

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

Isabella Watson RANKINE, Policewoman,
Lanarkshire Constabulary. (Cambuslang.)

Policewoman Rankine heard the sound of a police whistle and saw a youth being pursued by a policeman. She ran across the street to intercept the youth and saw that he carried a pistol in his hand but without hesitation she tried to seize him. The youth fired the pistol in the direction of her face but she ducked and he ran past her firing a second time in her direction. Policewoman Rankine continued the chase and after a 100 yards or so the youth turned into a close slamming a gate behind him. Policewoman Rankine got the gate open and was then joined by the policeman and together they effected the arrest of the youth.

Policewoman Rankine displayed courage and determination and acted in the best tradition of the Police Service.

Sefu Hemedi, Messenger of Native Authority,
Handeni, Tanganyika.

Sefu Hemedi was sent to arrest a man who had been on the wanted list for some time for housebreaking and escape from lawful custody and who was known to be a dangerous character. He tracked him down to an isolated hut and called upon the man to come out and give himself up. The man came out armed with a long knife and without hesitation Sefu tackled him and during the course of the struggle received four slashes from the knife which severed the muscle tendons of his left wrist. Despite these wounds he continued his efforts until the criminal was overpowered.

Sefu Hemedi acted without fear of the consequences to himself and his courageous action resulted in the arrest of the criminal.

William Leonard Edward TUNSTALL, Sub-
Officer, Kent Fire Brigade.

William John WAY, Leading Fireman, Kent
Fire Brigade.

Thomas Albert GRAVES, Fireman, Kent Fire
Brigade.

The Kent Fire Brigade were called to the Belvedere Power Station where four men had been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes at the bottom of a manhole about 8 feet square and 60 feet deep.

On arrival Sub-Officer Tunstall found that three of the men were on a staging 10 feet from the bottom of the manhole whilst the fourth man who was believed to be seriously injured, was lying at the bottom. Tunstall put on breathing apparatus and descended a ladder into the manhole followed by Leading Fireman Way and Fireman Graves similarly equipped. Way and Graves were instructed to go to the bottom of the shaft and secure the man there to a stretcher, while Tunstall secured the three men on the staging to lines and sent them to the top. Meanwhile the fourth man was secured to the stretcher by Way and Graves and then all three firemen guided the stretcher through

the staging and from there it was hauled to the surface. All the four men recovered in hospital.

On arrival at the surface, Sub-Officer Tunstall and the two firemen were in a state of extreme exhaustion and the oxygen in their breathing sets was almost expended. Their lives were in jeopardy throughout in the highly toxic concentration of carbon monoxide in which they were working, and but for the speed with which the rescue was carried out, there is little doubt that the four men would have died.

George WHELTON, Stoford, near Yeovil.

A fire occurred in a wooden bungalow at Stoford. Mr. Whelton saw the fire from his house and immediately ran to the bungalow as he knew that an elderly man would be sleeping there. Whelton smashed the bedroom window of the burning building, entered the blazing room and struggled with the man who had lost control of himself. Making a great effort Whelton finally managed to get the man out into the garden.

Whelton showed courage and determination in effecting the rescue.

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

William Douglas BELL (deceased), Apprentice
Painter, Carlisle.

For services when attempting to rescue a boy from drowning.

Norman Robert FLEMING, Rigger, Mersey
Docks and Harbour Board. (Wallasey.)

Doris Elizabeth QUINE, Policewoman, Liver-
pool City Police.

For rescuing a man from drowning.

Edward Thomas HAYWARD, Gardener, East
Grinstead, Sussex.

For assisting the police in the arrest of a housebreaker.

Thomas Edwin Shea LEIGH (deceased), Chief
Officer, s.s. "Benin Palm", Palm Line, Ltd.

For services when two men were over-
come by fumes in the hold of s.s. "Benin
Palm".

William Hugh MORGAN, Farm Servant,
Rhiwdywyll, Tregaron, Carmarthenshire.

For rescuing a man attacked by a bull.

James Alexander NEVILLE, Sergeant, City of
Edinburgh Police Force.

For services when tackling a madman
armed with a knife.

Leonard WILSON, Ambulance Depot Super-
intendent, Settle, Yorkshire.

For attempting to rescue an injured man
from a crevice in a pot-hole.

**QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR
VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR.**

Neville Frederick DUKE, D.S.O., O.B.E.,
D.F.C., A.F.C., Chief Test Pilot, Hawker
Aircraft, Ltd. (Godalming.)

For services when an aircraft, undergoing
tests, sustained damage in the air.

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