

a police dog was released and sent after the criminal. The man turned and fired at the dog but missed. Detective Bailey was then a few yards behind him, followed by Sergeant Nicholls who was three or four yards to the rear of Bailey. Bailey had almost caught up with the criminal when the latter spun round, pointed the revolver at him and pulled the trigger, but there was only a click and no explosion. The man continued running along the road and Bailey threw his truncheon at him but missed. The gunman then fired a second time at the police dog but the shot went wide. Bailey had continued the chase and when a few yards away was again fired at but not hit. The dog then tackled the man who fired another shot at him, but the dog was jumping about and the shot missed the target.

Detective Bailey had meanwhile caught up to the man and, although threatened with the revolver, closed with the criminal and threw him to the ground. Within a matter of seconds Sergeant Nicholls arrived on the scene and assisted in making the arrest.

*Awarded the George Medal :—*

Harry WRIGHT, Manager, Markham No. 2 Colliery, National Coal Board. (Duckmanton, Derbyshire.)

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

Reginald HINGLEY, Face Worker, Markham No. 2 Colliery, National Coal Board. (Mastin Moor, Derbyshire.)

Edgar WOODWARD, Face Worker, Markham No. 2 Colliery, National Coal Board. (Newbold Moor, Derbyshire.)

A packer was trapped by a fall of roof in the right hand pack hole of the Ell Coal Seam, and was completely buried except for his head and right arm. The fallen stone had shattered and the main body of the fall was sustained by a heap of debris.

Attempts to release the man were made by the remaining nine men in the district but they were unable to make progress and a further fall appeared to be imminent.

Mr. Wright, the Manager, then arrived on the scene and assumed control of the position. The trapped man was fully conscious and in good spirits and was given a morphia injection. Wright established himself in the fallen pack hole and began removing stones and applying necessary struts to enable the victim to be released. He was ably assisted in this work by Hingley and Woodward who passed the stones back and relayed the timber struts cut to the Manager's requirements. Wright exposed himself to the risk of personal injury from further falls for the best part of two hours and eventually sufficient debris was removed from the trapped man to enable him to be drawn through a hole 11 inches high and 16 inches wide from under the fall.

Wright displayed initiative, outstanding leadership and courage in the face of grave personal danger, and was supported by Hingley and Woodward who showed courage and fortitude in an effort of common endeavour in the face of grave personal danger.

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

Abdulla Ahmed 'AULAQI, Lance Corporal, Aden Government Guards.

Lance Corporal 'Aulaqi displayed a high degree of loyalty and devotion to duty during an attack on the Government Guard fort at Robat. Whilst manning an advanced position outside the fort, he was subjected to concentrated rifle fire from 40 hostile tribesmen and although wounded continued to defend his post until ordered to retire to the main fort. He immediately took up a defensive position in the fort and not until the attack ceased did he report that he had been wounded and ask for medical treatment. His conduct set a very fine example to the remainder of the Government Guards in the fort.

Alfred Henry CHANDLER, Officer, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

Joseph Henry NEWMAN, Officer Instructor, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

John TOPP, Officer, H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

During a disturbance in the mailbag shop of Wandsworth Prison, rioting prisoners barricaded themselves in the workshop store and armed themselves with all manner of offensive weapons. Officer Chandler attempted to force the barricade and when eventually an entry was made he was the first to enter, knowing full well that the prisoners were armed with weapons which at least could cause him very serious injury. Nevertheless he went in and was largely instrumental in disarming the rioters and thus settling the disturbance. During the course of his attempt to gain entry and disarm the prisoners he received a stab in the face with a knife and an injury to his arm caused by an iron bar. Despite these injuries he continued his efforts until the rioters had been overcome.

During the riot an officer was attacked by two prisoners armed with hammers. Officer Topp immediately went to his assistance and was himself attacked from behind. He was struck to the ground by a blow from a marlin spike on the back of the head. He got up and again tackled the two prisoners. He was again knocked to the floor, a marlin spike was driven through his hand and he received more blows from hammers and other weapons. Although badly injured he persisted in his efforts to restrain the prisoners and Officer Newman rushed to his assistance forcing his way through a number of prisoners who tried to obstruct him. He managed to reach his brother officer whom he placed behind him to protect him from further injury, being attacked himself by prisoners armed with hammers. He endeavoured to restrain the riotous prisoners and eventually managed to get the injured officer out of the workshop.

William Thomas JONES, Colliery Undermanager, Eastern United Colliery, National Coal Board. (Cinderford, Gloucestershire.)

A deputy was ascending a rise in a seam in the Eastern United Colliery when a fall of fireclay occurred above him. He managed to take refuge in a shallow recess in