

## HONG KONG'S BELILIOS STAR - REVISITED

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As it is some years since Hong Kong's own life-saving award was first written about in the *Orders and Medals Research Society Journal* (October 1963 and December 1967), perhaps now is the time to reveal what has subsequently come to light about this rare award in order to:

- (1) reconstruct the record of awards from 1884 to 1941, which were lost during the 1941-45 Japanese occupation of the former colony;
- (2) elaborate on the post-war awards until they were discontinued in 1984, 100 years after they were created by the Hon Emanuel Raphael Belilios, CMG, JP;
- (3) in so doing exemplify the extremes of Hong Kong's weather and unique living conditions and demonstrate some remarkable bravery which occasioned these awards.

### The origin of the Belilios Star

The *Hong Kong Daily Press* (HKDP) of 27 November 1883 commented:

The Hong Kong Humane Society has now existed for nine years and, though it has had much opportunity of justifying its *raison d'être*, owing to the fortunate immunity of the Colony from typhoons since 1875, its members have on the occasion of several gales done good service. Nevertheless, the Society has languished somewhat, and for the last twelve months has practically been moribund ... the praiseworthy nature of the Society's aim, the saving of life and property afloat, is however well calculated to enlist the sympathy of the benevolent ...



Fig. 1:  
Emanuel Raphael Belilios

To rectify this deficiency, Emanuel Raphael Belilios, a member of the Hong Kong Humane Society, established a reward for life saving in Hong Kong and its environs. He was of Jewish Venetian descent, born in Calcutta in 1837 and settled in Hong Kong in 1862, becoming a successful trader in a wide variety of matter including, it is said, material which was then, but not now, considered acceptable. He served as an unofficial member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council (LEGCO) in the 1880s and 90s, and as Chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in 1876-77. He died in 1905 at his London home at 134 Piccadilly and was buried at Hoop Lane Jewish Cemetery in London.

With a fund of HK\$2,000 he created the 'Belilios Life Saving & Educational Awards no. 2 Trust' on 31 March 1884, for

'the purpose of rewarding conspicuous acts and deeds of valour .. and for the purpose of furthering female education in the said colony of Hong Kong'.

This was later extended to cover male education with a further HK\$3,000 added to the fund. The educational side of the trust is of little relevance to us save for the occasional appearance in the *HKDP* of items such as an award to<sup>1</sup>

'Mary Spencer, pupil of the Italian Convent School, a bronze medal and a prize'

The original trustees, Henry Ernest Wodehouse, a police magistrate and Alexander Palmer MacEwen, a merchant, were given complete discretion to procure and distribute stars or monies.

<sup>1</sup> Ref: The National Archives (CO 129/226 p.56)

### The awards

At the time, the *HKDP* reported that the Trust would purchase,

'.....silver medals or stars to be called the Hongkong Humane Society's medals or stars (whichever may be decided upon, .....).

There were also discussions within the colony and the Colonial Office in London as to whether the awards should receive some official recognition. Both ideas were dropped, the view of one Colonial Office mandarin being<sup>2</sup>

'I suppose Mr B has the same right to give medals as the Royal Humane Society – or an agricultural association for a prize pig'

In 1884, when legal draftsmen were still paid by the word, the deed set out the terms:

Application of interest, dividends and income of Trust Funds: in or towards the purchase of silver or bronze medals or stars and ribands of such a quantity number size design and colour ... so that there be superscribed on each of such medals or stars the words 'The Bellios Star' and the date and a short statement or record or mention of the act or deed matter or thing in respect of which such medal or star and riband shall be awarded.

Awards: Such medals or stars and ribands to be awarded: at such places or place times or time in such manner or way and through such person or persons as the Trustees shall in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit to such persons or person of whatsoever sex or age as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion elect and choose ... provided always that:

no medal or star or riband shall be awarded: except for an act of conspicuous valour devotion self-denial (whether a life or lives be thereby saved or not) done within the said Colony of Hong Kong at a fire or in any quarrel fight or breach of the peace or otherwise howsoever or within the Hong Kong Canton or Macao waters;

further that medals or stars and ribands shall be awarded: irrespective of rank religion sex race or nationality;

in addition: the Trustees may, in addition to such medal or star and riband, out of the income of the said Trust premises award to the recipient of such medal or star and riband such article chattels or effect or such sum of money (not exceeding in the case of an award of a silver medal and riband the sum of one hundred dollars or in the case of an award of a bronze medal or star and riband the sum of twenty five dollars) as the Trustees may in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit to award;

No explanation has been found for the discrepancy in cash awards for what could be acts of equal valour.

The clauses following the above relate mainly to the trustees' duties, for example, in each year, awards were not to exceed the annual interest derived from the Trust Fund.

By a further deed of 14 July 1899, Messrs Wodehouse and McEwen were replaced by Rev William Jennings, Colonial Chaplain, and Rev Ernest John Eitel, Inspector of Schools. After further changes of trustees and probably shortly after World War I, the trust management was given to the Hong Kong Registrar General (Official Trustee).

Although these did not become 'official' awards, the Bellios Star was bestowed on the basis of recommendations from various Hong Kong Government departmental heads (Police, Fire Service, Marine Department etc), submitted to the Official Trustee, approved by His Excellency (HE) the Governor, awarded by the Official Trustee and presented by the Governor, Commissioner of Police, Director of Marine, and various distinguished personalities, as appropriate.

The Bellios Star was not authorised for wear on uniform.

<sup>2</sup> Ref: The National Archives (CO 129/220 p.461 etc)

**Designs**

The 1899 deed provided that:

... in no case shall the present size or general design of the stars or medals or the colour and pattern of the ribbons be in any way interfered with or altered.

No record of the original design of the stars (in some texts referred to as medals) has been found and designs certainly were altered. It is not unreasonable to suppose that a silver star showing a robbery should be for an act on land, and a bronze one showing a rescue from drowning, for an act at sea. Unfortunately, due to the absence of original records and samples it is not possible to provide full details of design changes, numbers commissioned, and with certainty, numbers awarded. The stars were manufactured by (G) Kenning and (Son) Company of London (now Toye Kenning & Spencer) who, after searching their records, have been unable to provide any help. All stars are 3¼ inches in diameter, were delivered to Hong Kong and presented in at least two types of case, with the details of the award (to be) engraved on the reverse, probably in Hong Kong.

There was an attempt to reduce the size of the stars, but at the time, they had already been made (Crown Agents to Controller of Stores, Hong Kong 12 August 1952).

As will be seen from the roll of recipients (see Appendix) silver stars were awarded for rescues from Hong Kong Harbour, so unless there was some interchange, the original stipulation was not followed. However, in the absence of sufficient examples, the mystery continues.

**Stars intended for rescues on land**

A silver eight-pointed star awarded to Fred Horspool, which appears to be the original design as it is hallmarked for London 1884.



**Figs. 2 and 3: Obverse and reverse of Fred Horspool's Bellios Star**

The obverse gold cameo shows a woman with a child in her arms fleeing from a fire, surrounded by a motto in Gothic script 'FOUNDED BY EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS 1884' with a gold wreath and wavy sunrays. The purple ribbon is two inches wide from a skeleton brooch suspender.

The reverse has a central roundel which has the following as embossed and engraved detail 'THE BELILIOS STAR' with 'AWARDED TO F. HORSPOOL FOR MERIT'

The pin on the reverse seems to be original but does not appear on all stars.

The example below is marked by Kenning as silver but without a hallmark, it is of a similar design to Horspool's but with a silver wreath, has an identical reverse but without a pin, and a scarlet two inch ribbon hung from a plain silver brooch suspender.



Figs. 4 and 5: Another similar award (obverse and reverse) is unnamed.

Shortly after its creation in 1884, there must have been a fundamental change in the star's design, as is illustrated by the silver example below. This is hallmarked for 1886 and has straight rays rather than wavy ones.

The obverse has a central roundel which shows a man with a sword or stick in the process of attacking a woman on her knees with arms held up, and two small corpses, behind which is a crowned figure on a throne with two attendants. This is said to represent the 'Judgement of Solomon'. It is surrounded by a legend 'FOUNDED BY EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELLIOS' (this time in capitals). on blue enamel, which is itself surrounded by a green laurel wreath and below, the date '1884' on a red enamel ribbon.

The reverse is designed to hold a central roundel upon which details of the recipient and date would have been engraved but sadly this is now missing.

The star has a dark blue ribbon and skeleton style suspender.



**Figs. 6 and 7: obverse and reverse of medal - recipient is unknown as the details which would have been engraved on the reverse roundel are missing.**

One could speculate on the identity of this recipient who, after referring to the roll of recipients, could be any one of those rewarded for the 1907 rescues (at sea, a blue ribbon), or for those at the Po Hong Fong landslide (with the central roundel, an incident on land).

The silver star (illustrated below) is a curiosity and possibly unique. It was manufactured by Kenning and hallmarked at London in 1892 and was awarded to George Samuel Foden in 1901. It has a blue ribbon (normally for a 'sea rescue') and solid inscribed suspender (with Kenning's hallmark) and engraved 'AWARDED TO G. S. FODEN FOR GALLANTRY.'



Figs. 8 and 9: obverse and reverse of 1901 award to George S Foden

The obverse centrepiece is a larger and engraved version of a 'land' rescue of the previous star, with the usual motto, smaller laurel wreath, and dated ribbon. Although the centrepiece is like Kenning's original, it could be a 'home made' transitional pattern or a replacement following a loss or when stocks had run out. Details of the award, recipient and date are engraved on the reverse, which has a pin, as follows, 'AWARDED GEO. S. FODEN HONG KONG 1901' above which is engraved in capitals 'DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER'.

Foden was born in 1878 at Hednesford, Staffs. Aged 15 he enlisted in the Royal Navy as 'Boy 2<sup>nd</sup> class'. He served on HMS *Impregnable*, *Pembroke*, *Blenheim*, *Immortalite*, and eventually, in Hong Kong as a leading signaller, on *Victor Emmanuel*, *Archer* and *Tamar*. He purchased his release, and left the Service on 16 December 1898, and six months later joined the Hong Kong Prison Service as a Warder – and 'E' Engineer Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Corps. By 1902, the Hong Kong Juror's list shows him as a Boatswain with the HK & Whampoa Dock Co Ltd at Kowloon.



Fig. 10: G. S. Foden c 1933

Foden emigrated to the USA in 1903, becoming an American citizen in 1905. He studied Medicine at the University of Michigan, setting up in Private Practice and serving as a Major in the US Army Medical Corps 1917–19. However, in 1933 he was alleged to be a 'quack' doctor, and after a trial initiated by the Detroit Health Department, he was jailed for 'unprofessional conduct' for treating a cancer patient with 'vitatonic sensations', his radio wave treatment. He died in Los Angeles in 1963.

These two stars are of the type awarded up to 1984. A five-pointed silver star with the central roundel showing a man apparently being attacked by two others, surrounded by the legend on red enamel and a wreath.



Fig. 11: Image of unnamed specimen  
Photographed in 1966



Fig. 12: Lam Biu's 1957 award



Fig. 13: Lam Biu receiving his award

For his gallant action in saving life, Mr Lam Biu was presented with his award by the Commissioner of Police at a ceremony held at Police Headquarters on 23 December 1957. The citation stated:

'On the 17 June 1957 as a result of torrential rain, serious flooding occurred in Wun Sha Street, Tai Hang Tung Village. Mr. Lam Biu whilst engaged in salvaging certain machinery was attracted by cries and saw that a Chinese woman and her child had been swept into a nullah. He went to their aid and rescued both. He then found other persons in difficulties and rescued another adult and two children.'

### Stars intended for rescues at sea

This star, with a dark blue ribbon and small solid suspender, is marked as silver by Kenning but without a hallmark. It has eight faceted rays.

The star has a central obverse roundel showing a man on a raft attempting to pull another out of water, with a sailing ship in the background. This is surrounded by the legend in capitals, 'FOUNDED BY EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS' on blue enamel and '1884' in red enamel beneath.

The reverse in a mix of embossed and engraved text has the details of the rescue, 'THE BELILIOS STAR – AWARDED TO MR A. H. BROWN FOR LIFE SAVING 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1906'.

Although it has the correct blue ribbon, the star should, perhaps, have been in bronze.



Figs. 14 & 15: Andrew Brown's Belilios Star (obverse and reverse)

The rescue took place in Hong Kong Harbour on 24 January 1906 during a typhoon when Chief Officer Andrew H. Brown dived into the water to save two men clinging to an upturned fishing boat. Further details of the rescue can be found in the Typhoon section later in this article.

An eight-pointed bronze star with straight rays, a pale blue ribbon and large solid bronze suspender with the central roundel showing a similar scene to the previous star. Again, this is surrounded by the legend in capitals, 'FOUNDED BY EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS' on blue enamel and '1884' in red enamel beneath.

The reverse has a central roundel embossed with 'THE BELILIOS STAR, AWARDED TO' then the engraved details, 'JOHN MICHIE L.S.A. 98 FOR LIFE SAVING 1-2-38', below in capitals is 'HONG KONG HARBOUR'. Above the central roundel is a small cartouche impressed with 'G. KENNING & SON'



**Figs. 16 & 17: John Michie's 1938 award (obverse and reverse)**

This star was awarded to Lance Sergeant no. A.98 John Michie who, when in uniform, dived into the harbour off West Point, to rescue a blind woman from drowning. Born in 1914 in Leslie, Fife, Michie joined the HK Police in June 1935. He had previously been highly commended for services during the Great Typhoon of 1937 in which some 11,000 persons were reportedly drowned. After his promotion to Sergeant, and following the Japanese attack on Hong Kong, he received the Police Commissioner's Commendation, 'For courage and devotion to duty displayed in volunteering and guarding, at the GSO 1's request the Kowloon Docks, Ma Tau Government Pier and Kowloon City Ferry Pier, and keeping the approaches clear to assist the Military in carrying out their successful evacuation from Kowloon on the afternoon and evening of 11<sup>th</sup> December 1941.'

On 22 December, he was one of a party of volunteers, sent to the Ordnance Depot at Shouson Hill, to collect 1,000 grenades. The military advised against this action in daylight and it was aborted. He spent the rest of the War in Stanley Internment Camp, returning to the UK in November 1945 on the *Empire Lagan*.



**Fig. 18 Hong Kong Water Police (Sui Geng) – NCOs in 1937.  
Michie is seated on the left (photograph - Vic Mackenzie)**

### Hong Kong's challenges

In many ways Hong Kong is a unique place – although much of the colony is unoccupied hilly countryside, it has urban densities in excess of 2,000 persons per acre – mostly in high-rise buildings. Furthermore, the limited accessible developable urban land has necessitated cutting into steep hillsides, much of which is solid granite. However, some has degraded and become unstable and vulnerable to extremes of weather. Regular typhoons with winds of up to 150mph and 'black' rainfall of up to 5.7 inches in an hour (21ins./day) in various parts of the island and mainland are not uncommon.

As a result of extreme wind and rain, and unsatisfactory site formation on steep hillsides, landslides are inevitable.

*Landslides* – Although not resulting in the greatest loss of life from landslides (this being over 150 people who died between 16 and 18 June 1972 – mainly from those at Sau Mau Ping and at Po Shan Road, Mid Levels - following rainfall of some 25 ins. (about 650 mm), the landslide of 17 July 1925 is relevant as it resulted in the award of five Bellios Stars. This occurred in Po Hing Fong (Road) on Hong Kong Island, an affluent, densely built up area of hillside, where lived many prosperous merchants and influential dignitaries. At 9am after a tropical cyclone deposited an estimated 17 ins., about (430mm), of rain on this part of Tai Ping Shan, the wall retaining In-Mi Lane collapsed, sweeping aside seven four storey houses, wherein lived 30 families. Some 75 people lost their lives, including 11 members of one family, but a future knighted member of the Legislative Council survived. Rescue attempts in such circumstances were complicated and dangerous, not only due to having to sift through a pile of mud and rubble of collapsed buildings, but also by the threat of being swamped by further landslides, so the Stars presented by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi KCMG, at a parade on 24 March 1926, were justly earned.

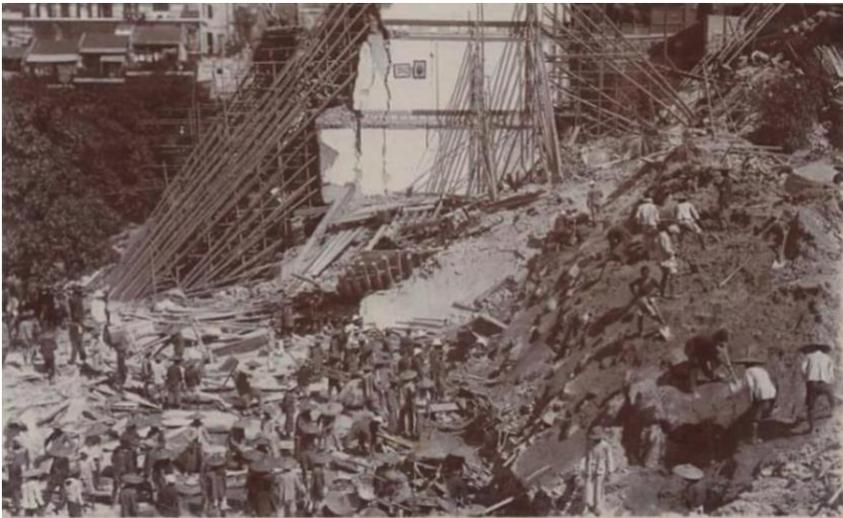


Fig. 19: Landslide at Po Hing Road in 1925

*Suicides* – The dense living conditions and considerable poverty, result in considerable stress, and many attempted suicides. As can be seen from the roll of awards, jumping into the harbour from one of the HK and Yaumati and Star cross harbour ferries, was a regular form of suicide, and the ferry staff had to carry out the dangerous task of performing rescues.



**Fig. 20: Star Ferry leaving the pier in Central District, Hong Kong, looking towards Kowloon (1920s)**

*Typhoons* – with regular typhoons mostly from May to October, excessive winds and rough seas, many hundreds of lives and countless vessels have been lost and property destroyed. However, tropical storms occur throughout the year and such an event occurred on 24 January 1906 when the steamer Wing Chi was en route from HK to Macau when she was struck by a north-easterly gale. On seeing two men clinging to an upturned fishing boat, Chief Officer Andrew H. Brown dived fully clothed to carry out the rescue. Brown was presented with the Belilios Star in silver (see above) by the wife of Captain L.A.W. Barnes-Lawrence RN on board the Wing Chi which ironically was wrecked in the typhoon of 18 September 1906. This typhoon was one of the worst recorded, wiping out the population of the harbour area and causing the loss of an estimated 10,000 lives. Sadly, the HK Harbourmaster, Capt Barnes-Lawrence died as a result of his exertions during the September typhoon while Brown repeated a similar rescue two years later.



**Fig. 21: Devastation caused by the typhoon and tsunami of 18 September 1906  
The N.S. Rosario and the Hospital Ship Hygiene of Sum Sow Po driven ashore.**

Many years later in 1964, Typhoon Ruby struck Hong Kong and three Belilios Stars were awarded.

Mr F.X. Monterio

He was recognised for his conspicuous valour for saving the crew, a woman and five children from a sinking junk at Taipo.

The medal has the following engraved and embossed on the reverse: [AWARDED TO F.X. MONTEIRO FOR CONSPICUOUS BRAVERY - SAVING LIVES AT TAI PO 5.9.64]



Fig.22 & 23 "Sonny" Monteiro and his Belilios Star (reverse)

Firemen Ng and Chan

They were recognised for acts of conspicuous valour in the rescue of the crew of SS *Shun Fung*, which grounded at Cheung Chau and organising lines to the ship which allowed the entire crew of 44 to be rescued.



Fig. 24 & 25: Fireman Ng (left) and Fireman Choi (right)

*The Sek Kong bus crash and fire* – on 25 February 1977 at about 2.20pm, a busy public bus went out of control while descending Route Twisk and crashed into a supermarket and restaurant close to a petrol filling station where a bulk fuel carrier was discharging fuel into underground tanks. These ruptured, spilling fuel which ignited causing deaths, numerous casualties and severe damage to property.

Messrs Cheuk, Chan (manager of the restaurant) and Harry Mackreth were sitting inside the restaurant when the bus crashed. The *Hong Kong Government Gazette* of 23 September 1977 announced that the Governor had approved the awards of the 5-pointed silver Belilios Star to Messrs Cheuk Wing-Hon, Chan Yiu-Wing and Arthur Henry (Harry) Mackreth, in recognition of their bravery:

With great presence of mind and complete disregard for their own safety, they immediately responded and entered the burning bus to help shocked and injured passengers to make their escape. Had it not been for their actions and courage in entering the burning vehicle and assisting in the evacuation of passengers, the number of casualties would undoubtedly have been much greater.



**Fig. 26: (left to right) Cheuk Wing-Hon, Arthur Henry Mackreth and Chan Yiu-Wong wearing their Belilios Stars.**

**Belilios Stars not awarded**

Medals issued concurrently with the Belilios Star for saving life in Hong Kong were those of the Royal Humane Society, the Board of Trade, the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society, such as those to S.L. Garrett as shown on the roll. Some mentions were made of recommendations for awards of the Belilios Star, some quite sensitive, which were unsuccessful, but which may have been rewarded elsewhere, such as in the following two cases.

In 1952, the Commissioner of the St John Ambulance Brigade recommended the award of a Belilios Star to Chan Kam-Wing for a rescue from drowning. Due to the loss of records during the war, there was uncertainty about how to go about making the award and, sadly, Mr Chan seems to have missed out.

On 24 August 1965 there was a huge rescue effort when an American C130 Lockheed Hercules transport aircraft with a crew of six and 65 passengers (58 of whom were American soldiers bound for Da Nang in South Vietnam) suddenly swerved on take-off and nose-dived into the harbour. There were only 13 survivors, of whom two subsequently died. There was a rapid response from assorted vessels and many civilians risked their lives. Among the numerous recommendations for bravery awards by the Commissioner of Police, Directors of Marine and of Fire Services, were those for a Belilios Star to Chan Sung, a coolie; Wong Tin-Ho, a plastics worker; So Luen-Kwan, a carpenter and Siu Shing, a spectacle maker, all of whom dived into the harbour which was by then alight with burning aviation fuel to rescue survivors. Despite the recommendations, no record of the award of Belilios Stars has yet been found.

**Records**

No doubt comprehensive records of recommendations and awards were kept by the former individual and official trustees, but Hong Kong was extensively looted during the Second World War. Some years ago, in a conversation with a one-time Hong Kong Government cadet officer, he recalled that during the Japanese attack on the colony in December 1941, he and his colleagues were set the task of destroying sensitive documents in the Colonial Secretariat. Furthermore, during the occupation anything else combustible was burnt for fuel. Although it was reported that some material in secure storage managed to survive the 32 month occupation, it seems that the Belilios Star records were not so fortunate.

In order to reconstruct a roll of recipients, an extensive search was made of various sources, which are listed on the following pages. Sadly, there is an absence from the press and government records of details of several post war awards, hence the empty spaces on the roll.

There were brave acts that went unnoticed, some were recommended but went unrewarded, and others were rewarded only with cash. Details of over 100 recipients of the Belilios Star and the circumstances of their awards can be viewed in the following Appendix, although there is the certain expectation that soon after this article is published, something new will turn up.

## Appendix - Medal Roll

Abbreviations			
AMICE - Associate Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers BM - Bronze Medal BM? - Likely to be Bronze Medal (Source states 'Medal') C&I - Hong Kong Government Commerce & Industry Department CM - <i>China Mail</i> CPC - Chinese Police Constable DA - <i>Dundee Advertiser</i> DFS - Director of Fire Services GIS - Hong Kong Government Information Services HE - His Excellency (Governor) HKCM - Hong Kong, Canton & Macau Steamship Co. HKDP - <i>Hong Kong Daily Press</i>		HKSH - <i>Hong Kong Sunday Herald</i> HKT - <i>Hong Kong Telegraph</i> HKWP - <i>Hong Kong Weekly Press</i> HK-Y - Hong Kong & Yaumati Ferry Co. IPC - Indian Police Constable OCM - <i>Overseas China Mail</i> RG - Registrar General (Official Trustee) SCMP - <i>South China Morning Post</i> SM - Silver Medal SM? - Likely to be Silver Medal (Source states 'Medal') SJAB - St John Ambulance Brigade	
Name	Details of Incident and Presentation	Award(s)	Notes
Lam Ying Chung	26 May 1883 ? (Ref: RG)		
IPC Sunt Ram	Distinguished himself, whilst holding onto a Chinese prisoner, although receiving a revolver shot and being seriously wounded; causing him to be pensioned off. Presented by Capt. Supt. of Police, Walter Meredith Deane CMG, at Central Police Station on 8 Feb 1887. (Ref: <i>OCM</i> 15 Feb 1887).	SM? and \$25	
IPC 559 Khan Singh	On 30 Jul 1888 saved from drowning Lu Chu, who had fallen between a steamer and wharf. Presented on 28 Aug 1888 at Govt. House by HE the Governor Sir William Des Voeux KCMG (Ref: <i>HKT</i> & <i>CM</i> 28 Aug 1888)	BM, \$25 and certificate	Presentation attended by Emanuel Bellios
Lo Sow (Ah Sow) a coolie on board HMS <i>Meane</i>	On 26 August 1888, jumped into the Harbour during a strong tide, to rescue Kwy(?) Fong, a deck coolie, who had fallen whilst cleaning the outside of this Hospital Ship. Presented by Lt. Gen. Sir William Gordon Cameron GCB, Commander British Forces in China, Hong Kong and Straits Settlements, on about 10 October 1888, (at Governor's residence Mountain Lodge?) (Ref: <i>OCM</i> 10 Oct 1889)	BM, certificate dated 21 Sept 1888, and \$15	
PC A33 John McDougal	On 4 Feb 1889 rescued a Chinese woman from drowning at Gibb's Wharf. Presented on 20 June 1889 at Govt. House by HE the Governor Sir William Des Voeux KCMG (Ref: <i>CM</i> 20 Jun 1889)	BM and certificate	Also awarded the RHS Bronze Medal for the same rescue.
Cpl 420 Lam Sau	On 31 May 1889, whilst in charge of Police boat <i>no. 15</i> , rescued two girls from the cabin of a submerged junk. Presented on 20 Jun 1889 at Govt. House by HE the Governor Sir William Des Voeux KCMG (Ref: <i>CM</i> 20 Jun 1889)	SM and certificate	Educational awards also presented
Fred Horspool (son of George Horspool, Chief Inspector of Police)	No details of rescue which was probably between 1888 and 1892 (Ref: Named medal)	SM	AMICE Major, Royal Engineers in WW1
IPC 663 Jewallah Singh	On 9 Jul 1892, whilst still in uniform, rescued a woman from drowning in the Harbour, off Kennedy Town Praya. Presented on 2 Mar 1894 by Capt. Supt. of Police, F H May, (later Sir Francis Henry May GCMG, Governor of Hong Kong). (Ref: <i>OCM</i> 9 Jul 1892)	BM?, a vellum certificate signed by J J Francis QC and E J Eitel PhD and \$25	Ceremony witnessed by Emanuel Bellios
Coxswain Chan Yau Hoi, Star Ferry <i>Morning Star</i>	At 9.40 pm, on 30 Jun 1893 rescued a corporal of the Shropshire Light Infantry who had attempted to jump from the incoming ferry to Kowloon Wharf (Ref: <i>HKT</i> of 23 Nov 1894 recommended the award of a silver Bellios Star)		Also awarded RHS certificate. for saving three lives in HK Harbour on 30 Jun 1892
Fireman Lai Yun Sing, steam launch <i>Kam On</i>	On 15 Feb 1895, off Kowloon Point, rescued a woman, intent on suicide, from drowning. See also note (2) (Ref: citation in <i>HKDP</i> of 1 Jan 1903)	BM, \$25 and certificate	(1) Same man as 31 Dec 1902 (2) Certificate says 26 Feb 1895
Constable R.G. MacEwen (McEwen)	Whilst fully clothed, dived into the Harbour and rescued a Chinese woman who had thrown herself from Pedder's Wharf. He also saved from drowning some persons imprisoned in an upturned junk. (Ref: <i>DA</i> 28 May 1897)	SM, parchment and \$25	Rendered '[most valuable and efficient services', and was infected, during the HK Plague in 1894, receiving the HK Plague medal.

Act. PS Angus McAuley	On the evening of Sunday 18 Sept 1897 plunged, fully clothed, into the Harbour from the Praya, near Wing Kok Street, to rescue two women and a young boy, assisted by a Chinese man from a nearby launch. Presented by Acting Supt. Howe on 26 Nov 1897. (Ref: <i>OCM</i> 2 Dec 1897)	SM, certificate and \$25	
George Samuel Foden, Warder HK Prison Service (1899). Sapper HK Vol. Corps Boatswain HK & Whampoa Dock Co. (1902)	No details of rescue which occurred in 1901 (Ref: Named medal). See main article for biographical details.	SM	Obverse centrepiece of Bellios Star is engraved.
IPC B748 Sultan Bux	On 20 Jan 1901 he swam out in deep water off West Point to rescue a man. Presented by Hon F H May, Capt. Supt. of Police at a parade in Central Police Station on 8 Mar 1901 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 9 Mar 1901)	BM, \$25 and certificate	
PC23 Arthur Counsell, Water Police	During the typhoon of 18 Jul 1902 rescued 5 people from a 'storm beaten' junk. Previously jumped into the Harbour to swim after and arrest a fleeing thief. Initiated by Maj. Gen. William Julius Gascoigne KCMG, Commander, British Forces in China, Hong Kong and Straits Settlements, and Lieutenant Governor. (Ref: <i>OCM</i> 16 Aug 1902)	BM? And \$25	Also awarded the RHS Bronze Medal for the rescue.
Seaman and Engineer Lai Yun Sing, Yaumati Ferry launch <i>Lee Ping</i>	Saved the lives of a woman and two children from a sampan capsized by a cargo boat in Yaumati Bay. Presented at the offices of the <i>Hong Kong Daily Press</i> on 31 Dec 1902 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 1 Jan 1903 - suggests case be taken up by RHS or Bellios)	\$10 donated by a 'Parsee gentleman in Canton'	Lai had received bronze Bellios Star in 1895
Engineer Cheung Mun, Yaumati Ferry launch <i>Lee Ping</i>	Saved the lives of a woman and two children from a sampan capsized by a cargo boat in Yaumati Bay. Presented at the offices of the <i>Hong Kong Daily Press</i> on 31 Dec 1902 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 1 Jan 1903 - suggests case be taken up by RHS or Bellios)	\$10 donated by a 'Parsee gentleman in Canton'	
Dr A.F. Forster	On 28 Dec 1904, courageously rescued two Chinese children from under an upturned sampan, and revived them. Presented at a private ceremony on 23 Feb 1905 (Ref: <i>OCM</i> 23 Feb 1905)	SM with blue ribbon and top ribbon clasp inscribed "Presented to Dr A.F. Forster for saving life from drowning. Hongkong December 1904."	Obverse centrepiece of Bellios Star said to have been engraved.  Also awarded the RHS Bronze Medal for the same rescue.
1 <sup>st</sup> Officer Andrew H. Brown SS <i>Wingchai</i>	Rescue took place on 24 Jan 1906 See main article for details. Presented aboard <i>Wing Chai</i> by wife of Captain Barnes-Lawrence RN, on 27 Apr 1906 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 28 Apr 1906 and <i>HKSH</i> 15 Dec 1935)	SM	
5 Un-named Carpenters, employees of A King's Slipway, Wanchai Road	During a squall, on 6 Jul 1906, rescued two adults and three children from a capsized sampan. Presented by Inspector Gourlay at Wanchai Police Station no. 2, on 9 August 1906 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 13 Aug 1906)	\$5 to each	
Mrs Te Pat Mui	On 18 Jul 1906, a married woman who, during the great typhoon, rescued people from Aberdeen Harbour, 'whilst men looked on and laughed'. Presented by Acting Governor Francis May CMG on 19 January 1907 at Council Chamber (Ref: RG; <i>HKDP</i> 18 Jan 1907)	BM and \$10	
Chu Yu-mu (?) Lighthouse keeper at Waglan Island	During the typhoon of 18 Sep 1906 rescued a Macao fisherman from outer point of the island. Presented by Acting Governor Francis May CMG on 19 Jan 1907 at Council Chamber (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 18 Jan 1907)	SM and \$10	
Chu Mi Lighthouse keeper at Waglan Island	During the typhoon of 18 Sep 1906 rescued a Macao fisherman from outer point of the island. Presented by Acting Governor Francis May CMG on 19 Jan 1907 at Council Chamber (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 18 Jan 1907)	SM and \$10	
Chinese constable 304 Chue Shue-yung	On 18 Sep 1906 at great personal risk saved the crew of a water boat at Sham Shui Po. Presented by Acting Governor Francis May CMG on 19 Jan 1907 at Council Chamber (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 18 Jan 1907)	SM and \$10	
Wong Yau, Fishmonger	On 18 Sep 1906 at great personal risk saved the crew of a water boat at Sham Shui Po. Presented by Acting Governor Francis May CMG on 19 Jan 1907 at Council Chamber (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 18 Jan 1907)	SM and \$10	

Ng So Tai, Launch owner	On 28 Jan 1907, diving beneath an upturned sampan, in a 'black squall', rescued several countrymen. Presented by HE the Governor Sir Matthew Nathan KCMG at Govt. House on 12 Mar 1907 (Ref: <i>HKWP</i> 18 Mar 1907; <i>OCM</i> 19 Mar 1907)	SM	
Station Master Pun Chi-Fan, Tai Po, New Territories	On 31 Oct 1916 saved an old woman from the path of an oncoming express train. Presented at Executive Council meeting on 30 Nov 1916 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 1 Dec 1916)	SM? and to receive a bonus of one month's pay	
IPC B369 Maji Khan	For the rescue of a person from drowning in 1918 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$25	
CPC 122 Tsang Sui (or Siu)	At 8.20 pm on 28 Aug 1918, in HK Harbour, at great danger to the constable's life and despite resistance, rescued a mentally disturbed man from drowning. Presented on 27 Mar 1919 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 28 Mar 1918)	BM	
Crewman Kwok Sing, Revenue Dept. <i>Launch no. 1</i>	Several unsuccessful attempts to rescue people from a capsized sampan, on 3 Aug 1920. Presented by Commander Beckwith, Harbour Master, on 30 Sep 1920 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 30 Sep 1920)	BM?	
Chu Fo, Sanitary Dept	On 13 May 1921 jumped into the harbour, saving the life of a married woman, Ho Sze, and her daughter. Presented at a Police parade on 8 Jul 1921 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 9 Jul 1921)	BM and \$25	
Coxswain Lau Ng-tai, <i>Chi Wo</i>	For life saving on 18 Aug 1923 during the passage of a typhoon. Presented on 10 Oct 1923 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 9 Sep 1929)	BM?	In Sept 1929 fined \$5 (or 5 days) for illegal mooring
Apprentice Stanley Leonard Garratt, <i>Egremont Castle</i>	Took part in the rescue of men from SS <i>Loong Sang</i> which foundered in the typhoon of 18 Aug 1923. Presented about 6 Jul 1925 by King George V at Buckingham Palace (Ref: Full report on 1923 event in <i>Gallantry</i> by Wilson & McEwen)	BoT Silver Medal & others	Died as Master of <i>Anking</i> sunk by Japanese forces on 3 Mar 1942
Chak Tai Kwong, St John Ambulance Brigade (SJAB)	For conspicuous bravery following the collapse of a retaining wall and landslide at 12-16 Po Hong Fong, Tai Ping Shan, on 17 Jul 1925, killing 75 people. Presented by HE the Governor Sir Cecil Clementi KCMG at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground on 24 Mar 1926 (Ref: <i>SCMP</i> 25 Mar 1926 and <i>SJAB History</i> 1925)	SM. Replaced an erroneously awarded BM	A replacement requested in 1952 for star 'lost during the Japanese landing in 1941'
Szeto Cheung	For conspicuous bravery following the collapse of a retaining wall and landslide at 12-16 Po Hong Fong, Tai Ping Shan, on 17 Jul 1925, killing 75 people. Presented by HE the Governor Sir Cecil Clementi KCMG at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground on 24 Mar 1926 (Ref: <i>SCMP</i> 25 Mar 1926)	SM?	
Leung Sui Sang	For conspicuous bravery following the collapse of a retaining wall and landslide at 12-16 Po Hong Fong, Tai Ping Shan, on 17 Jul 1925, killing 75 people. Presented by HE the Governor Sir Cecil Clementi KCMG at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground on 24 Mar 1926 (Ref: <i>SCMP</i> 25 Mar 1926)	SM?	
Fireman 42 Fan Kam (or Lam)	For conspicuous bravery following the collapse of a retaining wall and landslide at 12-16 Po Hong Fong, Tai Ping Shan, on 17 Jul 1925, killing 75 people. Presented by HE the Governor Sir Cecil Clementi KCMG at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground on 24 Mar 1926 (Ref: Capt. Supt. of Police Report 1926)	SM? and \$100	
Fireman 79 Lau Kiu	For conspicuous bravery following the collapse of a retaining wall and landslide at 12-16 Po Hong Fong, Tai Ping Shan, on 17 Jul 1925, killing 75 people. Presented by HE the Governor Sir Cecil Clementi KCMG at the Murray Barracks Parade Ground on 24 Mar 1926 (Ref: Capt. Supt. of Police Report 1926)	SM? and \$100	
Sub-Officer Chan Weison, Fire Brigade	For courageous conduct and dedication to duty at the outbreak of a fire on 1 Dec 1927. Presented on 27 Jun 1929, by Hon. Sir Shou-son Chau at Central Police Station (Ref: <i>CM</i> 27 Jun 1929 and 28 Jun 1929)	SM?	
Ng Shing	For courageous conduct in rescuing nine persons from a capsized junk at 12.30 pm on 15 Aug 1928. Presented on 27 Jun 1929, by Hon. Sir Shou-son Chau at Central Police Station (Ref: <i>CM</i> 27 and 28 Jun 1929)	BM? and \$10	
Seaman Chan Wah, Yaumati Ferry <i>Man Shun</i>	At 8.30 am on 28 Aug 1928 saved a woman who had jumped from the <i>Man Shun</i> . Presented on 27 Jun 1929, by Hon. Sir Shou-son Chau at Central Police Station ( <i>CM</i> 27 Jun 1929 and 28 Jun 1929)	BM	
Seaman Ho Mai, Yaumati Ferry <i>Man Chun</i>	On 24 Sep 1928 saved a woman from drowning. Presented on 27 Jun 1929, by Hon. Sir Shou-son Chau at Central Police Station (Ref: <i>CM</i> 27 Jun and 28 Jun 1929)	BM? and a monetary award	
4 seamen Cross Harbour ferries	For rescues in HK harbour. Awards presented on 14 Apr 1929 (Ref: Police Report for 1930)	BM to each	

Cheung Kin-hoi (for his late father), crewman of a junk	For the rescue of some 20 people from the SS <i>Hsin Wah</i> , which ran aground on North Rock, off Waglan Island and sank, on 16 Jan 1929, with the loss of 340 lives. Presented on 27 Jun 1929, by Hon. Sir Shou-son Chau at Central Police Station (Ref: <i>CM 27</i> and 28 Jun 1929; <i>HKT 27 Jun 1929</i> )	BM and \$50	
Shan Shiu-sun	Participated in the rescue of people from the SS <i>Hsin Wah</i> (see above).	BM?	He was not traced
Leung Shim Junk Master	On 15 Feb 1929 rescued Flying Officer Healey & whole crew of Fairey seaplane that crashed off Hale Island. Presented on 27 Jun 1929, by Hon. Sir Shou-son Chau at Central Police Station (Ref: <i>CM 27 Jun 1929</i> and 28 Jun 1929)	BM	
Sanitary Coolie 71 Tsang Hung, Refuse Lighter <i>No.14</i>	For the attempt to rescue from drowning a fellow foki, and recovery of the body from the seabed, on 14 Jun 1929. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	SM and \$25	
Sanitary Coolie 105 Kwan Wing, Refuse Lighter <i>No14</i>	On 14 Jun 1929 assisting Tsang Hong with the rescue of a fellow foki. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	BM and \$10	
Seaman Tsang Loi (Loi) Yaumati Ferry <i>Man Yee</i>	On 17 Jun 1929 rescued a man who at 8.15 pm jumped from the ferry, drifting, in the dark, some 80 feet away into the southern harbour fairway. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	BM and \$10	
Li Suen, hawker	On 17 Jun 1929, rescued a man who at 8.15 pm jumped from the ferry, drifting in the dark, some 80 feet away into the southern harbour fairway. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	BM & \$10	
Seaman Li Kwan, Star Ferry <i>Solar Star</i>	At 7.40 am on 4 Jul 1929 dived into the harbour to rescue an attempted female suicide who had jumped from the top deck of the ferry. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	BM and \$10	
Seaman Leung Fuk, Steam launch <i>Sing Yuen</i>	In the pitch dark early on 15 Jul 1929 jumped into the harbour and located and rescued a drowning girl. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	SM and \$25	
Seaman Leung Kam-tai, Star Ferry <i>Northern Star</i>	At 11.40 on 15 Jul 1929 dived into the harbour to rescue a woman who had refused to take a lifebuoy thrown to her. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	BM and \$10	
Lam Tong Sam	On 18 Sep 1929 attempted to rescue and then recovered the body of his 18 year old brother who drowned in a 50 foot well. Presented by Engineer Captain Sears DSO RN at the HK Naval Yard on about 10 Nov 1929. (Ref: <i>HKT 11 Nov 1929</i> )	SM? and \$?	
Seaman Au Yau Steam launch <i>Seagull</i>	At 7.30 am on 29 Oct 1929 rescued two men attempting suicide. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929. (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	BM and \$10	
Seaman Kwok Kam-Shing Yaumati Ferry, steam launch <i>Man Ying</i>	At midnight on 21 May 1929 rescue of a woman Chan Hang who attempting suicide, and he resuscitated her. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	SM and \$10	
Cook Kong Ping-Fong Launch <i>Man Ying</i>	At midnight on 21 May 1929 rescue of a woman Chan Hang who attempting suicide, and he resuscitated her. Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	SM and \$10	
Seaman Cheng Lee Steam launch <i>Cranley</i>	At 11.40 am on 24 May 1929 rescued Lam Yee-Man an attempted female suicide who jumped from HK-Y ferry <i>Man Yee</i> . Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	SM and \$10	
Seaman Ip Yiu Steam launch <i>Cranley</i>	At 11.40 am on 24 May 1929 rescued Lam Yee-Man an attempted female suicide who jumped from HK-Y ferry <i>Man Yee</i> . Presented by Mr. M. K. Lo, Chairman of Tung Wah Hospital, at Fire Brigade display at Police HQ on 27 Nov 1929 (Ref: <i>CM 28 Nov 1929</i> )	SM and \$10	

Pte Lau Kau Railway Division	Rushed in front of a train to rescue a woman, and in doing so was hit by another train, and severely injured Presented on 27 Mar 1930, at SJAB parade on Murray Parade Ground by Acting Governor Thomas Southorn (later KCMG, KBE) (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 28 Mar 1930)	SM and \$100	
Cpl Chan Sik Pui SJAB (King's College Old Boys Divn)	On two occasions rescued men from the harbour, resuscitating one of them. Presented on 27 Mar 1930, at SJAB parade on Murray Parade Ground by Acting Governor Thomas Southorn (later KCMG, KBE) (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 28 Mar 1930)	SM	
Seaman Chau Yau	A gallant attempt to save a comrade from drowning in the Canton River. Presented on 27 Mar 1930, at SJAB parade on Murray Parade Ground by Acting Governor Thomas Southorn (later KCMG, KBE) (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 28 Mar 1930)	BM?	
Seaman Lo So Star Ferry <i>Golden Star</i>	On 10 Feb 1930 saved the life of Chu Chun, aged 30, resident 2nd floor 7 Lun Fat Street. Presented at a Police parade on 28 Mar 1930 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 29 Mar 1930)	BM and \$5	
Ho Tai Junk Master	On 15 Feb 1929 rescued Lieut. D. Macintyre RN pilot of a plane from HMS <i>Hermes</i> which had made a forced landing in rough seas outside the harbour. Presented by Rear Admiral R.A.S. Hill, CBE at the Naval Yard on 28 Jul 1930 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 30 Jul 1930; <i>HKT</i> 29 Jul 1930)	BM?.	
Chan Tai Owner of junk <i>T.2629H</i>	Rescue of the crew of Junk no. <i>T.5531</i> which had been overturned by steam launch <i>Sun Tai</i> , when at anchor in Belcher's Bay. Presented by Hon E.D.C. Wolfe Inspector General of Police at Fire Brigade parade at Police HQ on 19 Nov 1930 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 20 Nov 1930)	BM and \$20	
Seaman Leung Wing Ferry launch <i>Man Chi</i>	Rescue of a male attempting suicide by jumping overboard. Presented by Hon E.D.C. Wolfe Inspector General of Police at Fire Brigade parade at Police HQ on 19 Nov 1930 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 20 Nov 1930)	BM and \$5	
Seaman Tam Shing Ferry launch <i>Man Sing</i>	An elderly seaman for single handed rescue of a woman attempting suicide by jumping overboard. Presented by Hon E.D.C. Wolfe Inspector General of Police at Fire Brigade parade at Police HQ on 19 Nov 1930 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 20 Nov 1930)	BM and \$10	
Seaman Leung lu Ferry launch <i>Man Shun</i>	Rescue of a Chinese male attempting suicide by jumping overboard. Presented by Hon E D C Wolfe Inspector General of Police at Fire Brigade parade at Police HQ on 19 Nov 1930 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 20 Nov 1930)	BM and \$5	
L/Sgt B107 Lal Singh	Jumped off Blake Pier to rescue Chan Fu, who was attempting suicide. Presented at a Police Inspection on 30 Mar 1931 (Ref: <i>CM</i> 31 Mar 1931)	BM and \$5	
Stoker To Kam-Wing Shamshuipo ferry launch <i>Man Tat</i>	On 2 Mar 1931 rescued two girls attempting suicide by jumping overboard from the <i>Man Tat</i> . Presented at a Police Inspection on 30 Mar 1931 (Ref: <i>CM</i> 31 Mar 1931)	BM and \$5	
L/Sgt Fazal Ahmed	On 21 May 1932 rescued Lai Sui-Wan, an attempted suicide, at Tsim Sha Tsui pier. Presented by Acting Governor Thomas Southorn (later KCMG, KBE) at a Police parade on 22 Sep 1932 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 23 Sep 1932)	BM and \$5	
Warranted Scout Master Lau Hung Choa 24 <sup>th</sup> Hong King Group	On 9 Jan 1932, for bravery and prompt assistance in saving life and property, at a cotton quilt makers shop at 188 Shanghai Street, before the arrival of the Fire Brigade. Presented by Acting Governor Thomas Southorn (later KCMG, KBE) at a Police parade on 22 Sep 1932 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 23 Sep 1932)	SM and \$50	A replacement requested in 1952, for medal 'confiscated by Japanese in WW2'
L/Seaman Sai Fook HMS <i>Tamar</i>	Rescue of four people from a capsized sampan on 3 Aug 1934 (Ref: RG)	BM?	
No details	No details of rescues. Awards presented during 1934 (Ref: Supreme Court report)	8 BMs 11 monetary awards	
No details	No details of rescues. Awards presented during 1935 (Ref: Supreme Court report)	1 SM 1 bar was engraved 7 BM 29 Monetary awards	
Stoker (or AB) Chan Haw (or Hon) Kwan HMS <i>Tamar</i>	Rescue of a young lad swept into the harbour from a storm drain on 2 Jul 1935. Presented by Commodore C.G. Sedgwick on board <i>Tamar</i> on 19 July 1935 (Ref: <i>CM</i> 19 Jul 1935)	BM and \$10	

Li Kat or Li Kap Pig wash carrier	On 21 Jul 1935 attempted to rescue Mrs Li Lin, who had fallen into a well at Tung Tau Village, Kowloon and drowned. He also recovered the body. Disclosed at an inquiry by W.M. Thompson, Coroner at Kowloon Magistracy on 16 Aug 1935 (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 10 Sep 1935, <i>CM</i> 10 and 28 Sep 1935)	BM and \$25	
Cheung Yan	On 21 Jul 1935 helped in the rescue attempt of Mrs Li Lin. (Ref: <i>HKT</i> 10 Sep 1935, <i>CM</i> 10 and 28 Sep 1935)	\$5	
Chan Yat	On 21 Jul 1935 assisted in the recovery of Li Lin's body. Disclosed at an inquiry by W.M. Thompson Coroner at Kowloon Magistracy on 16 Aug 1935 (Ref: <i>CM</i> 28 Sep 1935)	\$25	
Coxswain Tang Fu Motor boat <i>Fuk Wo</i>	For rescue work following the explosion on the <i>Dojima Maru</i> alongside Queen's Pier on 17 Jul 1937 (Ref: RG)	BM	
L/Sgt John Michie HK Water Police (Sui Geng)	On 1 Feb 1938 dived into the Harbour, near West Point station in uniform 'in difficult conditions' to rescue a (blind) Chinese woman from drowning. Presented on 3 Jun 1938, by HE the Governor Sir Geoffrey Northcote KCMG at a parade at Central Fire Station (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 4 Jun 1938; <i>Dundee Courier</i> 30 Apr 1938)	BM	1939 Star; Pacific Star; Defence and War Medals. Interned in Stanley Civilian Camp - Block 17 Room 30, during WW2
Seaman Leong To HKCM SS <i>Sun Tai</i>	On 2 Apr 1939 in big squall aided two overturned sampans in the harbour and saved four lives. Presented on 24 Apr 1939 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 22 Apr 1939; <i>CM</i> 21 Apr 1939)	BM?	
Seaman Sin Tau HKCM SS <i>Sun Tai</i>	On 2 Apr 1939 in big squall aided two overturned sampans in the harbour and saved four lives. Presented on 24 Apr 1939 (Ref: <i>HKDP</i> 22 Apr 1939; <i>CM</i> 21 Apr 1939)	BM?	
Sin Kee Resident of a floating boat at Aberdeen	On 27 Jun 1941 jumped into the sea to capture a loose unexploded torpedo blown into Aberdeen harbour. Presented by Naval Commanding Officer (NCO) on 7 Jul 1941 (Ref: NCO letter of 14 Nov 1965 to Colonial Secretariat)	BM?	
Lighthouse Keeper Wong Kai Chung Gap Rock	In May 1941 saved the lives of fishermen after their junk was sunk by Japanese forces. Presented by J Jolly, Director of Marine (no date) (Ref: Jolly's memo of 27 May 1952 to Colonial Secretariat)	BM	
Ip Sing King	No details of rescue. Award presented on 13 Jan 1953 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$100	
Ip Chi Tuen	No details of rescue. Award presented on 13 Jan 1953 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$100	
Tseng Hin	Rescuing three persons from drowning on three separate occasions. Award presented on 13 Jan 1953 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$25	
Lau Hung Choa	Replacement award presented on 9 Mar 1954 (Ref: RG)	SM	Replacement of a 1932 award
Chak Tai Kwong	Replacement award presented on 10 Mar 1954 (Ref: RG)	SM	Replacement of a 1925 award
Ko Yau	Conspicuous bravery in saving lives at Tai Po Kau on 28 Aug 1955 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$50	
Cheung Kau	Conspicuous bravery in saving lives at Tai Po Kau on 28 Aug 1955 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$50	
Kwok Chung Ping	Conspicuous bravery in saving lives at Tai Po Kau on 28 Aug 1955 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$50	
Ngai Wing Kwong	Conspicuous bravery in saving lives at Tai Po Kau on 28 Aug 1955 (Ref: RG)	SM	
Lam Biu	During torrential rain, on 17 Jun 1957, rescued two adults and three children swept into a nullah, at Tai Hang Village. Presented by the Commissioner of Police, at Police HQ on 23 December 1957 (Ref: <i>HK Police Magazine</i> - Winter 57)	SM	See main text for further details.
Lam Wong-Choi Sanitary coolie, Urban Services Dept	During typhoon 'Mary' on 9 Jun 1960 plunged into the sea on three occasions to rescue fisher folk from capsized sampans at Cheung Chau. Presented on 3 Feb 1961 (Ref: RG)	BM and \$100	Promoted to Life Guard
Tong Shu-Lin Shopkeeper at Sham Shui Po	On 27 Mar 1961 witnessed theft of a watch from a woman, and gave chase holding onto the thief, despite being stabbed six times, until Police arrived. Presented on 8 Mar 1962 (Ref: RG)	SM and \$100	
Asst Revenue Officer (804) Chan Sai C&I jet launch No.9	During typhoon 'Wanda' on 1 Sep 1962, Chan jumped into heavy seas in Taipo harbour and rescued a woman and two children from a capsized sampan. Presented by D.R. Holmes, Director of Commerce and Industry at Revenue Officer's Mess on 22 Nov 1962 (Ref: GIS; <i>SCMP</i> 21 Nov 1962)	BM and \$100	

Deck Storekeeper Liu Wah-Ming SS <i>Tung Feng</i>	On 1 Sep 1962, during typhoon 'Wanda', swam out with a line from the foundering <i>Tung Feng</i> to the rocks at Little Green Island, by which the other 43 members of her crew were hauled to safety. Presented by J.P. Hewitt, Director of Marine, at Marine Dept. HQ on 22 Nov 1962 (Ref: G.I.S.; <i>SCMP</i> 21 Nov 1962)	BM and \$100	
Act Snr Land Assistant Francisco Xavier (Sonny) Monteiro, District Office, Taipo, New Territories	Off shore of Island House, at the height of typhoon 'Ruby' on 5 Sep 1964, and in gale force winds heavy seas, swam out, with a line, to a junk in distress, which was secured together with three crew (Ref: GIS; <i>HK Govt. Gazette</i> 13 Nov 1964; <i>CM</i> 13 Nov 1964; <i>SCMP</i> 14 Nov 1964)	BM	
Fireman 1219 Choi Fat-Po	Rescue of the crew of 44 from the SS <i>Shun Fung</i> grounded on Cheung Chau during typhoon 'Ruby' on 5 Sep 1964. Presented by R. G. Cox, GM, Director of Fire Services at Cheung Chau Fire Station on 21 Nov 1964 (Ref: <i>CM</i> 13. Nov 1964; <i>SCMP</i> 14 Nov 1964)	BM and \$100	12 other firemen were commended by H.E. & DFS and awarded \$50 each
Fireman 622 Ng Chung-Kwong	Rescue of the crew of SS <i>Shun Fung</i> grounded on Cheung Chau during typhoon 'Ruby' on 5 Sep 1964. Presented by R. G. Cox, GM, Director of Fire Services at Cheung Chau Fire Station on 21 Nov 1964 (Ref: <i>CM</i> 13. Nov 1964; <i>SCMP</i> 14 Nov 1964)	BM and \$100	
Asst Supt James Arthur William Deakin Lights Marine Dept	On 22 Feb 1966, off Tat Hong Lighthouse, jumped from Marine Dept Vessel <i>No.28</i> into rough seas and rescued Ng Loy, coxswain of Marine Dept. vessel <i>no. 37</i> , which had been under tow. Presented by J.P. Hewitt, Director of Marine at Marine Dept. HQ on 22 Apr 1966 (Ref: GIS; <i>SCMP</i> 22 Apr 1966; <i>CM</i> 22 Apr 1966)	BM	
Geoffrey Binstead, MBE, Director of H.K. Security Co. (Retired Snr Supt of Police)	At 12.30 pm on 21 May 1967, outside the Hilton Hotel, he was the only member of the public to come to the rescue of Cheung Chuen-Chung, who was being brutally beaten by a mob. Presented on 23 Nov 1967 (Ref: GIS; <i>SCMP</i> 24 Nov 1967; <i>Standard</i> 24 Nov 1967)	SM	
Snr Land Executive A.H. (Harry) Mackreth New Territories Administration	Rescue of passengers from a crashed and burning Public Bus at Shek Kong, N.T. on 25 Feb 1977. Presented by F.M. Watson, Director of Fire Services, at Fire Services Training School, Pat Heung, N.T. on 29 Sep 1977 (Ref: GIS)	SM	
Cheuk Wing-Hon, Manager of Shek Kong Restaurant	Rescue of passengers from a crashed and burning Public Bus at Shek Kong, N.T. on 25 Feb 1977. Presented by F.M. Watson, Director of Fire Services, at Fire Services Training School, Pat Heung, N.T. on 29 Sep 1977 (Ref: GIS)	SM	
Chan Yiu-Wing, Member of staff of Shek Kong Restaurant	Rescue of passengers from a crashed and burning Public Bus at Shek Kong, N.T. on 25 Feb 1977. Presented by F.M. Watson, Director of Fire Services, at Fire Services Training School, Pat Heung, N.T. on 29 Sep 1977 (Ref: GIS)	SM	
Lam Ying-Chun (16 years old)	Rescued a boy during a fire at Tai Wo Street Wanchai on 16 Aug 1983. Presented by Noel Gleeson, RG, at Harbour Road Fire Station on 26 May 1983 (Ref: <i>Star</i> 27 May 1983; <i>Standard</i> 27 May 1983; <i>SCMP</i> 27 May 1983)	SM and \$1,000	
Lee Wing-Kee Decoration worker	On 9 Sep 1983 during typhoon 'Ellen', rescued Mrs Wong Fung-Kam (78), swept onto the beach by a landslide at section 5, Mount Davis. Presented by Maria Tam at Sheung Wan Fire Station on 26 Apr 1984 (Ref: <i>SCMP</i> 27 Apr 1984)	SM	

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