

vehicle, and Constable Cain displayed great courage and determination in saving the life of the drowning man.

Leung Yiu Tong, Detective Corporal, Special Branch, Hong Kong Police Force.

Corporal Leung was walking in Gram-pian Road, Kowloon, when he was accosted by two Chinese criminals, one of whom was armed with an automatic pistol. Corporal Leung immediately drew his revolver, whereupon the armed man opened fire and shot the Corporal in the stomach.

Corporal Leung returned the fire and wounded his assailant but while doing so was seized by the second man who attempted to disarm him. This man gave up the struggle and fled when he saw that his accomplice had been shot and was lying on the ground.

Corporal Leung pursued the second criminal for about a quarter of a mile, finally catching up with him in a sand pit on some waste land. The man drew a knife, but with the help of two citizens the Corporal arrested the man and took him back to the road. Corporal Leung then collapsed. He had displayed courage and outstanding devotion to duty in pursuing the second armed criminal although severely wounded.

*Awarded the George Medal :—*

John Swanson, M.B.E., Assistant Firemaster, National Fire Service, Glasgow.

James Melvin, Divisional Officer, National Fire Service, Glasgow.

William Anderson, Column Officer, National Fire Service, Glasgow.

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

John Blackwood, Branchman, National Fire Service, Glasgow.

John Harrold, Branchman, National Fire Service, Glasgow.

Fire broke out on the top (fifth) floor of the premises of a firm of cabinet-makers at 270, Ballater Street, Glasgow. An employee immediately raised the alarm and the workers on that floor promptly made their way to the lower parts of the building, warning others as they went.

A motor driver employed by the firm entered the lift on the ground floor and, together with the lift-man, travelled to the third floor, where they were joined by the Managing Director, the Works Manager and the Foreman who had seized extinguishers and a pail of water before entering the lift, which was then taken to the fifth floor. There the trellis gate of the lift and the heavy metal folding safety door covering the lift shaft were opened by one of the five men. Immediately, flames shot up in front of the lift, so intense that the men were unable to close the door and gate. They could not therefore operate the lift and were trapped.

Branchmen Harrold and Blackwood arrived at the burning top floor by a stairway and found that the fire was billowing and roaring like an oil fire. The firemen had with them a line of hose with nozzle but were without an immediate water supply. They heard screaming from the direction of the lift and before water arrived at their end of the hose tried to reach the lift, but

progress without water cover was impossible. As soon as water was available Harrold and Blackwood, now helped by another branchman, again tried to get through the fire to the lift. The water had little effect on the fire, however, and it was found impossible to cut a path through the flames. The three branchmen were joined by two other firemen and all five tried to reach the lift but without success. Column Officer Anderson arrived, followed by Assistant Firemaster Swanson and Divisional Officer Melvin. Without hesitation, these three officers, having forbidden the firemen to attempt to enter the flames, themselves tried to reach the lift under the cover of one jet of water but were driven back by the fierce fire. Swanson then had a second line of hose brought into use and the three officers attempted once more to reach the lift, but because of steam, flames and falling timbers they were forced to return to their original positions. A life-line was obtained and Melvin, Swanson and Anderson, on their hands and knees, again went through the flames. The five firemen played their jets of water on the three officers while burning timber fell all around them and they crossed a floor which was burning and breaking beneath them as they moved. The heat was intense and in places the men's feet went through the floor, which was liable to collapse at any moment. They succeeded this time in reaching the lift and found one body in front of it. At the back of the lift they found another body. The Works Manager was discovered still alive and removed on a stretcher without delay. The bodies of the other two victims were also recovered.

Assistant Firemaster Swanson, Divisional Officer Melvin and Column Officer Anderson all showed utter disregard of their own safety in making persistent attempts to save the lives of the trapped men and were ably supported by Branchmen Harrold and Blackwood, who acted with considerable gallantry.

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

Douglas Thomas Gawthorpe, Senior Animal Keeper, Chester Zoo. (Great Saughall, Chester.)

Mr. Gawthorpe heard a moaning noise coming from the direction of the Zebra House at The Zoological Gardens, Upton, Chester. He looked into the Stallion Zebra's pen, and, through an open door connecting the pen with the exercise compound, saw the Stallion Zebra standing over a Trainee Keeper. The man was lying on the ground between the zebra's forelegs and the animal had the man's right arm in its mouth. Gawthorpe immediately summoned assistance but, without waiting for help, armed himself with a stiff bristled sweeping brush, unlocked the door of the Stallion Zebra's pen and made his way through the pen to the exercise compound. The zebra was dragging the Trainee Keeper along the ground and Gawthorpe hit the animal on the nose two or three times with the brush, drove it away, and commenced to pull the injured man into the pen. The zebra attacked again