

The other barred the man's path, pointed a pistol at him and fired at his feet, but without inflicting an injury. The man began to run, shouting for help, but was overtaken by his assailant and beaten on the head and face with the pistol until he collapsed.

Constable McShane heard the shot and cries for help and ran towards them. When he arrived on the scene the man with the pistol ran away holding the weapon in his right hand. The Constable chased him, overtook him and managed to obtain possession of the pistol. The man struggled violently but was overpowered and taken to the police station.

Constable McShane acted with courage and coolness in tackling a dangerous criminal armed with a loaded firearm which he had already used.

WANJONI s/o Wachira, Headman, Kenya.

MUTHUMI s/o Njekiri, Kikuyu Guard, Kenya.

Headman Wanjoni and an escort of four armed men were walking from Chui to Karunge Kikuyu Guard's Post when they were ambushed by an armed gang.

Headman Wanjoni ordered his men into firing positions and then personally controlled their fire upon the enemy, firing his own weapon at the same time. He continued to do this, inflicting casualties, until realising he would be cut off in the rear, he ordered his men to withdraw to the top of the valley giving covering fire himself as they did so. One of his men, Muthumi s/o Njekiri, was cut off from the rest of the party and set upon by a number of the gang armed with pistols and pangas. Muthumi fought them off with the butt of his rifle and then shot one and wounded others. These men withdrew but two of the enemy armed with .303 rifles shot at him from close range. Muthumi returned the fire and killed both of his attackers. The rifles dropped by these men were picked up by others who also started firing at Muthumi. He returned their fire and withdrew to where the rest of the Kikuyu Guard were waiting. Most of the enemy had meanwhile broken off the attack and were attending to their wounded and the Kikuyu Guard, hopelessly outnumbered, withdrew under Headman Wanjoni's direction, firing back at the enemy as they went.

Robert WILLIAMS, Launch Operator, Port Services Department, Trinidad.

When a severe storm struck the Port of Spain harbour, the schooner "Benevolence" which was moored alongside one of the jetties was being pounded against it. At the same time three barges dragged their anchors and prevented the Port Services small tug "Bear Cat" from approaching near enough to get a towing line to the "Benevolence".

The only means of getting a line to the schooner was by way of the barges as the tug would have been smashed if she approached any closer. Williams jumped into the heavy seas, taking a line with him,

managed to get on board one of the barges and re-entering the sea on the other side was able to pass the line to one of the schooner crew.

At the first attempt to pull off the schooner the tow line became fouled on one of the barges and Williams again jumped into the sea and managed to free the tow line thus allowing the schooner to be pulled off to a safe anchorage.

Williams displayed courage and resourcefulness.

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For services during an attack by Mau Mau terrorists.

Stanley Johnson MANGING, Inspector, Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Police Force.

For re-capturing a performing bear which had escaped and attacked a woman.

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