

*To be an additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry :*

Allen Frank WALLACE, Bank Manager, Enfield.

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

Colin William REEVES, Securicor Driver, Romford.

A security van went to a bank to collect a large sum of money. On arrival at the bank one member of the crew remained in the vehicle whilst Mr. Reeves and a third man went into the bank and placed the paper and silver money into metal containers. Mr. Reeves then carried two bags containing nickel out of the bank into the road and as everything appeared to be in order the man inside the vehicle opened the doors and Mr. Reeves placed the bags in the van. He still saw nothing to cause him concern and indicated to his colleague that it was safe to commence carrying the containers of money to the vehicle. At that moment a man carrying a short rifle rushed towards Mr. Reeves shouting and at the same time six or seven men ran towards his colleague who ran with his container to the van, where he was admitted, the door secured, and a message sent by radio as to what had occurred. Mr. Reeves then ran back to the bank doorway where a struggle was taking place and became involved in a struggle inside the bank. Mr. Wallace, the bank manager, was in his office when he heard explosions which sounded like gunshots. He picked up a stool and went into the main office where he saw Mr. Reeves, who was bleeding, struggling and trying to hold one man on the floor, whilst another man was standing over Mr. Reeves striking him with a pick axe handle. A third man then fired a shot gun at Mr. Reeves' legs and Mr. Wallace threw the stool at the man struggling with Mr. Reeves. The man with the pick axe handle then struck Mr. Wallace on the arm, but he picked up a ledger and threw it at him. After other members of the bank staff had thrown chairs at them the raiders made their getaway. Mr. Reeves and Mr. Wallace were taken to hospital for treatment. Mr. Reeves sustained wounds to the head, a cracked rib and bruises. Mr. Wallace was wounded on his left arm and suffered shock.

*Awarded the George Medal*

Philip John Dixon WILLIAMS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

John Stuart Northmore WHARTON, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

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

James William MARSHALL, Detective Chief Inspector, Metropolitan Police.

Raymond Charles ADAMS, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

Patrick Lawrence O'BRIEN, Sergeant Metropolitan Police.

Reginald Alfred Walter George JENKINS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

After keeping observation on four men for several weeks the police had reason to believe that an attempt was to be made to rob a District Bank. Constable Jenkins, who was riding a motor cycle, saw a motor car containing four men, which he recognised as a vehicle used by the suspects. He followed the car and saw three men leave the vehicle and walk towards the Bank. Realising the attack was imminent Constable Jenkins informed other officers by radio and then positioned himself near the parked car. As the three men crossed towards him a police car stopped near them, the occupants of the car, Police Sergeant O'Brien and another officer having recognised them. As the police car pulled up Jenkins heard a shot fired and saw the three men running towards him, the first two armed with shot guns and the third with a pistol. Sergeant O'Brien jumped from his car and, although he saw that the men were armed, he ran after them. One of the men turned towards O'Brien pointed his weapon at him and threatened to shoot. O'Brien, however, continued to go forward. Constable Williams, a motor cyclist, saw the three armed men running towards him, and rode his motor cycle towards one but missed him. When Williams' back was towards the three men one aimed his shot gun at the officer and fired. Williams turned his machine round and accelerated towards another of the men, who ran around the back of a parked car and pointed his pistol at Williams as he rode towards him. Williams collided with the man who fell to the ground with the officer on top of him. The man got to his feet and again pointed his pistol at Williams who was some two or three feet from him and threatened to shoot. Williams, however, jumped at him. A shot was fired and a struggle ensued. Sergeant O'Brien and another officer joined the struggle and the gunman was then overpowered and arrested. Constable Jenkins meanwhile had tried to run down the first man with his motor cycle but missed. He turned and tried again but was knocked from his machine by a motor car. He then saw the third man coming towards him, pointing a shot gun at him in a threatening manner. However, when Jenkins went towards him he turned and ran off. The first gunman had made off, chased by Detective Chief Inspector Marshall who was in charge of the operation, and Sergeant Adams. The man, in trying to escape, was pushing members of the public aside and pointing the shot gun at them. During the chase he turned, pointed the gun at Marshall, who was slightly ahead of Adams, and threatened to shoot but the officers continued the chase and eventually the man disappeared out of sight into a garden. As the two officers approached the place he suddenly emerged pointing the weapon at them and shouting he would shoot. Both officers approached him from different angles to widen the angle of fire. The man momentarily lowered the barrel of his gun and both officers immediately sprang towards him, Marshall hitting him with his truncheon while Adams grabbed the gun away from him. After a struggle the man was overpowered, searched and arrested. Sergeant Wharton had heard shots fired and saw the third man running along the road carrying a shot gun. The Officer shouted to him to stop, but he pointed the weapon at Wharton and shouted, then ran off, chased by the officer who saw him run into a block of flats. Wharton lost sight of him but eventually saw him in a top floor corridor