

narrow ledge which runs along the whole face of the building at the level of the fifth floor. Sister Chard on hearing what had happened and that the patient was moving step by step along the ledge, rushed to another window in the direction that he was taking and climbed out on to the ledge in order to meet him as he approached. She came face to face with him after negotiating a particularly dangerous point at a right angle corner of the building. She then began attempts to dissuade him from jumping off, which he was all the time threatening to do. He is a tall powerfully built man but Sister Chard tried to restrain him by holding on to him, although he continually resisted her efforts, thrusting her away from him. The ledge is only twenty inches wide and a sheer drop to the courtyard below of a hundred feet. The wall from which the ledge abuts has no projection or handhold of any kind. It was dark and it was raining. Sister Chard was fully aware of his disturbed mental state, and that he usually carried a knife. With complete disregard for her own safety, and the appalling danger that she was in, she continued to reason with the man. Not long after, Mr. Johnson, the surgical registrar, came into the ward and learnt what was afoot. With equal courage he at once climbed out on to the ledge and came up with the patient on his other side. Thereafter Mr. Johnson and Sister Chard made combined efforts to prevent the patient from jumping off, pleading with him and holding on to him. This was done at immense risk to themselves because it was scarcely possible for him to have thrown himself off this narrow slippery ledge without dragging them with him. When the patient had been out on the ledge for at least half an hour the efforts of the Doctor and Sister proved successful: the man was induced to climb back through a window into the building. He was transferred the same evening to a mental hospital. The bravery shown by Sister Chard and Mr. Johnson was outstanding. There is little doubt but that they saved this man's life. It is beyond all doubt that at the same time they were putting their own lives in great jeopardy.

Michael John ROSE, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Ilford.)

As a result of an emergency call, Police Sergeant Rose, who was in charge of a police "Q" car, went with other officers to a house where they disturbed two youths who had broken into the premises. One of them ran off with Sergeant Rose giving chase about 15 yards behind. The youth produced a pistol and pointed it at Rose and threatened to shoot. Nevertheless, the Sergeant still went on as the criminal took aim and fired. The shot went over the Officer's head but, undeterred, he continued the chase until the youth entered a block of flats. Rose searched for him without success

and then telephoned for assistance. Later a '22 cartridge case was found near the spot where the shooting had taken place. Although the Sergeant had narrowly escaped being shot he did not hesitate in further risking injury in an effort to effect the arrest of an armed criminal.

*Queen's Commendation for brave conduct:*

Peter Richard ADAMS, Inspector, Leicester City Police.

For services when apprehending a mentally deranged man armed with a shotgun.

Henry ECKFORD (deceased), Section Head, County Durham. (Felling.)

For rescuing two children from a burning house.

Hector McDONALD, Shift Chargehand. (Southampton.)

Christopher John MARCHANT, Assistant Engineer. (North Baddesley.)

For services when a fire broke out in a gas works.

James John MANNIX, Supervisor of Parking, Sydney Night Patrol, New South Wales. (St. Peters.)

Daniel Joseph MYERS, Supervisor of Parking, Sydney Night Patrol, New South Wales. (Belmont.)

For services when apprehending an armed man who had shot two persons.

Viliame MOLERA, Villager, Fiji.

For rescuing a child from a burning hut.

Gerald Dudley John ROWE, Leading Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Margate.)

Arthur JACKSON, Able Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Dover.)

John Robert O'DONNELL, Able Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Gillingham, Kent.)

Kenneth SLACK, Able Seaman, Pilot Vessel "Pelorus". (Aylesham.)

For services when a vessel foundered in heavy seas at night.

Joseph Gerard TOWNSEND, Inspector, Liverpool City Police.

Donald CHALKLEY, Sergeant, Liverpool City Police. (Birkenhead.)

Eric LEACH, Sergeant, Liverpool City Police. (Maghull.)

For services when rescuing a woman from a burning house.

Dael WILSON, Constable, Fife Constabulary. (Kirkcaldy.)

For services when arresting a man who attempted to escape in a motor van.

Ernest William WORTHINGTON, Detective Constable, Derby Borough Police.

For services when an attempt was made to rob a store.

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