

and was working on the fire when he heard an appeal for help. With some difficulty he located the caller, another member of the Fire Brigade, who was in a state of partial collapse and unable to walk unaided. Fireman Flemming half pushed and half carried the man to the foot of the conveyor shaft but in doing so dislodged the nose clip of his own breathing apparatus set, which resulted in his inhaling considerable quantities of smoke. He succeeded, however, in lifting his colleague on to the bottom of the conveyor shaft which was about 3 ft. 6 ins. from ground level but by this time was himself in a state of collapse. Knowing that he would be unable to complete the rescue alone, he climbed up the conveyor shaft to the street and obtained the help of other firemen. He then collapsed.

Fireman Flemming displayed great determination and courage in particularly hazardous circumstances.

Leonard MOORE, Police Constable, Wiltshire County Constabulary. (Stapleford, nr. Salisbury.)

Police Constable Moore was patrolling alone in a police wireless car when he saw a lorry which had been reported as missing. He sent details to Headquarters and on overtaking the vehicle requested the driver to stop. The driver, however, steered the lorry towards the police car and forced it off the road. The Constable quickly went in pursuit, and as the police car again neared the lorry a 10-gallon oil drum and 4-gallon petrol can were thrown over the tailboard and Moore had to stop his car to remove them. An attempt was made by a second police car to stop the lorry at a road junction but the driver deliberately drove at the two police officers who had to jump clear.

Constable Moore continued the chase for several miles and eventually he was able to overtake the lorry. To prevent it from passing he steered to the right but the

driver drove straight on and hit the side of the police car. The impact forced the lorry on to the grass verge and into a ditch. A second police car had by this time reached the spot and the two men who were in the lorry were arrested.

Police Constable Moore displayed courage, determination and outstanding devotion to duty in pursuit of the criminals.

Raymond Kenneth WRIGHT, Mate, s.t. "Mildenhall". (Immingham, Lincolnshire.)

The s.t. "Mildenhall" was wrecked in bad weather near Cape Nyemetske on the North Russian Coast.

The rescue operations, which were carried out by H.M.S. "Romola", were made possible by the courage, coolness and ability of Mate Wright. He was responsible for maintaining the morale of the crew and it was largely due to his leadership and initiative that the operations were successfully carried out without loss of life.

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Frederick Jenning WADSWORTH, Relief Shift Engineer and General Assistant, Birkshall Gas Works, North Eastern Gas Board. (Bingley.)

For services when rescuing a man from a pit containing coal gas.

KANGOGA, Native of Kariba Gorge, Southern Rhodesia.

MOHEUKE, Native of Kariba Gorge, Southern Rhodesia.

For services when a landslide occurred in the Kariba Gorge, Southern Rhodesia.

Hugh Lloyd ABBIT, Assistant Divisional Officer, London Fire Brigade. (East Dulwich, S.E.22.)

For services when a fire broke out in the basement of the Flower Market at Covent Garden.

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