

his continuous encouragement and determined leadership his men, outnumbered by more than two to one, fought their way forward until the bandits were finally defeated and forced to withdraw, leaving the Ibans in sole possession of the camp and in command of the battlefield. Determined to come to grips with the enemy again as soon as possible Menggong organised a thorough search of the area and only when this proved fruitless did he order the withdrawal of his platoon.

Awarded the George Medal.

Thomas Vivian CHISNALL, Farmer, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia.

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

Richard Walton Fores COX, Garage Manager, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia.

An aircraft crashed into some trees after over-shooting the runway at Thornhill, Southern Rhodesia. Mr. Chisnall, who was in bed, heard the crash and went to the scene of the accident as quickly as possible. The aircraft was burning fiercely and the pilot was trapped by his harness in the cockpit of the fuselage which was lying on its side. Despite the heat, Chisnall struggled to release the badly injured and unconscious pilot but had to move back from the flames. A neighbour, Mr. Cox, arrived and attempted to sever the straps of the harness with his pen-knife but, after cutting one strap, was driven back by the heat. Chisnall then borrowed a coat and using it and his hat for a shield, managed to make three or four approaches, and despite the intense heat, he succeeded in cutting through the remaining straps. The coat which he used to protect himself was badly burned. The pilot fell forward, entangled in the wreckage but Chisnall and Cox together managed to pull him away from the burning aircraft. They then administered first aid while awaiting the arrival of the ambulance.

Chisnall, who was burned on the face and arms, displayed great gallantry and determination in his efforts to rescue the injured pilot from the burning aircraft, knowing well that the petrol tanks might explode at any time. With the brave assistance of Cox the pilot was saved from being burnt alive.

Awarded the George Medal.

Samuel TURKINGTON, Postman, Shettleston, Glasgow.

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

Alfred McNIVEN, Constable, City of Glasgow Police Force.

Bernard Colingridge WATSON, Constable, City of Glasgow Police Force.

James PLENDERLEITH, Sub-Postmaster, Tollcross Road Post Office, Glasgow.

Mr. Plenderleith was alone in his sub-Post Office in Tollcross Road, Glasgow, when two men entered. One confronted Plenderleith with an automatic pistol and demanded money and the other man also menaced him. The two men then went

behind the counter and jostled the Sub-Postmaster towards the back shop. Plenderleith attempted to prevent the second man from grabbing some money from the safe, which was open, but the first man caught hold of his collar and thrust him into the back shop. There he switched on the Post Office alarm bell and immediately made his way back into the front shop where one of the men fired a shot at him at point blank range but fortunately missed. The other man at this point left the premises. Mr. Turkington, who had heard the shot, entered the Post Office and as the remaining intruder made for the door, Turkington, who was carrying two saws wrapped in brown paper, hit him on the head with these, knocking him to the floor. Plenderleith ran outside, held the door shut and shouted for help. The gunman got to his feet, pressed his revolver to Turkington's body and threatened to shoot him. Turkington knocked him down again and tried to take his gun away, but the man regained his feet. Turkington grappled with him and a struggle ensued during which shots were fired. Eventually Turkington was thrown to the floor: while he was struggling to rise, the intruder fired more shots at the door lock and Plenderleith, who was outside, jumped back, slightly wounded below the knee. The criminal ran out waving his pistol followed by Turkington and Plenderleith who both gave chase for some distance but had to give up.

While a number of people continued the pursuit, a Post Office van picked up Constables McNiven and Watson and took them to where the man was holding an old lady in front of him and pointing his gun at his pursuers who were standing a few yards from him. The Constables left the van and went forward. Constable McNiven told the man to hand over his gun, while Constable Watson got the old lady away from the man, who began to back away, pointing the gun at the Constables.

Although they knew that they were dealing with a desperate armed criminal, McNiven and Watson pursued the man, despite his threats to shoot them and eventually succeeded in overpowering and arresting him.

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

James FOGGO, Member of crew, Government Pilot Boat, Bermuda.

Grover LAMB, Member of crew, Government Pilot Boat, Bermuda.

Mr. Foggo and Mr. Lamb were members of a volunteer crew of a Pilot Boat which put to sea in an attempt to save survivors of an aircraft which crashed in Bermuda waters. The two men subsequently manned a six foot dinghy taking on board two survivors and two others who subsequently proved to be dead. The dinghy was small and leaking and conditions were extremely hazardous with a strong wind and rough sea. When picked up the dinghy was awash and on the point of sinking. There is no doubt that Foggo and Lamb risked their own lives to save the lives of the survivors.