

facial injuries. The offender was later apprehended by the New Zealand Police.

Traffic Officer Thomas, in dealing with a dangerous situation, displayed exemplary courage and his prompt actions saved the life of his fellow officer.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of December 1991.

K. L. RICHARDSON, Official Secretary, Government House.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Her Excellency The Governor-General has announced the following awards of The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

James Rangī Samuel Toheroa ROBINSON

Custody Manager, New Zealand Prison Service, Department of Justice, Christchurch

For services on 1 May 1987, when at the Christchurch Women's Prison, he apprehended and disarmed an intruder who was inside the perimeter boundary fence area. The intruder had previously fired shots at lights around the institution. His prompt action in a dangerous situation enabled the security to be maintained and the safety of inmates and other staff.

Squadron Leader Stephen Geoffrey BONE (X85765)

Royal New Zealand Air Force

Flight Sergeant Ross Stephen PATERSON (E87933)

Royal New Zealand Air Force

On 11 June 1987 during a military exercise between New Zealand and the Malaysian forces, a fuel pump on the deck of a Malaysian Army truck caught fire. A Malaysian Army driver drove the burning vehicle away from several helicopters about to be refuelled. The furiously blazing fuel pump and its petrol tank still intact fell from the truck and landed between two RNZAF Iroquois helicopters. Realising the imminent danger to onlookers (mainly children) and aircraft, Squadron Leader Bone assisted by Flight Sergeant Paterson, took extinguishers from their aircraft and ran to the fuel pump and extinguished the fire. Their prompt action in a most dangerous situation undoubtedly prevented loss of life and probable damage to two aircraft.

Lee Frances, Mrs VOGEL

On the morning of 17 July 1987, Mrs Vogel was acting as a parent volunteer supervisor of a school patrol crossing in Blighs Road, Christchurch City, for the Waimairi Primary School. The patrol was operating, with signs extended requiring drivers to stop, and four children were crossing the road, when it became clear to Mrs Vogel that an approaching car was unlikely to stop. She went onto the crossing in an attempt to wave down the car and/or pull the children from the path of the approaching vehicle. Despite her efforts the vehicle did not stop. It struck three of the children and Mrs Vogel. All four were seriously injured. Mrs Vogel in particular suffered head and leg injuries and a crushed vertebra. Of the children injured, one suffered a dislocated hip and another a cut to the forehead requiring stitches.

Alan Brian LAWRY (N756137)

Corporal, Royal New Zealand Corps of Transport (Retired)

On 27 November 1987, Corporal Lawry went to the assistance of 10 people involved in an accident between a motorcycle and a van on State Highway 1, north of Taihape. As the first person to arrive at the scene, he found the motorcycle's petrol tank had, on impact separated, and was on fire near the van's

petrol tank. On finding the motorcycle pillion passenger under the van with her clothes on fire, he beat out the flames with his gloved hands and removed her to safety. He then went to the rear of the van and removed eight passengers, including six children, to safety. One woman was in shock and remained trapped in the van. Corporal Lawry sat with her inside the van, now burning, until firemen arrived and removed the seat to permit the woman's escape.

Paul David GARRETT

Traffic Sergeant, Traffic Safety Service, Ministry of Transport

For services in the early hours of the morning of 11 January 1988 when, at considerable risk to his own safety, he was instrumental in preventing a woman from jumping off the Auckland Harbour Bridge. He leant over the safety rail, and gripping it with his knees, grabbed the woman under her arms and then, assisted by Police, pulled her to safety.

Kevin Barry REID

On 6 July 1988, Mr Reid, a sharemilker, went to the assistance of a man trapped in his motor vehicle and suffering from concussion and cuts to his head and unable to free himself from the seatbelt. The vehicle's engine was on fire and flames had begun to pierce through the dashboard. Mr Reid cut the seatbelt with his bloat knife and dragged the injured driver through the broken windscreen just before the vehicle was engulfed in flames.

Ian David HARRISON

Traffic Officer, Traffic Safety Service, Ministry of Transport

On the afternoon of 23 August 1988, Traffic Officer Ian Harrison stopped the driver of a motor vehicle for speeding on State Highway 4 at Owhango. He asked the driver back to his patrol vehicle in order to issue a Traffic Offence Notice. He also suspected the driver to be under the influence of alcohol so he carried out a breath screening test. At this point a passenger of the offender's vehicle approached the patrol car in what appeared to be a menacing manner. Realising that the situation was becoming ominous, Traffic Officer Harrison radioed for help. At this stage the person he was processing assaulted him. The passenger then became involved by restraining Traffic Officer Harrison around the neck with the radio telephone cord which had been torn from its mounting. Following several further blows to Traffic Officer Harrison the two men decided that the passenger would take Traffic Officer Harrison hostage in the patrol car and travel south with Traffic Officer Harrison driving, while the other man would lead in his vehicle.

Traffic Officer Harrison while still restrained tightly around the neck by the radio cord, began a U-turn in order to follow the other vehicle. He had already unlocked his car door and while executing the U-turn he opened the door and rolled out of the car onto the road. Traffic Officer Harrison's captor jumped out of the car after him and severely assaulted him. At this point Mr Peter Sutton, who was travelling south with his family, came upon the scene. He stopped and went to Traffic Officer Harrison's assistance only to be confronted by the original offender pointing a pistol at both of them. The gunman fired two shots, the second hitting Mr Sutton in the leg. A third shot lodged in the side of Mr Sutton's vehicle containing his family. The gunman and his companion promptly left the scene in their vehicle.

Peter Bruce Waring-Taylor CLARKE

Sergeant, New Zealand Police

For services at Murupara on 10 May 1989 when, faced by an armed and dangerous offender, who was being sought by the Police, he displayed courage and initiative in managing to overpower and finally arrest the man, in the course of which both barrels of a sawn-off shotgun were discharged very close to him.