

bringing him to the foot of the ladder leading to the engine room entrance where assistance was given to bring the man to the top.

Alan ASHWORTH, Constable, Rochdale Borough Police. (Shawclough, Rochdale.)

Two children were playing on an ice covered mill pond when the ice gave way and both fell through into the water. Constable Ashworth, who was in a police car, received information of the accident and was driven to the scene, arriving within 1½ minutes from the time of the call. On the way he took off his tunic and cap. On arrival he plunged into the pond and, swimming through the water and thin ice, managed to find the children. When he reached them both were unconscious. Taking hold of them by their clothing, he struggled towards the opposite bank, breaking the thin ice by his own weight as he went along. When the ice became too thick to break he lifted the children on to it and they were picked up by other police officers.

Frank BIRNIE, Constable, Stirling and Clackmannan Police Force. (Longcroft, Stirling-shire.)

Constable Birnie, with two other constables, was on duty at a road block. One of his fellow officers signalled a vehicle to stop and while it was drawing to a halt a stolen lorry swung out from behind and headed straight for the signalling constable who was forced to jump aside. As the lorry passed, Constable Birnie ran on to the roadway, seized the arm of the nearside driving mirror and jumped on to the running board of the vehicle. The lorry immediately accelerated. There were four men in the cabin of the lorry and the man on the nearside lowered the window and attempted to push Constable Birnie off the running board, but was unsuccessful and the window was shut. By this time the lorry was travelling at about forty miles per hour and on several occasions the driver swung close in towards lamp posts in an effort to brush the Constable off. Police cars started in pursuit and after some miles the driver swung the lorry sharply into a narrow, winding, tree-lined road and drove close to the overhanging branches which brushed against Constable Birnie but he still managed to retain his position. Birnie then climbed from the running board into the back of the lorry, shone his torch at the driver and identified him. When the lorry was halfway up a steep hill the driver suddenly swung it across the road and over a bank, after which it came to a stop with the front buried in a wooded slope. After the impact, Constable Birnie saw the driver jump from the offside door and start to run away. The Constable thereupon jumped on top of him and after a struggle overpowered him. Constable Birnie was clinging to the lorry for a total distance of seven miles.

Walter Alan BONNER, Constable, Liverpool City Police.

A man entered a bank, grasped hold of the only customer, a woman, pressed a revolver into her temple and threatened to kill her unless money was handed over. The cashier, fearing for the safety of the customer pushed over a bundle of five pound notes. The man

grabbed the money and ran out of the door brandishing the revolver. The alarm was sounded and two policemen and members of the Bank staff went in pursuit of the gunman. As his pursuers turned a corner after him the gunman turned as he ran and fired one shot at them. No one was hurt and the chase continued. Others joined in the chase and more shots were fired. Constable Bonner was driving a police motor cycle when he heard a shot and the sound of people screaming and shouting. He saw the man running with the revolver in his hand being chased by the constables and others. Constable Bonner then accelerated his machine and drove it straight at the man whom he hit and knocked to the ground. The motor cycle fell over and Constable Bonner jumped on top of the criminal and held him until the other Police Officers arrived and took him into custody.

John Bryan GILES, G.M., Inspector, 3rd Class, South Australia Police Force.

Inspector Giles displayed courage and devotion to duty in disarming and arresting a mentally defective person who had threatened the lives of others at Brompton. The man became demented during the night, terrorising and holding other occupants of the premises prisoners. One of the occupants managed to escape from the house and telephoned the police. Two Constables went to the house and found the man armed with a long, pointed carving knife. He lunged at the Constables, struck one a blow in the abdomen, rushed into a room at the front of the premises, and barricaded himself in, stacking furniture against the door to prevent entry. Inspector Giles arrived in response to a call for further assistance. The demented man was screaming and shouting. Giles engaged him in conversation through a broken window but after twenty minutes it was evident that the man had no intention of surrendering the knife or submitting quietly. Giles distracted his attention for a second, jumped through the window, overpowered him and wrenched the knife from him. The action of Inspector Giles undoubtedly prevented the man from causing serious or fatal injury to himself or others.

INDAR bin Angka, Farmer, Kampong Telibong, Tuaran District, North Borneo.

A Bugis immigrant labourer ran amok with a knife. His first victim was a European who was stabbed twice in the chest. The man then ran into the Agricultural Station where he killed a seven year old native girl and her mother, seriously wounded a sixteen year old girl and a man, and disappeared from sight. Indar bin Angka was warned that a dangerous killer was at large. He took up position on the main road to guard the approach to his house. He was joined by the Police Divisional Commander who had been summoned by telephone. The deranged man was seen and the Police Officer, who was carrying a riot baton, approached him. The man leapt at him and sought to stab him with a hunting knife. In the ensuing scuffle the knife dropped to the ground. The man then drew a second knife with a 5 ins. long blade and was about to renew his attack when Indar,