

him in with his patient, although he knew this would bar all means of escape until they were released. They were rescued after two hours.

Jones exposed himself to grave danger during the time of the rescue operations and must have been aware that had a further fall occurred he would have incurred serious injury.

**Myra, Mrs. O'SULLIVAN**, Housewife, Bedford, Middlesex.

A fire broke out in a small ground floor room of a dwelling house in which there were three children aged 3 years, 2 years and 7 months. The mother found the room full of smoke and was unable to gain entry. She called for help and Mrs. O'Sullivan entered the house and saw smoke coming from the first door on the left. She went in and saw the baby in the pram at the back of the door. She picked up the baby and gave it to the mother who was standing just outside in the hall. Mrs. O'Sullivan then went back into the room but had to come out because of the flames and smoke. She could not see the other two children.

After she had recovered her breath she dashed back into the room which was full of flames and smoke and found the two children lying on the floor close to a gas fire which was alight. She dragged the two children across the room and out into the hall and then carried them outside where she applied artificial respiration.

Mrs. O'Sullivan displayed courage and presence of mind in her efforts to save the children but unfortunately all three died.

**Frederick George SPILLETT**, Laboratory Worker, Grade B, Leading Hand, Explosives Research and Development Establishment, Ministry of Supply. (Waltham Abbey, Essex.)

While work was being carried out at the Ministry of Supply Establishment, Waltham Abbey, to clear a fallen tree, one of the workmen came into contact with a live wire which had caught in the branches. Spillett, who was on duty at the time and working nearby, immediately went to his assistance.

At first he tried unsuccessfully to release the workman with his hands, receiving a severe shock in the process. However, this did not deter him, and fully realising the risks he was running, he threw his whole body against the man and managed to knock him loose from the wire. This was so successful that the only injuries sustained by the workman were light burns on the hand. Spillett, however, suffered considerable shock as a consequence of his gallantry.

**Jack Allenby SPOONER**, Lorry Driver, Ipswich.

Spooner saw two small children standing at the window of a house which was on fire. He went to the back of the building, forced the gate and then, finding the back door locked, kicked it down and entered the house. Led by the children's crying he found one of them in the hall. He took this child to the back door, handed it outside, and then returned for the second child whom he also brought out. Whilst effecting the rescue of the second child part of the ceiling

collapsed and cut Spooner's head but he shielded the child with his body. Spooner then entered the house a third time and brought out a pram which contained the youngest child. Spooner's prompt and brave action saved the lives of the three children.

**Mikaeli TEBULO**, Underground worker, Nkana Mine, Rhokana Corporation Ltd., Northern Rhodesia.

Mikaeli Tebulo was on duty underground at the Mindolo Shaft of the Nkana Mine. In order to place a blasting charge, his companion, a Boss Boy had to climb on to a ledge and secure himself by a safety chain designed to prevent him from falling into the ore pass. After placing the blasting charge in position and lighting the fuses the Boss Boy found that he was unable to unhook his safety chain clasp. Mikaeli Tebulo tried unsuccessfully to help his companion to undo the chain and was instructed by him to withdraw to a place of safety. He withdrew but believing that if he returned he might be able to save the Boss Boy's life, he did so and made further efforts to unhook the safety chain clasp. Although he was instructed once more to retire, he refused to leave his companion and when the blasting charge exploded he sustained superficial injuries, but the Boss Boy was unharmed. Mikaeli Tebulo showed outstanding bravery in going to the assistance of his companion. He must have been fully aware that he was risking his own life in doing so.

#### QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

**Arthur BATEMAN**, Detective Sergeant, Grimsby Police Force.

For services when an armed criminal was arrested.

**Winifred Enid, Mrs. BLUNT**, Mombasa, Kenya.

For services when a man was attacked by a wounded buffalo.

**Peter Nigel BUCKLEY**, Agricultural Student, Woodbury, Exeter. (Exmouth.)

For rescuing a man attacked by a bull.

**Jack HOUSTON** (deceased), Electrician, Bridgetown, Western Australia.

For attempting to rescue a boy from a fence electrified by a broken power line.

**Bangali KAMARA**, Store-boy, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**David Theophilus MBOYAWA**, Constable, Sierra Leone Police.

For services when tackling a madman armed with a knife.

**KARIUKI s/o Ituru**, Headman, Mwerua Location, Kenya.

For services during operations against Mau Mau terrorists.

**David Kyle McCUBBIN**, Able Seaman, R.A.S.C. Vessel "Malplaquet". (Stranraer.)

**Peter MYLCHREEST**, Able Seaman, R.A.S.C. Vessel "Malplaquet". (Liverpool.)

For rescuing a man who had fallen between the wall of a dock and the side of a ship.