

tanker who, unfortunately, was found to be dead.

Station Officer Carey acted in accordance with the highest traditions of the Fire Service.

William DOBLE, Underground Repairer, Bedwas Colliery, National Coal Board, South Western Division. (Caerphilly.)

An explosion occurred at Bedwas Colliery and twenty men were burned and one fatally injured.

Doble was one of those caught by the explosion and was knocked down and severely burned. In spite of his injuries he immediately took charge and saw to the comfort of the persons who were working in the vicinity. He rendered assistance to the injured men and extinguished burning paper and clothing.

The atmosphere was smoky, with fires burning, and there was the danger that another explosion might occur but it was only when Doble had travelled the whole of the district and had seen everybody else out of it, that he consented to receive first aid treatment himself. He was then carried to the surface and from there to hospital, suffering from severe injuries to the face, chest, hands and arms.

William Edmund DRINKWATER, Farmer, Hanley Castle, near Malvern.

Two men were cleaning out a well 31 feet deep and 3 feet in diameter. One of the men descended a ladder into the well and tested the clearness of the air by means of a lighted candle. When about half way up on his way to the top he suddenly fell from the ladder to the bottom of the well. The second man immediately went down the ladder where he found the unconscious man at the bottom with part of his face under water which was then about 18 inches deep. He shouted for help and was heard by Drinkwater who ran to the well and lowered a rope, but by this time both men in the well were unconscious. Drinkwater immediately fastened a rope around his waist and went down the ladder.

He did not know how much water was in the well, so hung head downwards from the rungs, unfastened the rope around his own body and tied it to the man whose face was in the water. With the help of three women at the top of the well who turned the winch, Drinkwater managed to manoeuvre the unconscious man to the top. The other man was rescued by the Fire Brigade.

Drinkwater was affected by the fumes but all three men recovered after treatment.

Thomas MURRAY, Sewer Cleaner, Glasgow.

Seven men were cleaning a sewer, 3 feet in diameter, 15 feet below Walkinshaw Street, Glasgow. Three of them were in the sewer and four were stationed at the opening of the shaft.

Two of the men ascended to street level expecting to be followed by the third. When the latter did not appear after a few seconds, his colleagues shouted down the shaft, and then saw him lying collapsed at the shaft bottom. They immediately went down the shaft again but they too collapsed. When there was no response to further shouting the workers on the surface hurriedly removed

manhole covers 30 to 50 yards distant on either side of the shaft to help disperse any noxious fumes present in the sewer.

Murray, the leader of the squad, who had been working at the surface, immediately descended to the sewer and found the three men, lying face upwards and unconscious with their heads almost completely submerged in about 12 inches of water and silt. He called to the surface for assistance and then, although himself affected by the fumes, he raised and managed to support the heads of the three men above water. Another member of the squad then descended the shaft, reached Murray and the others and fixing a rope around one unconscious man, had him hauled to the surface, and then himself climbed up. Fire Brigade units arrived and while firemen administered oxygen to the rescued man, others went down the shaft to the sewer where Murray, almost exhausted, was still supporting the other two men. Lines were obtained and the two unconscious men were pulled to the surface.

The promptitude, tenacity and courage shown by Murray undoubtedly saved the lives of his fellow workmen.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

George Kenneth Frank BALDWIN, Constable, Metropolitan Police, (Woodford Green, Essex.)

For services when two dangerous criminals were arrested.

Robert Henry DAVIES, Farmer, Hanley Swan, Malvern.

Daniel Thomas JAKEMAN, Sub-Officer, Worcester City and County Fire Brigade. (Upton-on-Severn.)

For rescuing a man overcome by fumes in a well.

David Ben GILBERT, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Battersea, S.W.11.)

For stopping a runaway horse.

Samuel Mugo GITHU, Trader and Transporter, Kenya.

Kamau s/o KARIGITHE, Headman, Kenya.

Laban KIMANI, Member, Home Guard, Kenya.

Rukwaro MUTUNGU, Sub-Headman, Kenya.

Joel Murega NGOBIA, Supervisor, Presbyterian Church of East Africa Schools, Kenya.

For services during attacks by terrorists in East Africa.

William Samuel Theodore HARRIS, Sub-Officer, Berkshire and Reading Fire Brigade. (Lambourn.)

For services when a fuel tanker overturned and caught fire.

Charles Edwin HEASMAN, Sergeant, County Borough of Eastbourne Police. (Eastbourne.)

For rescuing a dog from a cliff.

Alexander Adolphus Dumphries HENSHAW, M.B.E., Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire.

For helping to rescue persons during floods in Lincolnshire.

George Gloucester JENNER, Tool Fitter, Department of Government Transport, New South Wales.

For preventing a boiler explosion.