

Thomas Temple displayed exceptional courage in chasing the armed gunman and returning to help the police constable who had been shot and was being attacked by the second criminal.

Ashwin, King and McCallum acted with great bravery without any regard for the consequences to themselves.

Hugh DOUGLAS, Police Constable, Nottingham City Police Force.

A paraffin stove was accidentally overturned in a first floor bedroom of a small dwelling-house occupied by a man and wife with their granddaughter aged 18 months. A fire broke out and the flames spread very quickly. The child crawled under the bed into a corner of the room and the grandparents were unable to reach her. The heat was intense and, being unable to reach the door, they escaped by jumping from the window.

The child's father and two other men attempted to enter the room from the landing of the house, but were beaten back by the flames and smoke. P.C. Douglas, protecting himself with his cape, dashed into the room. The clothes and mattress on the bed were on fire and since he could not crawl under the bed to reach the corner where the child was crouching, Douglas pulled the burning mass away and up-ended the bed. He wrapped the child in his cape and brought her out of the room to safety. She had been seriously burned. Douglas was burned on the right wrist but he immediately returned to the house to satisfy himself that there was no one left behind in any of the other rooms.

Constable Douglas carried out the rescue with complete disregard of his own safety and in face of conditions which had already prevented three other men from entering the room.

Stanley EUSTACE, Radiographer, Paddington Hospital, West Metropolitan Hospital Board. (Highgate, N.6.)

A wages clerk was carrying a parcel of money, made up into wage packets for payment to employees who were working on a building site, when he was attacked by two men, one of whom struck him and knocked him down. The men then snatched the parcel and ran off. Eustace, who had seen the assault, immediately chased the men and after running about 100 yards succeeded in seizing one of the thieves and, following a fierce struggle, brought him to the ground. The second assailant then attacked Eustace with a hard instrument and stunned him with a severe blow on the head. The two men then ran away.

Eustace was suffering from the effects of the blow and bleeding freely from the wound but he again took up the chase and followed the two men a distance of about a quarter of a mile. He eventually caught up with them, and, with help, was able to secure one of them and keep him in custody until the arrival of the police.

Eustace acted without fear of the consequences to himself and his courageous and public-spirited action resulted in the arrest of one of the criminals.

Douglas Gordon HARRIS, House Decorator, Streatham, London.

A woman was on her way to business one morning when she was attacked by a man who struck her on the head and face with a hatchet until she became unconscious. The man, who seemed intent on killing the woman, was about to strike her again when Harris, who was cycling to work, saw the attack, threw himself at the man and pinioned his arms. The attacker, however, threw Harris over his head, picked up the hatchet and made to strike him. Although unarmed, Harris courageously faced him and prepared to continue the struggle to defend the woman. When the man realised that Harris was determined to prevent any further attack on the woman, he dropped the hatchet and ran down the street into a garden, where he took his own life.

The woman eventually recovered and owes her life to Harris, who acted with great courage and determination in tackling alone and unarmed a very powerful man in possession of a murderous weapon which he had no hesitation in using.

Cyril MAEER, Labourer, Knottingley, Leeds.

A foreman-bricklayer, working in the Pump House at Ferrybridge Power Station, was descending by ladder from a working level of 39 feet to the platform of the screen pit 7 feet below. The access to the platform was through a manhole and upon reaching the foot of the ladder the foreman fell through another manhole into an underground chamber through which a river was flowing into a very large pump. The inlet to the pump was in the bottom of the chamber, 15 feet below the surface.

Maeer heard the splash and the cries for help. Although he was aware that the lower level was in darkness and that there was strong suction from the pump he immediately discarded his coat and descended the ladder, kicking off his shoes as he did so, lowered himself through the second manhole into the swirling water and in complete darkness searched for the foreman.

Maeer swam around in the water trying to find the man for about ten minutes. He was in danger of being sucked into the pump but only gave up when he found himself being drawn towards the circulating water pipes. He was rescued from his dangerous position by means of a rope and a ladder lowered into the pit by another workman.

Maeer showed great courage and took grave risks in order to try to save the life of a fellow workman.

Frank ROSE, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Constable Rose was on motor patrol duty with another officer when they were told that about ten minutes earlier a child had fallen into the Leeds and Liverpool Canal at a point where it is crossed by a road bridge.

The officers drove to the bridge and Constable Rose saw the arms of the child above the surface of the water. The canal at this place is about 60 feet wide and is a mass of driftwood, oil and other refuse. Although only a moderate swimmer Constable Rose climbed onto the wall of the