

shed. He managed to distract the man's attention, rushed at him, reached him before he could raise the rifle, grabbed hold of him, knocked the rifle to the floor and overpowered him. Other police then came to his assistance and the man was arrested.

Roy Albert HOBBS, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.1.)

Roy STAMPER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.5.)

Police Constables Hobbs and Stamper were on duty about midnight when they saw a man run out of a house. A woman shouted that the man had a gun. Both officers ran after the man and when they were about twenty-five yards away Hobbs shouted to him to stop. The man looked over his left shoulder and then pulled out a gun. He continued to run and a member of the public put out his foot and tripped him. As he lay on the pavement he fired at Hobbs but fortunately missed. After the shot had been fired the Constables leapt upon the gunman and managed to disarm him.

Graham David PRIEST, Cadet, Liverpool City Police.

William John SASS, Cadet, Liverpool City Police.

Cadets Priest and Sass were on duty at a Pier Head when they were told that a woman was drowning in the river. They ran to the top of a bridge and saw the woman in the water between the river wall and a floating Landing Stage, being swept by the strong current towards a second bridge. Priest immediately discarded his police raincoat, tunic and boots, and dived into the river while Sass ran down the bridge to the Landing Stage, where he threw off his greatcoat, seized a lifebelt, and dived into the river.

Both Cadets swam towards the woman. Priest reached her first and, turning her on to her back, supported her in the water. The woman commenced to struggle and Priest had a great deal of difficulty in retaining his hold until the arrival of Cadet Sass, who had released the lifebelt because of its impeding action. The Cadets and the woman were then carried by the strong flood tide towards the second bridge. A boat was rowed out towards them but they had drifted down-river past the bridge for a distance of approximately 90 yards before it reached them. The woman was then lifted into the boat and the Cadets held on to the sides while it was rowed to the steps near a third bridge. This part of the river is notorious for

its treacherous and dangerous currents, and water flowing behind the Landing Stage is turbulent and heavily contaminated by slime and waste oil.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Harold Ronald DODGE, Newtown, New South Wales.

Gerald John HUTCHINSON, Newtown, New South Wales.

Leslie George Albert MARKHAM, Newtown, New South Wales.

Leslie Joseph SALMON (deceased), Newtown, New South Wales.

Norman John TREVITHICK, Newtown, New South Wales.

Robert Donald WARREN, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when overpowering a man, armed with a knife, who had gone berserk.

Peter Charles DUNECLIFT, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.6.)

For attempting to rescue two children from a burning house.

Benjamin John EAGLE, Ambulance Driver Attendant, London Ambulance Service. (London N.8.)

Maurice Alfred Charles JEWBY, Ambulance Driver Attendant, London Ambulance Service. (London E.11.)

For services when a man, holding a baby, threatened to jump from the roof of a high building.

Edward FULCHER, Milk Roundsman, Worcester.

For resisting an attempted armed robbery.

Lionel Harold KAMMER, Taxi Driver. (London N.16.)

Anthony Maurice ROSE, Taxi Driver. (London N.15.)

For services when an armed criminal attempted to shoot a policeman.

Ronald Stanley MINTO (deceased), Islington. (London N.1.)

For attempting to rescue his mother from a burning building.

Henry Carl WOODBERRY, Constable, Tasmania Police Force.

For services when a man with a loaded rifle was disarmed and arrested.

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