

on the head with his weapon, severely wounding him and causing serious bleeding.

In spite of his wounds, the Constable clung to his prisoner, who crawled towards the kerb near where the car was standing, but with the help of other police officers, who had now arrived, the man was overcome and taken into custody.

Although both men were armed Police Constable Stone did not hesitate in his duty and even when he had been severely wounded in the head he still clung tenaciously to his prisoner. By his courage and determination he secured the arrest of a dangerous criminal.

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

**Herbert CARBINES**, Acting Assistant Foreman of Mainlayers, Beckton Works, North Thames Gas Board. (Dagenham, Essex.)

An excavation had been dug to expose gas mains in a main road and about a dozen men were working in or near it. Molten lead was being run in when there was an explosion, apparently inside the gas main, and the excavation became filled with dust and smoke. Carbines who realised that a large escape of gas was possible following the explosion, immediately went into the excavation to rescue any of his workmates who may have been injured. He called out to others to follow him and got down on his hands and knees to search for casualties. He was unable to see anyone and as he passed the open mouth of a pipe he could smell gas coming out in great volume. He told the other men to go back but before they were all clear the gas ignited and the whole excavation became enveloped in flames.

Carbines acted promptly and courageously without thought of self.

**Albert William FORMAN**, Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

A prisoner who was known to be given to violence against himself, made a sudden dash from the hospital exercise yard at Wandsworth prison, climbed on to the main roof of the hospital and then up to one of the air shafts. He got into the shaft and stood there with only his head and shoulders showing. He could not be persuaded to come down and attempted to push away the ladders which were set up to reach him. While the prisoner's attention was distracted, Officer Forman scaled a long ladder from the ground and, in spite of the difficulty of negotiating an over-hanging cornice, he managed to seize the prisoner around the body. After his safety hook had been released from the top rung of the ladder by another officer, Forman very coolly worked his body on to the cornice and finally succeeded in getting both legs inside the air shaft without releasing his hold on the prisoner. The operation took about ten minutes and a slip on Forman's part would have involved a drop of forty feet. The prisoner was then brought safely to the ground.

Forman displayed courage and devotion to duty of a high order.

**Jackson s/o SAID**, Harbour Labourer, Mombasa, Kenya.

A small child fell into a waste water pit 45 feet deep and 6 feet in diameter. About 3 feet of water lay at the bottom and the child was in danger of drowning.

Jackson descended the pit by a rope made up of random lengths of one inch sisal rope of very poor quality and in most cases badly frayed. He held the child clear of the water until the fire brigade arrived and they were then both rescued by lifeline.

Jackson took a great risk in descending the pit by an improvised rope of such doubtful strength. His prompt action, taken with complete disregard of possible injury, resulted in the child's life being saved.

**Elizabeth, Mrs. JOHNSON**, Housewife, Marston Green, Birmingham.

A fire broke out in the kitchen of a prefabricated bungalow in which two young children were known to be. Mrs. Johnson, who lived nearby, ran to the back door of the building but could not gain access because a large armchair which was ablaze was obstructing the doorway. She then ran to the front door of the house, smashed the window with a brick and climbed through into the living room. She made her way to the kitchen which was burning fiercely and despite the smoke and flames managed to find one child and take him to the front window and hand him to a neighbour. The fire was now very severe and the heat almost unbearable but without a moment's hesitation Mrs. Johnson returned to the kitchen, found the other child, who was badly burned, and took him to safety.

Mrs. Johnson acted with no regard for her personal safety and with great presence of mind.

**Ernest Edmund NORRIS**, Aircraft Fitter, Greenford, Middlesex.

A fire broke out in a house and a crippled man was trapped in a ground floor room. Efforts to enter the room by the door were unsuccessful owing to the intense heat and dense smoke.

Norris saw the smoke issuing from the window and on being told that a helpless man was in the room he smashed a pane of glass, opened the window and jumped in. He was forced to the floor by the flames and smoke which singed his hair and burnt his hands, but he could just see the man lying on the floor and managed to drag him to the passage way and to safety.

Norris acted courageously and promptly and took no account of the risk to himself.

**Neville SEGRE**, Superintendent-in-charge, Fire Brigade, Savanna-la-mar, Jamaica.

Segre went with a party of firemen and special constables to a fire which had broken out in a cane field. They heard cries coming from the middle of the field which was fully ablaze. Segre attempted to enter but was beaten back by the flames. He again tried and succeeded in breaking his way through, to discover an old woman very badly burnt and in a state of panic. Although suffering from burns to his hands and face, Segre picked up the woman and carried her through the fire to safety. His gallant action saved the woman from being burnt to death.