

William MARTIN, Fitter's Labourer, Grimsby.

The steam trawler "Glen Kidston" was undergoing repairs in Dry Dock at Grimsby. While riveting was taking place nine Signal Rockets and one Daylight Distress Signal were accidentally set off in the aft cabin where a man was working. Martin heard explosions and saw smoke. He ran to the alley-way above the aft cabin, from which dense orange smoke was pouring. Several men tried to go down into the cabin but could get no further than the second or third rung of the vertical steel ladder down the companionway. Martin then made an attempt and reached the cabin but was driven back by the dense smoke. With a line attached to him he made a second attempt and was successful in entering the cabin. He found the man, who was unconscious, and managed to drag him through the cabin and then up the ladder to the alley-way above.

James Albert PENWARDEN, Sales Representative, Leeds.

An empty tram, which had run down hill out of control, collided at about 45 m.p.h. with a second tram, which was moving slowly forward. The rear end of this tram was swept away by the force of the collision and the conductor, who was standing on the platform, was thrown on to the roadway. The driver was forced backwards through the door between his compartment and the passenger saloon, and fractured his skull. All the passengers were injured, some of them seriously. The vehicle gathered speed rapidly on the steep descending gradient and reached a speed of about 50 m.p.h.

Penwarden, who was travelling with his wife and son in the lower saloon, was thrown on to the floor and badly shaken. He picked himself up quickly and, after rescuing his son who was in danger of falling through the broken flooring, went forward to help the driver. Finding the driver lying unconscious on the floor, Penwarden promptly entered the forward compartment and seized the controls, first of all shutting off power and then applying the electric and hand brakes. He brought the tram to a stop near a busy roundabout, where it would certainly have been derailed and might well have collided with other traffic and caused further heavy casualties.

Albert Frank WELLS, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police. (Balham, S.W.12.)

John FOSTER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Deptford, S.E.8.)

Sydney FURNER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Deptford, S.E.8.)

A man entered a Post Office and, threatening the counter clerks with a revolver, seized a bundle of postal orders and made off. The alarm was given and the police summoned. Detective Sergeant Wells and Police Constable Furner searched for the man and when they caught up with him he immediately stepped back a few paces, drew a revolver from his pocket and pointed it at the Sergeant. The weapon was open-chambered, with what appeared to be a bullet in one of the chambers. Meanwhile

P.C. Furner was trying to get behind the man, but the latter saw him and ran off. The Constable and the Sergeant pursued him but he dodged into a large block of flats. A few minutes later Wells saw the man coming towards him from the back of the building. The Sergeant challenged him and although threatened with the revolver, tried to reason with him, at the same time moving closer. Furner also closed in but the man, still pointing the revolver at the officers, ran into a garage yard. P.C. Foster then arrived and with P.C. Furner entered the yard, followed by Sergeant Wells. The man was standing with his back to a wall pointing the revolver at them. He threatened to shoot but the two Constables rushed at him together, whereupon he threw the weapon at them. There was a violent struggle but the man was overpowered.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Derrick Edgar Theodore BULL, Constable, Wiltshire Constabulary.

Victor Hall OXFORD, Bricklayer, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

George DONALDSON, Shift Control Engineer, Kilmarnock Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Ardrossan, Ayrshire.)

Neil Dempsey THOM, Electrician, Kilmarnock Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Prestwick, Ayrshire.)

For services when an accident occurred at Kilmarnock Power Station.

Ronald Arthur Jesse DUBERY, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (Chelsea, S.W.3.)

For rescuing a woman from drowning.

Edith Annie, Mrs. FOSTER, Housewife, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

For rescuing a man from a lorry which overturned and caught fire.

Wilfred GARDNER, Sub-Postmaster, Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

For services when an attempt was made to rob a Post Office.

Robert HAMILTON, Glasgow.

For services when an armed man was arrested.

Frank HILTON, Divisional Officer, Grade III, Birkenhead Fire Brigade.

For services when a street gas main caught fire.

Edwin HOUGH (deceased), Game Ranger, Department of Game and Tsetse Control, Northern Rhodesia.

For services when attempting to rescue a man from drowning.

Joseph KAY, Aircraft Fitter, Handley Page Ltd. (Purford, Yorkshire.)

For helping to rescue a pilot from a blazing aircraft.