

away. On completing this task he became unconscious. By his courageous action Pampling prevented a serious explosion and saved the five other vehicles from possible destruction. In so doing he sustained serious injuries to his face, hands and legs.

PASKALI s/o Banda, First Class Warder, Prison Service, Tanganyika.

Paskali was off duty when he saw and recognised an escaped convict. The escapee recognised Paskali and ran away. Paskali chased the man for some time around the native quarters in the town, and the convict's attempts to elude Paskali included climbing on to the roof of a house. Paskali followed and the chase went on until he got within easy reach of the man when he saw he was armed with a large open knife. Paskali was unarmed but he grabbed a stick from a passer-by and tackled the criminal. During the struggle which ensued Paskali was stabbed three times in the back and twice in the arm. A Police askari then arrived and the convict was taken into custody. Warder Paskali knew the escapee was a dangerous criminal who would stop at nothing, but without regard for his personal safety he tackled the man and was responsible for his recapture.

Anthony James Arthur RIVERS, Lampman, British Transport Commission, Western Region. (Dudley.)

Rivers was carrying out his duties at Cradley Heath and Cradley Passenger Station when he heard unusual sounds to the rear of a passenger train. Upon investigation he found a woman on the line close to the level crossing struggling to release her right foot which had become wedged between the stock rail and a check rail on the Main line. Rivers endeavoured to release her foot, but without success, and seeing a train nearing the Station on the Main line, he lifted the woman as far as he could away from the track and took a penknife from his pocket with the intention of cutting her shoe loose but before he was able to do this the train was upon them. He had the presence of mind to realise that to save the woman's life it would be necessary to sacrifice her foot, and he held her by the shoulders as far away from the line as possible as the train rushed by. The woman's right leg was severed below the knee and Rivers sustained a fractured pelvis and injury to right knee and multiple bruises and abrasions.

Rivers without hesitation took what action he could to save the woman's life and knowingly accepted serious risk of personal injury. There is little doubt that if the woman had remained in her original position she would have been killed.

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

Victor George CONLAN, Stripper, Harlow, Essex.

Conlan was cycling across the forecourt of some flats with the intention of calling upon his parents, when he heard the sound of shots. The shots came from the direction of his parents' flat and hearing someone scream he dropped his bicycle and ran towards the

stairs. As he reached the bottom he saw a man on the stairs behind two people. He saw him push them aside and then turn round and fire at them with a small gun which he was holding in his right hand. The gunman ran to the bottom of the stairs and pushed Conlan to one side but Conlan grappled with him and they fell to the floor. The man got up and fired at Conlan but missed. He then ran out of the buildings and although Conlan chased him he was unable to catch him.

Conlan saw the shooting and deliberate wounding, but did not hesitate to tackle the assailant single handed with the full knowledge that the man was armed with a lethal weapon.

Norman Hugh DALE, Able Seaman of Yard Craft, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth. (Gosport.)

Dale was in charge of a barge of high explosives when two aircraft flares in a box caught fire. The box was resting on its end against another box at the bottom of a working space which was about 6 ft. by 15 ft. The flames were spurting out of the top end of the box and were playing on the sides of the barge. Other boxes containing flares were lying in the bottom of the working space. With complete disregard of his own safety Dale entered the hold of the lighter, passed a line through the handle of the smouldering box of flares and heaved it overboard. The working space was enclosed on two sides by ammunition and Dale's action averted an explosion and possible injury or loss of life.

John Charles HUGHES, Dock Worker, National Dock Labour Board, Great Yarmouth.

A man fell between a quayside and a ship, striking his head in the fall. Hughes dived into a gap between the side of the quay and the swaying ship and although the ship's movement threatened to crush both men, Hughes managed to bring the man to safety.

The river is dangerous at this point and the man would almost certainly have drowned if Hughes had not acted as he did without regard for the risks involved.

Edward Richard JONES, Collier, Great Mountain Nos. 1 and 2 Colliery, Carmarthenshire, National Coal Board. (Llanelly.)

A man was working on the conveyor face at Great Mountain Nos. 1 and 2 Colliery, when the roof over the roadhead supports collapsed, trapping him from his waist down. Jones, a collier and first-aid attendant, was quickly on the scene and crawled past the fall to the trapped man who was conscious but could not move due to the weight of debris on him, which was causing him considerable pain. There was also a loose stone, about two tons in weight, threatening to fall from right above him.

Jones sent for morphia and more first-aid equipment and while this was coming, helped other men to erect a covering of wood flats to try and break the fall of the large stone or other smaller ones which might come away from the ragged roof. When the morphia arrived he crawled back to the trapped man and gave him an injection. He then instructed the men to cover