

Thomas Henry LUCAS, Constable, Warrington County Borough Police. (Great Sankey.)

In the early hours of the morning a Constable saw a man standing on the parapet of a bridge. As the officer approached, the man jumped off the bridge into the River Mersey. The Constable immediately summoned help and taking a life-belt ran some distance down river. From here he lowered the life-belt to the water level. The man was seen in the water floating down in mid-river. In the meantime several other police officers arrived on the scene including Constable Lucas. He divested himself of his uniform ran barefoot about thirty-two yards until he was slightly ahead of the floating man and then entered the water and swam diagonally towards the centre of a bridge. He was able to grab the floating man, and at the same time take hold of the life-belt which had been lowered. Various other ropes were obtained and one was lowered to the two men in the water. With help from several people both on the bridge footpath and on the river bank, the men were pulled to the side of the river and lifted from the water. The River Mersey at the scene is nothing more than an open sewer. The water was filthy and covered with a foam. The street lighting did not give much illumination to the river and valuable assistance was given by lorry drivers turning their headlights on to the water.

Frederick Leonard John TOWNEND, Audiologist, Loanhead, Midlothian.

A woman and two children went to the south bank of the River Tyne where the children began to play in the river and the boy, aged 9 years was seen to go into a pool at the centre of a bridge. A short time later he began waving his arms and shouting as though he was in some difficulty. The other child, aged 10 years went into the pool. Both children then began to shout for help. The mother of the boy, a non-swimmer, then went into the pool, but found that she was out of her depth and could not reach the children. She was unable to make any progress and screamed for help. Mr. Townend heard the screams and ran over the bridge to the south bank of the river. He saw a woman in the deep pool, obviously in trouble and removing his shoes and trousers immediately swam out and brought her to the side. Someone then told him that a boy was in the pool. He dived in, swam to the bottom of the pool and brought him out. Mr. Townend was then told that a little girl was still in the water. He again dived in and searched along the bottom of the pool until he found her, and brought her to the side. By this time, Mr. Townend was in a very exhausted condition. Both children were unconscious but recovered in hospital. There is no doubt, but for the actions of Mr. Townend, both children must have been

drowned. He entered this deep pool three times without any thought of his own safety and without any knowledge of the river conditions.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Brian Malcolm Herbert ADAMS, Constable, Somerset Constabulary. (Pill, near Bristol.)

For arresting a man armed with a knife.

Trevor John BONNINGTON, Cashier, Nottingham Trustee Savings Bank, Nottingham. (Burton Joyce.)

Stanley Gordon Dawson HANCOCK, Manager, Nottingham Trustee Savings Bank, Nottingham. (Gedling.)

For services when an armed man attempted robbery.

Robert DUNLOP, M.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., St. Columb, Cornwall.

Derek HARVEY, M.B., B.S., St. Columb, Cornwall.

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

William Leonard ESPIE, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For extricating two drivers who were trapped in their blazing motor vehicles after a collision at a road junction.

Alan JOBSON, Constable, Manchester City Police. (Worsley.)

Anthony STEPHENSON, Detective Constable, Manchester City Police. (Middleton.)

For services when arresting an offender who was hiding on the sloping roof of a building.

Wycliffe James LOVE, Detective Constable, Walsall County Borough Police. (Aldridge.)

Samuel WASSELL, Detective Constable, Walsall County Borough Police. (Walsall.)

For disarming a youth armed with a shot gun.

Dolina, Mrs. MACNAB, Sister, St. Luke's Woodside Hospital, London N.10.

For disarming a mentally deranged man armed with a shot gun.

Philip Henry NAISH, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London N.W.10.)

Bruce Ian WEBSTER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.6.)

For attempting to rescue the occupants of a burning house.

Marshall Basford STYLES, Assistant Superintending Engineer, Grays, Essex.

For services when two men were overcome by fumes in a tank at an oil storage wharf.

Basil George TOWLER, Pests Operator, Harrogate.

For services when a youth was pinned beneath an overturned tractor.

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