

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

Charles William JACK, Engine Fitter, South Eastern Gas Board, Waddon Gas Works, Croydon. (Thornton Heath.)

A breakdown in the conveyors of a new coke plant at the Waddon Gas Works caused over a hundred tons of coke in one of the hoppers to become over-heated and give off carbon monoxide. A foreman employed by the plant contractors accidentally fell through a manhole in a gangway above the hopper on to the coke some fifteen feet below and apparently lost consciousness. The Works rescue squad were summoned and their instructor, followed by Jack, who was equipped with fully charged breathing apparatus and life line, went down into the hopper. In spite of the dangerous and difficult conditions the foreman was found and Jack helped to fix the safety harness by means of which he was eventually hauled out of the hopper. There was considerable risk from the intense heat and steam as well as from the carbon monoxide fumes and, in addition, Jack had to contend with poor visibility and the difficulty of maintaining a foot-hold on the hot shelving coke. He remained in the hopper for fifteen minutes until, almost at the end of his endurance he was pulled from the hopper by other rescue workers.

Clifford Alan MADELIN, Constable, Staffordshire County Police. (Stafford.)

Constable Madelin was on duty driving a Police car, when he received a wireless message that a stolen car, containing three escaped prisoners, was travelling along the Newcastle to Hanford Road at a fast speed. The three criminals had shot at and wounded a police sergeant and had crashed through a road block a few minutes previously. Shortly after hearing the wireless message Constable Madelin saw a vehicle travelling towards him and realised that it was the stolen motor-car. Without hesitation and with no regard for his personal safety Madelin drove his car across the width of the road to cause a road block. The stolen car crashed into the nearside of the patrol car, causing considerable damage to both vehicles and trapping the Constable's right leg in between the door and the side of the car. Upon extricating himself the Constable saw that one of the prisoners was being held by two Police Officers who had been chasing the stolen car but another had evaded arrest and was running away. Constable Madelin gave chase but due to the darkness and the injuries to his leg he had to give up.

Constable Madelin acted in the best tradition of the Police Service. He knew that the stolen motor-car contained dangerous criminals who would take all possible measures to effect their escape and who had, only a short time previously, resorted to the use of a gun.

NJOMO s/o Karanja, Kikuyu Guard, Murengeti Post, Kenya.

An evening patrol from the Murengeti Post, Limuru Location, noticed activity on

the forest edge near a farm and discovered that a Mau Mau gang had just ambushed a home guard, injuring him seriously and stealing his rifle. The gang was reported to have gone into the forest nearby.

The immediate area where the terrorists were thought to be was cordoned off and Njomo s/o Karanja was put on the left flank. When the cordon was in position a soldier entered the bush and sprayed the undergrowth with his patchett gun. Immediately three terrorists broke cover and ran towards the left side of the cordon. Njomo gave chase for about 300 yards. During this time the terrorist who had the stolen rifle shot at Njomo who was unarmed but for a simi. Nothing daunted, Njomo caught up with him and dodging the rifle he slashed him with his simi, killing him. He then picked up the rifle from the dead man and killed a second terrorist with it. The third was killed with spears by other guards.

Njomo s/o Karanja by his courage and disregard of danger recovered a precision weapon which might well have caused the death of many people.

**QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR
BRAVE CONDUCT.**

Edward Hayward COOPER, Farmer, London-thorpe Heath, Grantham.

Doris Lewis, Mrs. FAZACKERLEY, Housewife, Barkston Heath, Grantham.

Sylvia Christina, Mrs. GADD, Housewife, Barkston Heath, Grantham.

Arthur WATSON, Tractor Driver, Grantham.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire at Barkston Heath.

Arthur CROMPTON, Chargehand Coal Handler, Radcliffe Power Station, British Electricity Authority, Merseyside and North Wales Division. (Radcliffe, Lancashire.)

For services when an accident occurred on the rail sidings at Radcliffe Power Station.

Frederick Edwin Henderson ELLIOTT, Constable, Hampshire Constabulary. (Hayling Island.)

For services when securing a drifting sea mine.

KAGEMA s/o Njomo, Murengeti sub-location, Kenya.

MWIGAI s/o Ngigi, Kikuyu Guard, Kenya.

For services during operations against Mau Mau terrorists.

**QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR
VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR.**

Captain Philip BLOWN, Commander of Aircraft, Cathay Pacific Airways.

Cedric Windas CARLTON, 1st Officer of Aircraft, Cathay Pacific Airways.

For services when a passenger aircraft was attacked by hostile machines and crash landed in the sea near Hainan Island.

Lionel Peter TWISS, Test Pilot, Fairey Aviation Company Ltd. (Hillingdon, Middlesex.)

For services when an aircraft, undergoing tests, sustained damage in the air.