

Shariff bin OMAR, Fireman, s.s. "Morib".
(Government of the Federation of Malaya.)

In order to trace a pipe, two Chinese drivers removed a tank manhole door on the steam hopper "Morib", which was lying in Port Swettenham, and entered the tank. They were immediately overcome by fumes.

Shariff bin Omar was informed and went to the tank where he found that a third man, who had entered in an endeavour to rescue the others, had also been overcome. Shariff bin Omar, without thought for himself, entered the tank and secured a heaving line to the three unconscious men who were then pulled out, but he himself was overcome by gas.

Meanwhile, a rescue party arrived on board the "Morib", a member of which, after donning a smoke helmet, entered the tank and succeeded in passing Shariff bin Omar up to the manhole so that he could be pulled out.

Shariff bin Omar showed considerable courage in entering the tank without protection after three men had been overcome by fumes.

James Alfred SPENCER, Fetter, Listerhills, Bradford.

A fire broke out in a house and a child was trapped in a bedroom on the first floor which was in flames. An attempt was made to put out the fire but without result. One of the occupants then ran into the street and called for help. Spencer, who was passing, entered the house and tried to reach the bedroom door but owing to intense heat he was forced to abandon his attempt. He returned to the street and climbed a fall pipe to the bedroom window and entered the room which was full of smoke. At first he could not find the child and returned to the window but was assured that the child was there. He then made a further search and found the boy under the bedclothes. He carried him to the window, climbed out and descended the fall pipe.

He then assisted in trying to control the fire until the arrival of the Fire Brigade. Spencer showed courage and determination in effecting the rescue of the child.

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For rescuing a boy from drowning.

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