

down between his feet he saw the head and shoulders of the unconscious man. Peters had a supply of oxygen but this was soon expended and he became light headed owing to the presence of gas and was in such a bad condition that his colleagues brought him to the surface. He rested for some time and on the arrival of more oxygen he decided to make another attempt. He went down as before, taking the tubes to provide oxygen with him on this occasion and on reaching the bend the oxygen was turned on. He reached his previous lowest point and then continued on. The chimney got considerably narrower and eventually he got so near to the trapped man that his boots were touching the man's helmet. It was so narrow that he could not get his hands down to give any assistance but he managed to secure a life line to the broken rope. The man was moved about 18 inches but then became completely jammed. By this time Peters was himself almost unconscious but with the help of the rescuers above was able to reach the top of the chimney where he collapsed. All efforts failed to release the trapped man but rescue parties continued their efforts until it was confirmed that life was extinct.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division):*

Richard Swift CLAY, Constable, Brighton Police Force.

Peter RUBIDGE, Constable, Brighton Police Force.

Constables Rubidge and Clay, were patrolling in the London Road area when they saw a car, reported to have been stolen. They followed it and Constable Clay, who was driving the police car, was able to pull in front of the stolen car, thus preventing it being driven further. Constable Rubidge immediately went to the driver's side of the stolen vehicle and Constable Clay to the near side. Rubidge spoke to the driver, then reached into the car, switched off the engine and removed the ignition key. The officer then saw that the driver was holding an automatic pistol. He heard a click and realised that the pistol had been "cocked" and was pointed at his stomach. Without hesitation both Constables tackled the man and after a fierce struggle

removed him from the car and arrested him. When examined the automatic pistol was found to be fully "cocked" and had a magazine containing nine cartridges and also one cartridge in the chamber ready for firing.

YUSUFU s/o Hassani, Special Constable, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika.

In Dar es Salaam, shortly after midnight a hue and cry was raised by an African who had been injured whilst attempting to arrest a suspected thief. Special Constable Yusufu, although not on duty at the time, joined in the chase and eventually apprehended the suspect. In the struggle that followed Yusufu was stabbed in the chest and his hands were cut with a knife. The suspect broke free but Yusufu, although wounded, continued the chase and helped to arrest the fugitive.

*Queen's Commendations for Brave Conduct:*

William ALLEN, Collier, Dillwyn No. 1 Mine, Glamorgan.

Clifford LEWIS, Collier, Dillwyn No. 1 Mine, Glamorgan.

Lewis Gwyn LLOYD, Collier, Dillwyn No. 1 Mine, Glamorgan.

William John WILLIAMS, Collier, Dillwyn No. 1 Mine, Glamorgan.

For services when an accident occurred in a coal mine.

John COVILL, Constable, Blackburn Borough Police Force.

Peter HALLIWELL, Constable, Blackburn Borough Police Force.

John HARRISON, Inspector, Blackburn Borough Police Force.

Jack RILEY, Constable, Blackburn Borough Police Force.

For services when apprehending a man armed with a shot gun.

Walter Blair HAMILTON, Machine Operator, East Plean Colliery, Stirlingshire.

For services when an accident occurred in a coal mine.

Frederick John WELLS, Electrician, Battersea, London.

For services when an accident occurred on a building site.

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