

at the youth and butted him in the body with his head. A struggle ensued during which the Patrol Police rushed in and arrested the youth.

**John William Maxwell**, Assistant Inspector, Northern Rhodesia Police, Western Province of Northern Rhodesia.

**Mrs. Belini Maloni**, Children's Nurse, Ballybush Farm, Chingola, Northern Rhodesia.

Whilst swimming in the Kafue River with three children aged 7, 9 and 12 years, Assistant Inspector Maxwell saw a large crocodile between them and the river bank. He called to the children and directed them to a rock, projecting from the river, on to which he climbed. The 9 year old boy scrambled to safety with his assistance, but the two other boys were unable to climb the rock due to its slippery surface and to their being petrified with fear. The crocodile approached and Maxwell jumped between it and the children. With complete disregard for his personal safety and appreciating that he was laying himself open to attack he helped the boys out of the river and on to the rock. He lifted the elder boy out and while helping the other, Maxwell was seized by the crocodile. He beat it on the snout and in the eye and it released him, but it immediately turned in the water and seized him again before he could get on to the rock. He was dragged into deep water, but managed to open the crocodile's jaws and release his leg. Then, with his fingers, he gouged out the eyes of the beast and it let go its hold. With his left foot practically severed and his right leg badly mauled, Maxwell swam to the rock where he climbed out. With the help of the children he tore up a towel and applied a tourniquet to his leg to prevent further loss of blood. Belini Maloni was at her employer's farm when children called for aid in rescuing Maxwell from the rock. Mrs. Maloni ran to the river. She was unable to swim, the crocodile was thrashing about in the water and there was danger that other crocodiles would be attracted. She nevertheless entered the river and waded across to Maxwell. She assisted him on to her back and, crawling on her hands and knees, carried him through the water to safety. Belini Maloni, in spite of being terrified, entered the river with complete disregard for her own safety, knowing full well the risk, and her cool bravery in the face of serious danger made possible the rapid medical attention necessary for saving Maxwell's life.

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

**Barry John Dening**, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

**Kenneth Michael Johnson**, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Constable Dening, who was riding a Police motor cycle followed a motor car which had no rear light. The Constable rode alongside the driver of the car and requested him to stop, but he immediately accelerated to a speed of about 50 miles per hour. Constable Dening followed the motor car, sounded the siren on his cycle and awaited an opportunity to draw abreast of the car. Suddenly the driver of the

car braked heavily and swung the vehicle towards the Constable in an effort to strike his motor cycle, but the Constable avoided him and continued the pursuit. This was repeated several times by the driver of the car, who then increased speed. At this stage the passenger in the car pointed a rifle at the Constable and fired four shots through the rear window. The Constable followed the car along a number of streets and back lanes for several miles. He was seen by Constable Johnson who was off duty and driving a private motor car. Johnson had heard rifle shots and when there were several more shots he pursued the vehicles about two miles through various streets at speeds ranging from 50 to 70 miles an hour. He succeeded in ramming the mudguard of the car, but it did not stop. The passenger in the car then leaned over the back of the front seat and fired two shots from the rifle. The bullets shattered the windscreen of Johnson's car and he felt a stinging sensation to the right of his forehead. He was partly blinded by the shattering of the windscreen. He reduced speed and smashed a hole in the shattered windscreen so that he could continue the pursuit. Meantime Dening pursued the motor car until it stopped. The driver ran away but Dening struggled with the passenger and with Johnson's assistance the man was arrested.

**Emmanuel Coleta HALL**, Trader, Bambarra, Middle Caicos, Turks and Caicos Islands.

The sloop "Trade Winds," heavily laden with cargo and with twenty-three passengers was carried on to a reef, where the heavy sea promptly impaled it. The women on board were put into the dinghy and others were flung or jumped into the water on the outside of the reef and were carried rapidly away out to sea by the tide. Four persons remained on the wreck clinging to the spar. Hall who was on the landing at Bambarra at once put to sea in his sloop. The vessel was unballasted, with neither food nor water aboard. Once outside the reef, he picked up all those who were in the water and the women in the dinghy. All the rest of the day he remained outside the reef bringing his sloop repeatedly as close as he dared to the wrecked "Trade Winds" in the hope that its Captain and the other three men on the spar would jump into the water so that he could pick them up. But they did not jump and finally Hall sailed back to the landing with those he had rescued. At daybreak next morning Hall returned to the scene of the wreck and found that two of the persons holding to the spar had dropped off and drowned in the night. The sea was down a little and Hall was now able to get his boat to where the captain of the "Trade Winds" and one other man could jump from the spar on to his deck. In taking his sloop, unballasted, and in such a condition of wind, sea, and tide through a cut in the reef completely obscured by the sea, Hall displayed courage and outstanding seamanship.

**John WALKER**, Inspector, Peterborough Combined Police Force.

**Percy William VINCENT**, Detective Sergeant, Peterborough Combined Police Force.