



Press Release

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Philip Goodeve-Docker posthumously awarded Queen's Commendation for Bravery

Philip Goodeve-Docker, a comedy promoter from London, who died tragically whilst on a fundraising expedition in the Arctic, was recently posthumously awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery.

Philip was part of a three-man expedition who set out to cross the Greenland Ice Sheet in April 2013 to raise funds for the QNI. Early on in their expedition, they became trapped in a sudden and very severe polar storm. Tragically, shortly before rescue could arrive on the morning of 28 April, Philip passed away. His two colleagues were airlifted to safety, but suffered severe frostbite during their ordeal.

Philip's friends and family raised £60,000 in his memory and with this the QNI created a Memorial Prize in his name, which is presented to the highest achieving students on District Nursing Specialist Practitioner programmes in universities nationwide. Since its creation, hundreds of students have won the prize.

Philip was posthumously awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery in January 2017 and a full Citation was published formally in the London Gazette. The Citation explains in detail how he saved his teammates, 'When a gap appeared between the ice floor and the tent fabric which exposed them to the full force of the storm, Goodeve-Docker lay down along the gap and used his body as a horizontal block, allowing a snow-wall to build up and fill the gaps.' It states he won the award, 'For sacrificing his own life to protect his colleagues.'

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Notes to Editors:

To find out more about Memorial Prize, please visit www.qni.org.uk/explore-qni/qni-awards/philip-goodeve-docker-memorial-prize

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