number of people from very serious injury or even death.

George Medal

Stanley Michael Bailey Hailwood, M.B.E., Racing Motorist.

During the third lap of the South African Grand Prix several competitors collided and the car driven by Mr. Hailwood was stopped and then badly hit by another car driven by a Swiss driver. The car which collided with Mr. Hailwood was also severely damaged, the fuel tank on one side being split open, and both cars caught fire. Realising the Swiss driver was unconscious Mr. Hailwood leapt from his car and, in spite of his injuries, ran to the assistance of the other man whose vehicle was completely enveloped in flames. Although by now Mr. Hailwood's petrol soaked clothing was on fire, he ignored his own safety and the intensity of the flames until he successfully released the driver of the other car.

Mr. Hailwood displayed a very high degree of gallantry and it is entirely due to his courageous action that the driver of the other car survived.

David Charles Purley, Racing Motorist.

At the Dutch Grand Prix a car driven by a young English driver ran off the circuit during the seventh lap. It collided with a safety barrier and bounced from one side of the track to the other with the result that the car was inverted and one side of the vehicle, including a fuel tank, was ripped away and the car was immediately engulfed in flames. Mr. Purley was in a following car and he immediately stopped when he saw the accident and ran to the driver's assistance. Completely ignoring the personal risk he endeavoured, single-handed, to push the overturned car back on to its wheels and so save the driver.

Unfortunately in spite of repeated attempts Mr. Purley was unable alone to rescue the driver who died in the burning wreckage of his car.

Mr. Purley displayed courage of a very high order and a complete disregard for his own safety in his gallant attempt to rescue the trapped man.

Peter Slimon, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Slimon noticed that a traffic blockage had been caused by a van parked at an angle across a road and as he went to deal with the obstruction he realised that the alarm signal from a nearby bank was ringing. He immediately ran across the road and as he reached the bank a number of bystanders warned him that there were armed robbers inside. The Constable was on his way to a protection post and therefore armed, he drew his revolver from his pocket.

At the threshold of the bank he saw a man with a shotgun which was aimed at a number of people. Constable Slimon acted in accordance with regulations and shouted "I am armed", whereupon the man called a warning to his accomplices and turned towards the officer who raised his revolver. At the same time the Constable saw another of the raiders at the far end of the bank aim a shotgun at him and in self-defence Constable Slimon fired his revolver at the man at precisely the same time as he discharged the shotgun at the officer. The Constable who was wounded in both hands and arms and in the chest was thrown from the doorway to the footway by the blast, but he struggled to his feet and although his left arm was useless and bleeding profusely he kept

the revolver in his injured right hand and again moved towards the bank door. Three men ran out of the bank at this moment each carrying a small case and one had a pistol pointing in the Constable's direction; the officer fired one shot at this man, but was unable to fire again as he was rapidly losing the use of his right hand.

Although badly wounded and incapable of using his revolver Constable Slimon courageously pursued the robbers and saw them escape in a van.

At this point other police officers arrived and the Constable was taken to hospital where he was treated for gunshot wounds and detained. Two of the thieves were wounded, one fatally.

In facing these armed and desperate men who showed no hesitation in shooting at him, Constable Slimon displayed outstanding resolution, devotion to duty and courage of a very high order.

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

Albert Harold Kenneth Balfour, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Oliver John Hamill, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Peter Joseph Heverin, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

William Victor Irvine, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

George McCaughey, Auxiliary Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

William Edward Semple, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

George Richard Victor Wright, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry.

Malcolm Lester Trudgett, Constable 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Following the theft of rifles from a general store, the police arrested a man with the stolen weapons in his possession. The man was taken to the police station and Constable Trudgett, who was alone in the station at the time, took him to a cell. The man turned suddenly and viciously attacked the officer who, although in great pain, quickly placed his right arm around the prisoner's neck and pinioned his head.

During the ensuing struggle, Constable Trudgett succeeded in switching on the Police radio transmitter and called for assistance. At this juncture, however, the man gained possession of the Constable's Service pistol and threatened to shoot the officer if he did not release his hold.

When the Constable refused, the man fired a shot which injured the officer in the calf of his left leg. The Constable once more managed to call for assistance. The struggle continued and the prisoner again fired the Service pistol, this time fracturing the officer's