

would shock the man to his senses. At the same time both Constables rushed him and after a desperate struggle managed to overpower him.

The Constables acted with complete disregard of their own safety and showed great devotion to duty.

Henry Arthur FROW, Garage Proprietor, Barnetby, Lincolnshire.

Frank James GREEN, Police Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire.)

Allenby Haigh WRIGHT, Police Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.)

A young labourer approached a taxi, which was plying for hire in the Old Market Place at Grimsby, and asked the driver to take him to a road leading from Grimsby towards a village about four miles away. As he was driving along this road the youth, who was sitting behind the driver, produced a gun and ordered the driver to drive to Leeds.

The driver decided to do as he was told and continued to drive until instructed to fill up with petrol at the next garage. When they pulled up at a garage the driver flung open the door, jumped out and scrambled into the garage. The youth also jumped out and was seen with a gun in his hand. At this stage Mr. Frow, the proprietor, came out and confronted the youth who was standing directly in front of him, pointing a gun at him. Frow walked towards the youth and ordered him to drop the gun. The gunman threatened to shoot but Frow continued to advance until he was within arms length when he swung up his left arm and knocked the gun sideways. As he did so, the gun went off and the youth turned away and ran down the road. He was seen to reload the gun and make his way to a saloon car which had stopped at the garage for petrol. The gunman threatened the driver with the gun, got into the rear seat, put the muzzle of the gun against the driver's back and compelled him to drive off. After going a distance of about 8 miles he caused the driver to stop and got out.

In the meantime the Police in a patrol car had taken up the chase and saw the youth run across the road, through a hedge and into a cornfield. The driver, Constable Wright, stopped the car and with his observer, Constable Green, went in pursuit. They had chased the gunman for nearly a hundred yards when he turned round, and at a distance of about 10 yards, pointed his gun at them and threatened to shoot both officers.

Constable Green told him to drop the gun and he and Wright continued to walk towards him. When they had almost reached him, he threw down the gun and was arrested. The weapon, which was a shot gun with a shortened barrel, had the hammer cocked and was loaded.

Mr. Frow showed great coolness and gallantry in tackling a dangerous young criminal armed with a shot gun, and Constables Wright and Green effected the arrest quite regardless of their own personal safety.

GICHIMU s/o Kimemia, Farm Worker, South Kinangop, Kenya.

At the outset of the Emergency, Gichimu strongly resisted all efforts to compel him to take the Mau Mau oath, and his life became threatened, but as soon as terrorist gangs became apparent in adjacent forests he volunteered his services as a tracker for units stationed on South Kinangop. His services were given without regard to any form of remuneration. Gichimu has displayed a very high degree of bravery by often going alone and unarmed to locate the hideouts of armed terrorists, and by so doing has been able to lead patrols to many successful engagements with Mau Mau gangs. On one occasion he accompanied a patrol as tracker and whilst the patrol was resting he left on his own to look for tracks. He found the fresh tracks of one man which led him to a small stream. Believing that he was near a hide, he investigated further and soon found a large hideout. He then crawled up to within a few yards of the hide and saw terrorists sitting in the vicinity. Gichimu returned and led the patrol to the hide. Three terrorists were killed and a number wounded. Gichimu himself was unarmed. The gang, which numbered 25 approximately, was known to possess precision weapons.

MATUNDURA s/o Nyamasege, Headman of European farm, Dundori area, Kenya.

An armed gang of terrorists entered the labour lines on a farm while the owner was away. Three of the terrorists entered the hut of Matundura and under the threat of death demanded money, food and clothing from him. Matundura and his wife remained calm, despite the fact that the headman had a gun pointed at his throat the whole time. The terrorists then warned him to keep quiet and took some money, food and clothing prior to leaving the hut. Matundura knew that his chances of stopping the terrorists were slim, as his panga was on the far side of his hut, but after two of the gangsters had passed out of his hut he threw a stool at the third man knocking him to the ground. Matundura then slammed the door and locked it in order to tackle the terrorist, at the same time shouting to the others in the camp telling them that a gang was in the labour lines. A hand to hand struggle ensued with the terrorist who was armed with a panga. Matundura was struck on his left wrist so forcibly that it was practically severed, but with his good right arm he threw the man to the ground and taking the terrorist's knife struck him a mortal blow.

By his bravery in the face of an armed terrorist gang, Matundura s/o Nyamasege succeeded in repulsing an attack on the labour lines, as well as personally setting a fine example by killing a terrorist single handed.

Neil NAISMITH, Red-leader, Alexander Stephen and Sons, Ltd. (Glasgow),

A squad of seven men were ordered to clear out sludge and water which had accumulated in a fuel tank of the s.s. "Mathura", a 9,000 ton cargo vessel undergoing refit at Shieldhall Wharf, Glasgow. The vessel had been fumigated with hydrogen cyanide gas to rid it of vermin. The