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Brave Beyond Words



Wayne Marques

John Bryant writes.....

The terrorist incidents both in London and Manchester earlier this year highlighted the bravery of the Officers of the British Transport Police, the Metropolitan Police, the Greater Manchester Police and the City of London Police. All the officers involved in these atrocious incidents deserve the highest praise of the people and Government of this country.

On the evening of Saturday 3rd June 2017, Constable Wayne Marques of the British Transport Police, whilst on patrol at London Bridge Station, was called to an incident at the Borough Market, adjacent to London Bridge Station. What confronted him would have tested the courage of the best of men let alone a probationary constable.

He was confronted by three terrorists, each wearing what he would have believed to be suicide vests, all were carrying knives and who had already been responsible for the deaths and injury of many.

Without concern for his own safety he challenged the three men and, armed only with his force issue baton, he attempted to quell their goal in causing further death and

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injury. During this attack Wayne Marques was seriously injured and incapacitated. He was joined in the confrontation by an off duty Metropolitan Police Officer, who like Wayne was also seriously injured.

The actions of officers who arrived on the scene directly after Wayne had been incapacitated undoubtedly saved his life. They are to be thanked for their quick thinking, as are the medical staff who eventually dealt with Wayne. He was in intensive care for some considerable time, but is now, thankfully making a good recovery from his injuries.

What happened next is public knowledge, the three terrorists were shot dead by officers of the Metropolitan and City of London Police armed units.

We wish Wayne well for the future and can only hope that this selfless act of courage is recognised in the fullness of time.