

Colin Arthur JONES, Constable, Bedfordshire and Luton Constabulary.

Brendan Paschal WALSH, Constable, Bedfordshire and Luton Constabulary.

Following an armed robbery earlier in the day Constables Jones and Walsh were searching an estate requesting owners of the garages to open them up in order that they could be inspected. They were looking for a stolen car. Constable Walsh accompanied one owner to his garage and when the door was open he saw the stolen car which was being reversed out of the garage at a fast speed. He ran towards it and saw three men inside holding revolvers in their hands and a shot was fired. He threw his truncheon at the window of the car and jumped backwards on to the ground. The car was then driven out of the garage block at a fast speed. Jones joined Walsh in the police car and gave chase. The stolen car turned into the entrance of a field, followed by the police car. The three men jumped out of their car and ran away. One man began to run towards the police officers. The other two then came back. They were all holding revolvers and ordered the Constables out of the police car. A shot was fired and the three men got into the police car but it stuck in the mud and they all jumped out. Two of the men ran towards the road and the third stayed by the car. He pointed the revolver at the Constables and threatened to shoot. Walsh and Jones started to walk towards him and he fired the revolver at them. The man walked backwards on to the road, firing the revolver about five times but pointing it downwards. He reached the road, held up a private car and drove off. The two Constables stopped another car and gave chase. They saw the other car at the side of the road and the gunman running across the field. The Constables climbed over the gate and gave chase for about a mile across the fields. Walsh caught up with the gunman, jumped on him and forced him to the ground. Jones then also jumped on top of him and the man was subdued and arrested.

RUSSELL ALMROTT JONES,

Constable,

Metropolitan Police.

Constable Jones was on duty with two other officers in a police car and whilst crossing Waterloo Bridge their attention was drawn to a large crowd looking over the side of the bridge facing up river. The car was stopped and Jones got out and ran to the rail. He looked over and saw a woman struggling in the water. Without hesitation he stripped to his underclothes, climbed on to the parapet, and jumped into the river, a distance of some 50 feet. When he came to the surface he could not see the woman so he dived and felt around in the water until he touched some clothing and then the woman's body. He pulled the woman to him, surfaced and supported her on her back, swimming in small circles. A passing pleasure boat was turned and a life-belt was thrown to Constable Jones. Having tried to put it over the woman's head without success, he placed the rope attached to the life-belt under the woman's arms, thus enabling the people on the boat to pull her aboard. Jones was then helped aboard in a very exhausted and shocked condition. Constable Jones risked injury in jumping into

the water from such a height and was also in danger of being taken below the surface by the eddies and undertows set up by the bridge buttresses. There is no doubt that his gallant action saved the woman's life.

WILLIAM DAVID KELLY,

Detective Senior Constable,
Queensland Police Force.

Police went to a flat to question a man and were confronted by the suspect who was armed with a loaded rifle. He refused to leave and a large force of Police surrounded the flat and diverted the traffic and pedestrians from the area. Requests for the armed man to surrender failed and he fired two shots in the direction of Police and one at a camera man. Detective Kelly, after requesting the armed man at close range to surrender, volunteered to enter the house with the man's wife in an endeavour to persuade him to put down the rifle. This attempt failed, and while in the flat the man kept the rifle trained on the Detective threatening to shoot. Detective Kelly and the man's wife left the flat. Later Detective Kelly again entered the flat unarmed and eventually persuaded the man to surrender the rifle and submit to arrest. Detective Kelly's several acts in the lengthy incident were outstanding.

ARTHUR WILLIAM SCOTT,

Technical Grade II (B & CE),

Ministry of Public Building and Works.

An explosion occurred in the South Rotunda of a large building. A cylinder of propane gas was damaged, the gas escaped and ignited, and the resulting explosion in a confined space caused severe damage to property and injured 15 persons. Mr. Scott was employed as a Clerk of Works on the offices being built over the Rotunda. Though not connected with the work in the Rotunda, when the explosion occurred he entered the building through dense smoke and descended three flights of stairs in complete darkness to find and assist the injured. On the arrival of the Fire Brigade he led them to the source of the explosion and fire and assisted in locating and carrying out a seriously injured man. The firemen were wearing breathing apparatus, but Mr. Scott worked without such protection. Mr. Scott calmly rendered valuable assistance in rescuing personnel, under dangerous and confused conditions, with a complete disregard for his own safety.

RONALD SHACKLOCK,

Constable,
Metropolitan Police.

At about 2 a.m. whilst on duty in the West End of London Constable Shacklock was approached by a man who said he had been robbed by three men who were in a passageway nearby. One of these men was standing in the centre of the passageway and the others were standing against the wall of a building a few feet away. As Constable Shacklock walked towards them one started to back away lifting the front of his overcoat and putting his left hand into his hip pocket. The Officer continued to walk slowly towards the man and when the distance between the two had narrowed to about