

his clothing. There was a very heavy sea running, with gusts of wind up to gale force. Day tried to pull the man ashore but owing to the undertow was unable to do so. He was joined by the Inspector and the other Constable and by forming a human chain they attempted to drag the man ashore. Unfortunately the very heavy seas swept them all against the sea wall and, as a result, they lost their grip. Day still held on to the man and was swept amongst concrete piles which support the beach at this point. He struck his head against one of the concrete piles and lost his grip of the man's clothing. He managed to hold on to the piles but the man was swept out again by the undertow. Day waded ashore where he stripped to his underclothes and, having had a rope tied to him which was held by the other two police officers and several bystanders, dived into the sea again and swam out to the man who was by now about 90 feet from the shore. He managed to grasp his clothing and both were then pulled ashore. Unfortunately the man had drowned.

Terence LEE, Detective Constable, Buckinghamshire Constabulary. (Aylesbury).

Detective Constable Lee was on duty with a Detective Sergeant when they saw a motor car parked in an entrance to a private drive. A man was sitting in the driving seat and a girl in the front passenger seat. Lee went to the car and stood a few feet in front of it. The Sergeant announced that they were police officers and that he wished to speak to the occupants. The driver of the car moved it forward and Lee waved his arms at him and shouted to stop. However, the driver drove straight at him. Lee threw himself on the bonnet of the car which was driven on to the main road and away at a fast speed. Lee remained on the bonnet of the car lying on his stomach holding on to the windscreen wipers. The car travelled very fast in this fashion for about a quarter of a mile when the driver suddenly braked hard and stopped almost throwing Lee off the bonnet. The driver got out of the car and threatened Lee who slid off the bonnet and attempted to restrain him. A struggle ensued but the driver freed himself and re-entered the car. Lee tried to open the door but the car moved forward and he again jumped on to the bonnet and was carried for a further half-mile. During this time the car was driven at high speeds and swerved violently from side to side. Eventually the driver stopped, got out and aimed a kick at Lee who slid off the bonnet to avoid being struck. The driver quickly re-entered the car and began driving away, but Lee wrenched open the rear passenger door and jumped in. In the rear of the car he found two pillow-cases containing a quantity of silverware. He tried to reason with the driver to stop the car and give himself up but he continued to travel at a high speed until he stopped suddenly, jumped out of the car and ran off into a crowd. The girl passenger also ran off but Lee managed to stop her and arrest her. The driver was arrested later.

James William TODD, Assistant Divisional Officer (now Divisional Officer), Norfolk Fire Brigade. (Great Yarmouth).

A fire started at an underground Radar Control Centre in a store room situated at the far end of the building, two storeys down, which was accessible only through a series of narrow passages. The intensity of the fire was increased

by the burning of furniture, bedding and timber and fibreboard partitions in the rooms below. A rapid build up of dense smoke was circulated by the mechanical ventilator system throughout the passages. Assistant Divisional Officer Todd arrived soon after the fire-call and led three men into the building using breathing apparatus. Torches were ineffective in the smoke-logged atmosphere and guide lines had to be used. Todd worked continuously for five hours and had entered the building nine times wearing breathing apparatus before he was relieved by a Divisional Officer. Later, the crew detailed to relieve the Divisional Officer found him collapsed at the bottom of the stairs with his face mask off. He was an exceptionally heavy man and the efforts of two officers to move him were in vain. On hearing of this Todd without hesitation led a rescue team into the building to rescue him. With their aid he managed to lift the unconscious man to the top of the stairs, where with help they were able to get him out into the open. Todd, who had sustained considerable burns to the face and neck and had worked continuously at the incident for seven hours was the last to come out.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

John Henry BARNES, Electrician, Littlehampton Urban District Council.

Leslie GOODBODY, Inspector, West Sussex Constabulary. (Shoreham-by-Sea).

Kenneth Ernest WILTSHIRE, Sergeant, West Sussex Constabulary. (Littlehampton).

Christian PETERSEN, Constable, West Sussex Constabulary. (Littlehampton).

John Christopher YORKE, Constable, West Sussex Constabulary. (Littlehampton).

Leonard SMITH, Assistant Divisional Officer, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Horsham).

Laurence Victor MONK, Station Officer, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Southwick).

John William MOORE, Leading Fireman, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Littlehampton).

Michael Gerard VERMETTE, Fireman, West Sussex Fire Brigade. (Littlehampton).

For services when a man was overcome by gas at a Sewage Pumping Station.

Campbell BORLAND, Purser, "S.S. Arafura", Eastern and Australian Steamship Co. Ltd.

For disarming a seaman who ran amok armed with a meat cleaver.

Maurice Leslie DOLLING, Constable, Suffolk Constabulary. (Felixstowe).

For apprehending a mentally disturbed man armed with a hand grenade.

Thomas Bernard GIBSON, Metal Machinist, Worksop.

For rescuing three children from a burning caravan.

James LATIMER, Driver, Forth Road Bridge Joint Board. (Hill-of-Beath).

Harry Louis LYDIATE, Constable, Fife Constabulary. (Dunfermline).

Robert Kirk WILSON, Bridgemaster, Forth Road Bridge. (South Queensferry).

For services when a man threatened to jump from the Forth Bridge into the sea.