

front door to the premises. As he did so, he was approached by two armed men wearing black balaclava masks and pushed to the ground from behind. One of the men hauled Mr. Brown to his feet, forced the barrel of a handgun into his face and pushed him against the side of the security van. The armed men then issued threats for the guards to hand over cash boxes from the van. They were given two boxes containing a total of £28,000 and then the armed men ran off on foot, brandishing their guns at a number of pedestrians in the vicinity.

One of the security guards followed the men in the security van, whilst Mr. Brown followed them on foot. The two men reached their car and attempted to drive away from the area, but the security van driver effectively blocked their escape, forcing them to crash and trapping their vehicle in a dead end street. The two men left the vehicle and ran off. Mr. Brown chased one of the men and had almost caught up with him when the armed man turned and fired a shot at him at point blank range. Mr. Brown stopped as the first man ran off, but saw the other man run towards him from behind. Mr. Brown moved to kick at him but the second man avoided the blow and ran off. Mr. Brown collapsed on the pavement, having sustained a serious gunshot wound to his shoulder.

The two armed men made a successful escape, but were later arrested.

Scott MCKENNA. Civilian.

For actions in saving the life of a woman who had fallen on to electrified railway tracks.

Mr. McKenna was waiting for a train at Ewell West Railway Station. Other passengers on the platform saw an elderly lady walk down the slope at the end of the platform and lay down between the railway tracks. As they began shouting for the woman to get off the tracks, Mr. McKenna ran to the platform edge and immediately jumped down on the track and helped the woman to her feet. She was trembling, apparently in a state of shock and had blood coming from her chin. Mr. McKenna could hear the rails make a hissing sound as a train began its approach to the station and so carried her across two live rails towards the opposite platform. As he did this, the approaching train was only 15 metres away. When he reached the safety of the platform, he put the lady down and left her in the care of station staff. He then boarded the train and left the station.

