

he was pulled through to the outside where he collapsed.

Fully aware of the heavy concentration of fumes, Mr. Connor and Sergeant Tocher entered the confines of the building, faced with a drop of six feet on the inside and uncertain as to how they would find a way out. Both men displayed considerable determination and courage in effecting the rescue of the boys.

Stanley Peter DALE, Constable, Bradford City Police Force.

Shortly after midnight Constable Dale saw a man in the doorway of a factory office. He went towards the man who then ran into the yard of the works. The Constable followed him as he ran towards a mill dam. The man did not stop and disappeared into the dam. Dale got to the edge and by stepping on to some debris about 5 feet from the edge, obtained an old door, crawled towards the intruder and tried to pull him on to the door. The weight caused the door to sink but Dale, although handicapped by the suction caused by the oily substance in the dam, managed to get the man on to the debris and then to the yard. The man then suddenly turned upon Dale, struck him on the side of the head with his fist and broke away. The Constable chased him, there was a struggle, and his assailant broke away again. He was chased once more by the Constable who was able to detain him until assistance arrived.

Dennis Norman DOWDING, Constable, Bristol Constabulary.

Constable Dowding was on duty one night when he saw a man driving a van which was not displaying obligatory lights. When the van stopped at a junction the Constable went to the nearside door and saw another man in the passenger's seat. The Constable asked the driver to pull around the corner and stop. As the van was driven around the corner the driver accelerated quickly. Dowding jumped on the running board and repeatedly asked the driver to stop the vehicle. He would not do so and continued to drive at speeds between 20 and 40 miles per hour. On numerous occasions he swerved towards lamp standards on the nearside of the road in an endeavour to knock the Constable from the vehicle and the passenger hit the officer's hands in an effort to make him release his hold. As the van approached a roundabout the passenger placed his feet against the door of the vehicle, and as it flew open he fell from the vehicle, taking the Constable with him. A fight ensued and the driver also left the van and attacked the Constable. Eventually the men were taken into custody and Constable Dowding was conveyed to hospital suffering from lacerations to the face and concussion. Constable Dowding acted with gallantry and devotion to duty.

John Richard HARRIS, Constable, Metropolitan Police Force, Elstree, Herts.

A Police Constable and two other officers were on plain clothes duty at an Underground Railway Station when they saw four youths leave the forecourt of the Station and loiter in a shop doorway near some unattended cars. In view of their suspicious

behaviour they were stopped by the three police officers and questioned. Being unsatisfied with the explanations given, the officers searched the youths, who were found to be in possession of two torches and two pairs of gloves. They were then told that they would be arrested, whereupon one of them broke away and ran off with Constable Harris in pursuit. After some distance the youth turned, pointed a revolver at the Officer, who was several yards away from him, and threatened to shoot him. Harris ducked but continued to run at the youth, who then fired at him, the bullet passing to the right of his head. The youth ran on across the road but after a further chase Constable Harris tackled him and after a struggle managed to gain possession of the revolver. With the assistance of another officer the youth was then arrested. The revolver, cocked ready for re-firing, was loaded with three live shotgun cartridges which had been cut down in length to fit. Constable Harris did his duty without regard for his personal safety.

IYUMBU s/o Ikumbu, Peasant, Maswa District of the Lake Province, Tanganyika.

A Police Constable armed with a rifle and 50 rounds of ammunition, ran amok during the night and killed 36 people in the space of less than 12 hours in the area of Malampaka, Maswa District, Lake Province. A few mornings later Iyumbu reported to the Police that the demented man had visited his house in search of food. Iyumbu was asked to send information quickly and try and keep the man with him should he come again. At 1 a.m. the next day the man reappeared at the house. He was still armed. He was again given food and Iyumbu sent his wife to report to the Police. He engaged the man in conversation for nearly two hours until help arrived. Iyumbu then ran out of the house into which a Police Superintendent threw a smoke bomb. The house was destroyed by fire and the Police Constable, in trying to evade capture, received wounds from which he subsequently died.

Iyumbu lives within two miles of the scene of the original batch of murders, in an area through which intensive searches took place among a terrorised population. He was, therefore, well aware of the risks he ran and undoubtedly his courageous and public-spirited action at great personal risk was a major factor in the ultimate capture of the Constable.

Spencer Maconochie VIBART, Constable, Plymouth City Police.

Constable Vibart was parading to go off duty at midnight, when a call was received to the effect that a gunsmith's premises had been entered, and a man had been seen running away. The call was immediately attended to by another wireless crew and Constable Vibart left the building to walk to his home. On his way he saw a man acting in a furtive manner endeavouring to conceal something inside his jacket. The Constable caught up with the man who suddenly turned, pointed a pistol at the Constable and threatened to shoot him. The Constable had an attaché case in his hand