

tank, situated at the stern of the ship, is 35 feet long, 6 feet high and 2 feet 6 inches broad, and divided at intervals of 2 feet 6 inches into thirteen connecting compartments. Access to the tank is gained from a hold through manholes measuring 1 foot by 1 foot 4 inches. There is no lighting in the tank and workmen are required to carry lamps.

After working in the tank for about fifteen minutes, the men became affected with dizziness, sickness and severe headaches and decided to leave the tank. On reaching the deck it was found that one of their number was missing and Naismith immediately climbed down to the hold and re-entered the tank to search for the missing man. He found him in the tenth compartment lying face downwards in about 4 inches of water. Naismith managed to pull the unconscious man out of the water and to prop him up against the side of the ship. While he was doing this he was joined by another of the squad, but this man began to be overcome by the fumes and had to leave the tank. Naismith, although feeling the effects of the fumes, remained with the man, trying to revive him, and stayed with him until others were able to come to his assistance and complete the rescue.

Naismith showed complete disregard of his own safety in re-entering the tank to search for the missing man and, although feeling himself being overcome by the fumes, remained with him until help arrived.

Bruce PEARSON, Constable, 1st Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Constable Pearson was called to the scene of a disturbance at Peakhurst. A group of men standing in the roadway complained that a rifle bullet had been fired through a bedroom by a man who was then standing inside the front fence of premises nearby with a rifle to his shoulder. After the arrival of the Police he fired three or four shots from the rifle in quick succession towards the men and one of them fell with a wound in the right thigh.

Constable Pearson immediately walked towards the offender, at the same time calling out to him to put down the rifle. The man refused and fired two more shots in the direction of the men in the roadway. The Constable stepped over a wire fence and, as he drew nearer, again indicated that he was a member of the Police Force and directed the man to hand him the rifle. He refused and stepped onto the verandah of his house, holding the rifle in both hands across his chest. The Constable followed him to the verandah and pulled the rifle from his grasp.

Constable Pearson acted in the finest tradition of the Police Force and in doing so he placed his own life in extreme jeopardy.

Richard Thomas UREN, D.S.M., Police Constable, Grimsby Borough Police Force. (Grimsby.)

Constable Uren was on duty when he heard the crash of breaking glass. He ran in the direction of the sound and saw a woman fall to the pavement from the first

floor room of a house. Smoke was coming from the window and the Constable was told that a child was in the room.

The Constable tried the front door and found it to be locked. He then broke the front downstairs window but could not gain entry and as black smoke was now pouring out of the front bedroom window he ran to the back of the house, where he could see the fire through the living room window. The back door was open and Uren entered, crawling on hands and knees. The fire was raging inside and due to the intense heat the Constable could hardly open his eyes but he saw a man unconscious on the floor behind the back door. The Constable dragged him out of the house and into the yard. He then returned to the back door with the intention of trying to get through the living room and up the stairs to the child but it was now possible to see only a few inches owing to the terrific heat and the lower half of the room was burning fiercely. It was impossible to get through the living room and Uren was compelled to return to the yard. He reached the front of the house and was hoisted up by some men in an endeavour to climb over the window sill of the front bedroom and so get into the room but the smoke and heat coming from the window were so great he had to return to the ground level.

Constable Uren's prompt and brave action was the means of saving one life and he did all he could, regardless of the risk to himself, to save another.

Queen's Commendations for brave conduct.
Ahada dan SALAMA, Fisherman, Northern Region of Nigeria.

For rescuing two women and a child from the Benue River.

Derek COOK, Police Constable, British Transport Commission. (Grimsby.)

Sidney METCALFE, Police Constable, British Transport Commission. (Newark.)

Donald Albert NORTON, Police Constable, British Transport Commission. (Newark.)

For services when a gang of violent and dangerous criminals attempted to rob a railway goods van.

Ronald Arthur EVANS, Deckhand, m.t. "St. Bartholomew". (Fleetwood.)

For attempting to rescue the mate of a fishing vessel from drowning.

Clifford Henry LEBANFT, Constable, Queensland Police Force.

For services when assisting in the arrest of an armed man.

George MURRIN, Red-leader, Alexander Stephen and Son. (Glasgow.)

For services when a workman was rescued from a fuel tank on a vessel undergoing a refit.

Allister Robert George WRAY, M.B.E., Chief Officer, Birkenhead Fire Brigade. (Birkenhead.)

For services when a man was overcome by fumes in a tank.

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