deter Mr Hadley who threw himself at the offender, deflecting the weapon in the process. Mr Penniall joined in the scuffle and together they were able to overpower the offender and hold him until the Police and other people arrived at the scene.

Both Mr Penniall and Mr Hadley were in danger of death or injury at the hands of the offender. The courage they displayed resulted in a dangerous armed offender being apprehended and \$14,000 recovered in a matter of minutes following the offence.

His Excellency The Governor-General has announced the following awards:

The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Constable Douglas Robert SMITH (3403), New Zealand Police, of Taupo

for services leading to the arrest of a 17-year-old youth who was in possession of a .303 rifle which he had twice fired with serious intentions of causing injury if not death to the persons present. The incident occurred at Taupo on 13 February 1977.

Constable Miles Hearn PAIGNTON (3986), New Zealand Police, of Rotorua.

Constable Paignton is a Police dog handler stationed at Rotorua. On the night of 2 September 1977 when attempting to apprehend an offender, he became separated from his dog and in an ensuing violent fight was severely injured. The offender, with assistance from some patrons from a nearby hotel, was able to make his escape and was not recaptured until the following day.

The Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Russell Godfrey GUTSCHLAG, of Nelson. Pilot, Helicopters (N.Z.) Ltd.

John William REID, M.B.E., of Nelson. General Manager, Helicopters (N.Z.) Ltd.

for services leading to the successful rescue of 13 seamen from the Japanese squid boat, "Maru Daimaru Nr 2", that grounded on the rocks to the north of the Heaphy River mouth on the West Coast of the South Island on 4 January 1977.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of December 1977.

JAMES BROWN, Official Secretary, Government House.