

coming out of the windows on the third floor at the top of the house. Gray immediately mounted the escape, which was awkwardly pitched, and brought down a child. He returned to rescue the mother of the child who was kneeling on a window sill but she jumped on to the ladder and slipped through the rungs. In saving her from slipping further Gray fractured his wrist. None the less he managed to retrieve her with his other arm and, while supporting her encouraged a man who was above him at the window to climb out on to the ladder. By this time, flames were breaking out of the windows and heat and smoke were coming up the face of the building from below. With great difficulty Fireman Gray managed to get the woman safely to the ground and the man followed. All were taken to hospital. It is certain that but for the courage and determination of Fireman Gray lives would have been lost.

Stuart JONES, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Jones saw a man peering into parked cars and tampering with their door handles. Catching hold of his arm he told him that he was being arrested. The man struggled free and ran off, with the officer chasing him, to a waiting car. As the car drove off, Jones flung himself across the bonnet of the car and caught hold of the aerial mast. He was carried in this manner for a short distance when another officer threw his truncheon at the windscreen and shattered it. With the car being swerved from side to side in an effort to dislodge him, Constable Jones managed to pull himself into a sitting position. Supporting himself by holding on to the windscreen frame, he put both feet through the broken windscreen and kicked at both men. They eventually caught hold of the officer's feet and threw him off the moving car. Fortunately, Jones hit the road feet first and escaped with an injured ankle. He was later taken to hospital for treatment. Both men were subsequently arrested.

June, Mrs. MAKIN, Housewife, Liverpool.

Mrs. Makin saw two youths climb over the garden fence of a house. Smoke was coming from the house and she challenged the youths. They ran away along a footpath by a railway line. She followed and eventually caught them in some playing fields. They struggled violently to escape and one of them kicked her in the region of the kidneys and struck her on the right side of the neck, causing her to release him. Although in great pain, she retained hold of the other youth, who was continually kicking and punching her. She dragged him over the fence where they fell to the ground, but she managed to sit on him and hold him down, in spite of his violent struggles. The other youth stood some distance away shouting obscene remarks to her and called to his companion to use his gun on her. Mrs. Makin then felt a hard object pushed into the small of her back and heard a metallic click. She struck the youth in the ribs with her elbow and a gun dropped to the ground. The driver of a motor van stopped to help her and with his assistance the youth was held until the arrival of police officers who had been summoned by a housewife living nearby. The gun was found to be a type of air pistol capable of firing lead slugs. Mrs. Makin's action was an outstanding example of assistance to the police by a member of the public. In

spite of being savagely assaulted by two violent young hooligans and threatened with a pistol, she courageously grappled with them and restrained one of them until the arrival of the police. She received severe bruising to the neck muscles, ribs, chest and right leg.

*Queen's Commendation for brave conduct:*

Alfred Robert BUCKINGHAM, Forecourt Attendant, Petrol Service Station. (Dulwich S.E.22.)

For driving a burning lorry out of a petrol service station.

Alex Robert BUNT, Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting an emotionally disturbed man armed with a rifle.

Raymond James CLARKE, Constable, West Midlands Constabulary. (Oldbury.)

For services when arresting a man armed with a pistol.

Percival John DEMPSEY, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For services when attempting to arrest an armed criminal.

Norman Leslie FALKINGHAM, Excavator Driver, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

For services when attempting to rescue a man who had fallen into a water filled core hole.

Albert John FERRIS, Sergeant, Warwickshire Constabulary. (Birmingham.)

For arresting a youth armed with a razor.

Walter GUNN, Sergeant, Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary. (Leicester.)

For preventing a woman from throwing herself under a train.

Walter Frank ODEY, Sub-Officer, Wiltshire Fire Brigade. (Marlborough.)

George JOHNSON, Leading Fireman, Wiltshire Fire Brigade. (Marlborough.)

Robert Maurice Douglas Cox, Fireman, Wiltshire Fire Brigade. (Marlborough.)

For rescuing two young children from a blazing building.

Melvin MUSSON, Detective Constable, Nottingham City Police.

Trevor RAWDING, Detective Constable, Nottingham City Police. (Carlton.)

For arresting a violent and dangerous man armed with a knife.

Thomas Walton PATEY, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Practitioner, Ullapool.

For services when two mountain climbers were killed following a fall.

Eric Ward RANKIN, Detective Sergeant, 2nd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Ernest Septimus SHEPARD, Detective Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

Raymond BEAUFOY-MERLIN, Detective Constable, 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

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

David ROBERTS, B.M., B.Ch., Medical Practitioner, Oxford.

For services following a mountaineering accident in the Lake District.