

to get a stick through it. She shouted to her brother to get away to safety and he struggled to the carhouse, where the tractor was kept. In the meantime Miss Jones had taken off her apron and put it over the bull's head, holding its nostrils as tight as possible to restrict its breathing. Unfortunately the bull knocked her arm with such force she was compelled to relax her grip on its nose. The bull then threw her down and tossed her further away. Miss Jones managed to crawl into the carhouse but while she was doing so the bull caught her again, injuring her legs. She jumped on to the tractor on which her brother was already lying and drove off the bull with a stick. She then released the dog which was tied up nearby and the bull was driven sufficiently far away for Miss Jones to assist her brother into the house. The bull was later destroyed. Miss Jones disregarded the risk to her own life in her efforts to save her brother.

Hassani KIMASHI, Native Cultivator, Tanganyika.

In the Vudee area of Tanganyika a lion was causing so much trouble that after it had killed an ox the tribal call was given and about 200 men turned out. When they cornered the lion it charged and pulled down one man. All the rest then ran away except Hassani Kimashi, who had an old single-barrelled native gun. He advanced right up to the lion and shot it at point blank range, thus undoubtedly saving the life of the man over whom the lion was standing. The lion could easily have turned on Kimashi and he would then undoubtedly have been killed. Kimashi displayed high courage in going forward to tackle the lion when all about him had fled.

Ernest Stephen LANAWAY, Police Constable, British Transport Police, Hither Green Sidings, London Area. (Sidcup, Kent.)

A sheeted wagon containing explosives caught fire in a railway siding and Lanaway, who saw the smoke and flames, ran to the wagon, severed the sheet strings and endeavoured to remove the burning sheet. He was unable to pull off the whole of the sheet and climbed into the wagon to deal with the remainder. He succeeded in getting rid of some more of the burning material and, while doing so, his overcoat caught fire. He tore it off and continued with his task of removing the burning sheets which were well alight, as also were the rope protection round the live shells and the inside boards of the wagon. Help then arrived and the wagon was pulled by a locomotive to a fire hydrant at the end of the sidings and the fire extinguished.

Lanaway acted with promptitude and disregard of personal danger and showed outstanding devotion to duty.

Walter Coy REED, Technician, Class I, Cambridge Telephone Area. (Ely.)

Ernest CURTIS, Technician, Class II B, Cambridge Telephone Area. (Ely.)

James John PETERS, Technician, Class II B, Cambridge Telephone Area. (Ely.)

Five Post Office Technicians, together with a tractor-driver, were engaged in laying telephone cable in Back Lane, Witcham, when

the tractor suddenly rolled completely over, pinning the driver underneath. His skull and five ribs were fractured and one rib pierced a lung. Two of the Post Office men went off at once in their lorry to fetch help and Reed sent Peters for his lorry. Peters backed the lorry to the side of the upturned tractor and Reed slung a pole chain over it. Curtis found a length of chain of about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch section which he passed round the main chassis member of the tractor and through the large ring of the pole chain. Reed fastened the small ring of the pole chain to the towing hook of the lorry and Peters drove forward. The lorry wheels spun fiercely but it made about 2 feet forward and lifted one side of the tractor off the ground. Reed stood in the ditch with a 4 foot crowbar and as soon as the tractor was raised he poked the crowbar up into the well of the tractor and wedged the tractor up on the bar which rested on the frozen ground. Peters put the brake on the lorry and switched off the engine, leaving it in gear. With the tractor now raised precariously with one side about 18 inches off the ground all three men, Reed, Peters and Curtis, started to get the man out. Peters went under the tractor and disentangled the man's legs from the steering column. Reed, in the centre, crawled under the tractor and put his hands under the man's body. Curtis also got under and supported the man's head. Together the three men wriggled out bearing the injured man gently on their arms. They were in danger all the time as the crowbar was gradually being forced into the ground and the lorry was being pulled backwards as the tractor slipped back on its side.

As a result of the prompt and gallant action performed by Reed, Peters and Curtis, the injured driver survived.

Mohamed Tahir bin Abdul RAHMAN, Postal Agent, Simpang Pelangai, Benton, Pahang, Malaya.

Bandits twice attacked the Sub Post Office where Mohamed Tahir bin Abdul Rahman lived with his wife and five children. On the first occasion he opened fire on them and they were driven off.

About two months later, Mohamed Tahir was in his house with his family when 30 to 40 bandits approached. They called on him to come out and then tried to force the door. Mohamed Tahir fired a shot at them and they then threatened to throw hand-grenades into the house and to burn it down. At this moment a bandit tried to force his way in through a window but Mohamed Tahir fired at him with his shotgun and severely wounded him. The bandits then set fire to the house. Mohamed Tahir tried to extinguish the flames and at the same time managed to fire some twenty shots intermittently at the bandits.

He and two of his children were forced out of the house by the fire and took refuge in some undergrowth. A party of police arrived, drove off the bandits and rescued Mohamed's wife and other children from the house which was completely gutted.

Throughout the attack Mohamed Tahir showed courage, determination and devotion to duty of a high order.