

STAR OF COURAGE

Mr Bruce Wallace McPHERSON
C/- P.O. Allingham,
Via INGHAM QLD. 4850

On 10 January 1979 at Yamba, New South Wales, the boat on which Mr McPherson was working capsized in very rough seas, severely injuring the captain of the vessel.

Mr McPherson, although suffering from the effects of being thrown about, immersion in the water and inhaling refrigeration gas, dived repeatedly into the capsized vessel to bring the captain to the surface.

Although the captain died from the effects of his injuries, Mr McPherson placed himself in great peril by his conspicuous courage in rescuing the captain from the upturned vessel.

BRAVERY MEDAL

Mr Alan James ANDERSON,
Yamba Road,
PALMERS ISLAND New South Wales 2460

At about 7.30 a.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Anderson, captain of a fishing vessel, saw a small power boat, containing 5 occupants, overturn in very rough seas near a breakwall.

Although the waves were about 10 metres high and breaking fiercely Mr Anderson, at the risk of his boat foundering, manoeuvred it near the people and assisted his 2 crew members to bring the persons on board.

Mr Anderson showed considerable bravery in effecting a rescue in such hazardous conditions.

Mr Ronald Peter BUSCH,
129 Tamar Street,
BALLINA New South Wales 2478

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Busch was on board his fishing vessel moored at the wharf when he was advised that a boat had capsized near the sand bar approach to the port.

Mr Busch immediately put to sea with several men on board. Upon reaching the area, and despite the rough sea with waves about 7 metres high, Mr Busch, at the risk of his boat foundering, manoeuvred it so that 2 persons who had been picked up by a small craft, could be taken on board and conveyed to shore.

Mr Busch showed considerable bravery in effecting a rescue in such hazardous conditions.

Mr John David DUNCAN,
(Posthumous award)

Mrs Julia M. Duncan,
31 Malone Street,
MORPHETT VALE S.A. 5162

At about 10.15 p.m. on 21 April, 1979, a man, armed with a rifle, entered the Parkside Hotel, Parkside, South Australia, demanding money. After firing a shot, the man left the hotel and retreated to a nearby parked car.

Mr Duncan, a hotel employee, followed the man in an attempt to apprehend him. When he reached the car, Mr Duncan was shot by the man and was fatally wounded.

Mr Duncan displayed considerable bravery in attempting to apprehend a man he knew was armed.

Sergeant Kevin Edward SLOANE
9 Pine Grove,
SALE Victoria 3850

On 17 February 1978 at approximately 2.55 p.m. a Mirage aircraft, with full fuel tanks and carrying bombs and ammunition, crashed on take-off from the RAAF Air Force Base, East Sale, due to a tyre blow-out.

Fuel from the ruptured fuel tanks ignited enveloping the rear of the aircraft in a fierce fire. Sergeant Sloane, the duty Fire Controller, knowing the risk should the bombs or ammunition explode, actually got underneath the aircraft to determine the best method of fighting the fire.

Sergeant Sloane displayed considerable bravery in such hazardous circumstances.

COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Mr Shane Alexander CASTLE,
Flat 6, 33 Tamar Street,
BALLINA New South Wales 2476

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979 at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Castle joined a number of other persons on board a fishing vessel which put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr Castle provided great assistance in bringing the 2 persons on board, and in doing so displayed commendable courage.

Mr George Wellesly COLLETT,
76 Bruce Street,
MT WAVERLEY VIC. 3168

On 17 October 1978, at about 2.15 p.m. in the Union Building at Monash University, Melbourne, Mr Collett, was confronted by an armed man who demanded the money which had been collected from various trading institutions within the University.

Mr Collett wrested the weapon from the man forcing him to flee from the building. By his actions Mr Collett prevented the theft of the money and displayed commendable courage.

Mr Maxwell Leslie John ELFORD,
RMB 731,
PELICAN ISLAND via KEMPSEY, New South Wales 2440

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Elford joined a number of other persons on board a fishing vessel which put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr Elford provided great assistance in bringing the 2 persons on board, and in doing so displayed commendable courage.

Mr Jeffery Lynden GARRETT,
C/- Post Office,
YAMBA New South Wales 2464

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979 at Yamba, New South Wales, a fishing vessel, captained by Mr Peter Busch, put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat. Mr Garrett was a member of the crew of another vessel which also put to sea to assist.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr Garrett and the other crew members displayed commendable courage in standing by to assist Mr Busch.

Mr Mervyn William HARGRAVES,
Flat 1, 3 Harwood Street,
YAMBA New South Wales 2464.

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Hargraves joined a number of other persons on board a fishing vessel which put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr Hargraves provided great assistance in bringing the 2 persons on board, and in doing so displayed commendable courage.

Mr Martin Ross HOWARD,
4 Gemini Street,
JUNCTION HILL Via GRAFTON New South Wales 2460

On 10 January 1979, at about 3 p.m. Mr Howard volunteered to accompany another man in a small craft in an attempt to rescue 2 persons who were caught in very rough seas after their boat had capsized on the Yamba bar.

The 2 persons were picked up and Mr Howard and his companion were then able to manoeuvre their small craft so as to enable the 2 persons to be transferred to a larger vessel and taken to shore. In such hazardous conditions Mr Howard and his companion displayed commendable courage.

Mr Rodney James KING,
33 Yamba Street,
YAMBA New South Wales 2464

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979 at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr King put to sea in his fishing vessel, with some men as crew members, to assist Mr Peter Busch, captain of another vessel, in rescuing 2 persons from a capsized boat.

Although not required to take part in the actual rescue Mr King, at the risk of his boat foundering in the rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, displayed commendable courage in standing by to assist if necessary.

Mr Shane LAVENDER,
1 Landsborough Street,
SOUTH WEST ROCKS New South Wales 2420

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979 at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Lavender joined a number of other persons on board a fishing vessel which put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr Lavender provided great assistance in bringing the 2 persons on board, and in doing so displayed commendable courage.

Mr Robert John McKENNA,
Heathfield,
MOREE New South Wales 2400

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979 at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr McKenna joined a number of other persons on board a fishing vessel which put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr McKenna provided great assistance in bringing the 2 persons on board, and in doing so displayed commendable courage.

Mr Michael Paul MICALLEF,
3/25 Queen Street,
YAMBA New South Wales 2464

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, a fishing vessel, captained by Mr Peter Busch, put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat. Mr Micallef was a member of the crew of another vessel which also put to sea to assist.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr Micallef and the other crew members displayed commendable courage in standing by to assist Mr Busch.

Mr Frank O'LOUGHLIN,
75 Fitzroy Street,
GRAFTON New South Wales 2460

On 10 January 1979, at about 3 p.m. Mr O'Loughlin, in company with another man, put to sea in a small craft to rescue 2 persons who were caught in very rough seas after their boat had capsized on the Yamba bar.

The 2 persons were picked up and Mr O'Loughlin and his companion were then able to manoeuvre their small craft so as to enable the 2 persons to be transferred to a larger vessel and taken to shore. In such hazardous conditions Mr O'Loughlin and his companion displayed commendable courage.

Mr Peter Ashley SCHAEFFER,
Yamba Road,
PALMERS ISLAND New South Wales 2460

At about 7.30 a.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Schaeffer was a crew member on board a fishing vessel, whose captain had seen a small power boat, containing 5 occupants, overturn in very rough seas near a breakwall.

After the captain had manoeuvred his vessel near the people, and despite waves about 10 metres high, and the boat in danger of foundering, Mr Schaeffer assisted the captain and another crew member to bring the persons on board. By his actions Mr Schaeffer displayed commendable courage.

Mr Robert TOYER,
2 Coldstream Street,
YAMBA New South Wales 2464

At about 3 p.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, a fishing vessel, captained by Mr Peter Busch, put to sea to rescue 2 persons from a capsized boat. Mr Toyer was a member of the crew of another vessel which also put to sea to assist.

In rough seas, with waves about 7 metres high, and the vessel in danger of foundering, Mr Toyer and the other crew members displayed commendable courage in standing by to assist Mr Busch.

Mr Bruce Charles WESTLAND,
River Road,
PALMERS ISLAND New South Wales 2460

At about 7.30 a.m. on 10 January 1979, at Yamba, New South Wales, Mr Westland was a crew member on board a fishing vessel, whose captain had seen a small power boat, containing 5 occupants, overturn in very rough seas near a breakwall.

After the captain had manoeuvred his vessel near the people, and despite waves about 10 metres high, and the boat in danger of foundering, Mr Westland assisted the captain and another crew member to bring the persons on board. By his actions Mr Westland displayed commendable courage.
