

Leonard Joseph George RYLAND, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

As the result of information that a man believed to have taken part in a number of serious crimes involving the use of a firearm was to be picked up by car from a block of maisonettes, Sergeant Ryland and two other officers were under cover in a nondescript police vehicle outside the address. The officers saw a motor car driven by a youth enter the road turn around and stop. A man then ran from the building and entered the car, which started to drive away. The three Officers left their vehicle and ran towards the car shouting that they were police officers, at which the car stopped. As Ryland went towards the passenger side of the car he saw the man draw a revolver from his waistband. Ryland opened the passenger door and saw the gun was pointed at him. He immediately grabbed the gun around the chamber and forced the muzzle away from himself at the same time grappling with the man who was face to face with him and who threatened to kill him. The other officers tried to force the man to drop the gun but it was fired and the youth fell from the car screaming. The man then forced the gun towards Sergeant Ryland's stomach and pulled the trigger but the hammer struck Ryland's left hand between the thumb and forefinger and the gun did not fire. The three officers then managed to force the gun away and after a violent struggle, and only then with the assistance of other officers who had arrived at the scene, the man was arrested.

Adolf NINAUS, Shift Boss, Mount Isa Mines, Queensland.

Four mine employees including Ninaus, the shift boss, were drilling and charging the ore drive face 2,700 feet underground and when the face had been charged with explosives, Ninaus went into a neighbouring ore drive to warn other miners of a pending explosion and to go to the place where they normally waited for the firing. Two miners then lit the fuses and were walking away when a premature explosion occurred with the resultant blast knocking both men prostrate. Although there was danger of further explosions Ninaus, who was at that time 600 feet from the face, immediately ran towards it. When approximately 60 feet from the face he saw a man lying face downwards. He picked him up and as he did so saw another staggering towards him. Ninaus placed the first man over his shoulders and carried him out of the danger area and then with the help of another miner brought the second man to safety.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

William Henry ABBOTT, Sergeant, Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Charles Thomas CRITCHLEY, Sergeant, Gloucestershire Constabulary.

For services when a man threatened to jump from the top of a high building.

Norman Thomas William ALAN, M.V.O., Commissioner of Police, New South Wales Police Force.

Donald George FERGUSON, Detective Superintendent 2nd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

The Reverend Clyde John PATON, Cronulla, New South Wales.

For services when a mentally deranged man threatened to kill a woman and a child.

Raymond Arthur BARRETT, Retained Fireman, Norfolk Fire Brigade.

Derrick Harry John BOWMAN, Retained Sub-Officer, Norfolk Fire Brigade.

For rescuing two small children from a burning house.

Donovan Albert BROWNING, Farm Manager, Hedge End Farm, Blandford, Dorset.

John Randolph Meythr TORY, Farm Manager, East Farm, Winterborne, Whitechurch, Blandford, Dorset.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

Stuart Guest BULGER, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For services when arresting a youth armed with a pistol.

Anthony Gerald DAVIES, Station Officer, Surrey Ambulance Service.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

William Thomas John DAY, B.E.M., Sergeant, Sussex Constabulary (Eastbourne Division).

For rescuing a man from the sea.

Terence GRANT, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Tordiff HARRISON, Detective Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For services when arresting an armed man.

Henry James HUSE, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For arresting a man armed with a pistol.

Urho KARBBINEN, Miner, Mount Isa Mine, Queensland.

For services when an explosion occurred in a mine.

Frank Theodore PEACH, Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

For arresting a man armed with a shot-gun.

Miss Georgina Mary Ince SLATCHER, Ambulance Attendant, Chester.

For services when a fire broke out in a dwelling house.

John Anderson SYME, Constable, City of Edinburgh Police.

For rescuing a girl from the roof of a high building.

Alan Charles WARMAN, Inspector, Thames Valley Constabulary.

Nigel RAYMENT, Constable Thames Valley Constabulary.

Christopher Michael ROGERS, Constable, Thames Valley Constabulary.

For services when arresting a youth armed with an offensive weapon.

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