

sequently scraped into an underground ore train. The men entered the control to place explosives to bring down the hang-up when it freed of its own accord and came down over both men, killing one instantly and inflicting broken lower limbs on the other, leaving him pinned under a large rock. Help was called and Collins was one of the first rescuers on the scene. Without hesitation he cleared away some of the rock from the mouth of the control, entered the control through a maze of rocks and commenced work to release the injured man. Collins fully realised that the movement of any rock, whether large or small, in the area might well trigger off another fall of rock which, had it occurred, would have crushed all in its path. Some of the rocks weighed from 3 to 4 tons. Sufficient rocks were removed to allow the injured man to be freed and move him to the mouth of the control without further injury. In all, the rescue took over three hours, and there was always the danger of a second fall.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division):*

Miss Janeen ADELBERG, Schoolgirl, Mansfield, Victoria.

While contractors were stringing electricity cables between transmission towers several children obscured from the view by a small ridge began to swing on a cable. After repairs had been completed and the cables were being raised, all the children except one aged 8 years, jumped off. When she failed to jump clear and the cable gained height, her sister, Janeen Adelberg, told her to hold on to both of the cables and to place a foot over one of them. As the child was drawn on the cables to the transmission tower, Janeen Adelberg discarded her footwear, and climbed up the tower, along the cross-arm, and down the insulator string to the running sheave. When her sister reached the sheave her left hand became caught and her thumb was torn off causing her to let go of the cables. She slipped under one of the cables and was saved from falling to the ground when her clothing caught in the sheave, preventing it from turning. Until help arrived the elder girl tried to support her sister to reduce the strain on her damaged clothing. As they were 100 feet above the ground there is little doubt that had the child fallen she would have been killed. Janeen Adelberg's effort in climbing the tower and reaching the running sheave at the bottom of the insulator string was a remarkable feat for a girl. When her sister had been brought to safety, Janeen Adelberg, unassisted, climbed up the insulator string to the cross-arm, then to the ground.

Mervyn Clyde GULLY, Executive Officer, South Australian Fire Brigade.

Richard Charles ROWE, Station Officer, South Australian Fire Brigade.

Noel Rex HENDER, Corporal, St. John Ambulance Brigade, South Australia.

A fire gutted a building of four storeys and a basement. By the time the alarm was given and fire appliances had arrived on the scene, the fire was rapidly spreading. Soon the whole building was involved, the roof collapsed as did upper floors together with their contents. The exterior walls of the top floors were left unsupported, adding to the potential danger. A Station Officer

had entered the ground floor with a hose, but owing to conditions had retreated to just inside the front entrance when the floor above him, with its mass of machinery, timber and debris, crashed down and in turn collapsed the ground floor on which he was standing, carrying him and the accumulated load into the basement. Rescue operations immediately commenced. At street level men began moving the huge pile of debris in the endeavour to release the trapped man. A pump was installed to keep the water level down in the basement otherwise the man would have drowned. Gully and Rowe had meantime entered the basement through a side door and crawled through the tangled heap to where the man was lying trapped by the legs. They were followed by Corporal Hender and for nearly two hours the three men lay prone and twisted, in water, in darkness and in the smoke-filled area, with debris constantly falling, endeavouring to extricate him. They laboriously levered material off the stricken man, comforting him and, at times, holding his head above water in a situation which held danger for them all, until his rescue was effected.

John Cecil PARKINS, Constable, Huntingdon, Mid-Anglia Constabulary.

A stolen motor car was seen approaching a road check by two traffic officers and although they signalled the vehicle to stop it failed to do so. The stolen vehicle was then pursued by Constable Parkins on a motor cycle and by another officer in a patrol car. After a short distance they caught up with the stolen car and as traffic was heavy and the patrol car could not overtake, Parkins pulled alongside and signalled the driver to stop, but the car swerved towards him and made no attempt to slow down. Parkins then again attempted to drive in front of the car and as he did so the car again swerved towards him in an attempt to knock him off his motor cycle. The Constable managed to get in front of the stolen car and it then accelerated and hit the rear of his motor cycle; the rear wheel of the motor cycle then locked and was pushed a short distance along the road where the officer fell from his machine. Eventually the car stopped and the driver jumped from it and ran off across the fields. Parkins ran to the passenger side of the car and as he did so a man jumped out of the car with a shotgun in his hands. As the officer closed with him, he was hit on the head and partly knocked over. Despite having been knocked from his machine and felled by a blow to the head Constable Parkins continued the struggle. The other officer then joined in and the man was arrested.

George Alfred DAY, Carpenter, Wisborough Green, Sussex.

Clifford Arthur EADE, Farm Manager, Billingshurst, Sussex.

Leonard Frederick OBORNE, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Patrick Peter Hallam WEST, Constable, Sussex Constabulary.

Considerable flooding occurred on a road which passes over the River Arun at Newbridge. Two cars, one containing a man and the other a woman accompanied by her two children, a girl and a boy, attempted to cross the flooded bridge, being jointly towed by a breakdown vehicle. Whilst crossing the bridge the vehicles parted