

failure quickly and the delay which would be involved if the aircraft was damaged so extensively as to conceal the original cause. He therefore decided to attempt to retain control and land. By skill and judgment of a very high order he made a successful landing at the airfield, thereby enabling the cause of the wing failure to be quickly ascertained and rectified.

Colquhoun showed exceptional courage and coolness in circumstances of great danger and deliberately risked his life to bring the aircraft down intact.

Ronald MASON, Charge Hand Steel Erector, Francis Morton and Company Ltd., Liverpool.

James TOUGH, Foreman Steel Erector, Francis Morton and Company Ltd., Liverpool.

During constructional steelwork operations one of a gang of men who had been engaged in riveting work about 45 feet above the ground, turned quickly, struck his head on adjacent steelwork, lost his balance and fell off the platform towards a window. The metal frames of the window panes prevented him going through, but one of his ears was very deeply lacerated. After striking the window he fell on to a lattice girder 10 feet in length, down which he slid bodily to a point at which various girders intersected. In this position he was 30 feet above a stone floor. He was unconscious and bleeding profusely.

Tough was called and immediately went down to the injured worker, placed him in a more comfortable position and when the dressings were passed along by the first aid attendant, he helped to apply them. A canvas stretcher arrived and Tough and Mason placed the injured man on it. This was a matter of great difficulty as the job had to be done in a cramped position on the 17-inch wide flange of the horizontal beam. There were four rope handles on the sides of the stretcher but these could not be used owing to the narrow width of the beam. Tough and Mason then carried the stretcher along the horizontal beam and at the right-angled intersection manoeuvred it round the stanchion and passed it to three other workers. Tough and Mason both had to walk in a cramped stooping position, carrying a man weighing nearly 12 stone.

When the stretcher was being carried along the beam, Mason had necessarily to walk backwards, a task which added to the hazards of an already dangerous enterprise.

Tough and Mason showed leadership and courage and acted with decision and resource.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Peter Dennis SCARMAN, lately Surveyor (Field) Class IV, Bristol Divisional Office, Ordnance Survey (Keynsham, Somerset).

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Ronald Edward George CUTLER, Omnibus Driver, Bristol.

Following an armed raid on a bank two criminals rushed out and ran off. The alarm was given and Scarman ran after them. Another man who also joined in the chase was fatally shot by one of the desperadoes just as he was about to tackle him.

Although Scarman witnessed this he continued the chase, caught up with the criminal and got hold of him. There was a struggle, during which Scarman was struck from behind by the second man. Both men ran on and Scarman went after them. He was now joined by Cutler. The chase continued for some way until the two criminals were lost to sight. Cutler and Scarman then separated to search in different directions and later guided a police car to a spot where the men were found and arrested.

The manner in which Scarman persisted in his efforts to capture a dangerous criminal was an outstanding example of courage and determination. Cutler did all that he could to bring about the arrest of the two men and showed little regard for personal danger.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Howell James Ryan DAVIES, Student, University of Swansea. (Llandrindod Wells.)

Davies was walking along the footpath near Caswell Bay, Swansea, when he heard a cry and saw a girl floating in the sea and drifting slowly down channel about 40 yards from the rocks. He scrambled down over the rocks, took off his coat, trousers and shoes, and although there was a heavy swell running at the time, he plunged into the sea to her rescue. He was thrown against the sharp rocks and received cuts and abrasions on the arms and legs, but he succeeded in reaching the girl and towed her to the nearest rocks.

Davies displayed courage and resource and was the means of saving the girl's life.

Miss Martha ELWELL, Cook, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

One night, shortly after 11 p.m., a man of powerful physique feloniously entered a house, produced a revolver and demanded money from the occupants. Not being satisfied with the amount thus obtained he attacked the male owner of the house causing very severe injuries. He also attacked the wife and mother of the owner.

Miss Elwell heard screams, went into the sitting room and saw the man who appeared to be strangling the householder. She pulled the criminal's hands away but he knocked her down. She got up, ran to the telephone and dialled 999. She also telephoned to a neighbouring doctor, and he on arrival, was seriously assaulted. In the interval of making these calls she attacked the intruder with an umbrella and while doing so was yet again knocked down by him. He also threatened to shoot her and the others if they did not bring him money.

After a further struggle she managed to get outside the house and admit the Police.

Miss Elwell, who is 67 years old, showed very great courage and did her utmost to save her employer's life and property.

AWUNI FRAFRA, Blast Boy, Bibiani (1927) Ltd. Mine, Gold Coast.

A heavy fall of ground occurred in the South Stope in Bibiani Mine. At the time of the fall there were eighteen boys in the stope, four of whom were killed. Awuni Frafra was standing close to the filling raise,