

suddenly, four Africans burst into the room and immediately launched a savage attack on them. At least one of the Africans was armed with a pistol while the others were in possession of native knives. Mrs. Meiklejohn shouted to her husband and tried to reach for a firearm which was in her handbag but was slashed on the wrist. Both Mrs. Meiklejohn and her husband were attacked again and again until the Africans thought they were dead; they then left. Mrs. Meiklejohn's husband climbed the stairs to his bedroom and collapsed there. Mrs. Meiklejohn was suffering from multiple and very serious wounds. Her face and arms were slashed and she was fast losing blood but, determined to obtain help for her injured husband and raise the alarm, she staggered to her car and drove to the Police Station, at Thomson's Falls, a distance of 9 miles, over a rough and lonely road. On arrival she was only able to identify herself before she collapsed. She was taken to hospital and recovered but her husband succumbed to his injuries.

Mrs. Meiklejohn showed outstanding fortitude in the face of grave danger.

*To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—*

Cyril CONNOR, Manager, Greenside Lead Mine, Patterdale, Westmorland. (Glenridding, Westmorland.)

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) :—*

Walter Russell BURNETT, Electrician, Greenside Lead Mine, Patterdale, Westmorland. (Glenridding, Westmorland.)

Three miners were overcome by fumes at the bottom of a narrow shaft, 150 feet in depth, at the lower level workings of the Greenside Lead Mine. The accident was reported and Connor, calling for volunteers, immediately went to the head of the shaft. He was accompanied by Burnett. One of the helpers collapsed and Burnett helped to carry him to safety.

It was obvious to Connor from the density of the fumes that it would be hopeless for anyone to descend the shaft without some form of protection and he sent for respirators. Connor remained at the top of the shaft, trying to work the winder, until he was almost on the point of collapsing. He realised that if he did not get out at once he would be overcome and unable to render any further help. He therefore brought all the men in the mine, other than those in the shaft, back to the upper levels. He then collapsed.

In all there were 19 persons, all more or less in a collapsed condition, 2,000 yards in from the entrance of the mine and they could do little or nothing to help themselves. The rescue team outside made contact with the workmen by telephone. Their plight was realised and two men with breathing apparatus volunteered to go in with a train of empty mine cars, provided a driver who knew the road could be found. Although as driver he would be unable to

wear breathing apparatus Burnett immediately volunteered.

The operation was successful and the rest of the men were brought out alive.

*Awarded the George Medal.*

David George ENSOR, D.S.M., Civil Servant, Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, Northern Ireland. (Dungannon, County Tyrone.)

Three officials of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance at Dungannon were returning by car from the Bank to the Employment Exchange with unemployment benefit money.

On reaching the Exchange two officials got out of the car together. A raider struck one man, who was carrying the bag containing the money, on the arm with a revolver, causing him to drop the bag. The other official ran to telephone the police. Mr. Ensor who was still in the car jumped out and pursued the robber.

The raiders were using a car parked about 20 yards away. During the pursuit the man carrying the bag turned and fired a revolver shot in the direction of Ensor, who jumped for cover in a doorway. He immediately took up the pursuit again and succeeded in catching the man at the door of the waiting car. Mr. Ensor got hold of the bag, but was struck a blow on the head with a revolver. He sank to his knees, momentarily stunned, and as he was in this position the car moved off.

The raiders broke the back window to make a firing space, but Ensor started to run after the car. At the same time the driver of the Ministry car started in pursuit of the raiders. Ensor joined him and they chased the escaping car on the road through Donaghmore, travelling at 60 m.p.h.

In Donaghmore the raiders fired a number of shots at the pursuing car. One bullet pierced the radiator. The raiders' car turned at speed into a cul-de-sac leading to Donaghmore Station.

The pursuers stopped their car at the entrance to the cul-de-sac and Ensor continued the pursuit on foot another 400 yards but the raiders made their escape across the fields.

MENGGONG anak Panggit, Iban Tracker, Johore, Federation of Malaya.

Menggong anak Panggit was acting as second in command of an Iban platoon which was carrying out patrol duties in the Labis area of Segamat, Johore. The leading scout sighted an occupied bandit camp and during the attack which followed the Lieutenant in command of the platoon was killed. From the accurate and sustained light automatic and rifle fire which was directed at the platoon it was obvious that the bandits were disposed in great strength and depth. Menggong immediately assumed command of the platoon and despite the hail of bullets he seized a Bren Gun and under heavy fire rushed into the enemy camp some 18 yards ahead. He called out to his men and, inspired by his example, the rest of the platoon, which hitherto had been pinned down, charged the camp. Under