

including a Bren gun, other automatic weapons, ammunition and important documents were recovered.

Assistant Superintendent Fletcher and Inspector Goh Chin Hee took a leading part in the actual assaults on Terrorist Camps, and displayed outstanding coolness, reliability and gallantry in the face of grave personal danger on several separate occasions during these operations.

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

Aubrey Bernard ALLEN, Constable, Birkenhead Police Force.

Constable Allen was travelling, off duty, on a 'bus when a dispute arose about the theft of a wallet. A man left the vehicle and ran away. Allen gave chase, caught the man and attempted to arrest him, but the man struck him on the face with an open pocket knife, inflicting a wound four inches long on the left cheek, and then ran away. The Constable, although bleeding profusely, pursued him and caught him when he took refuge in a station. The man, who still had the knife in his hand, struggled with Allen who, by this time, was growing weak through loss of blood, but the Constable held on until other people came to his aid. The man was then taken into custody.

Ronald AYRE, Electrical Fitter, Herrington Burn Sub-Station, North Eastern Electricity Board. (Herrington Burn, County Durham.)

James Thompson HIGGIN, Electrician, Herrington Burn Sub-Station, North Eastern Electricity Board. (Newbottle, County Durham.)

A fourteen year old boy climbed on to the platform of a terminal structure some 25 feet above the ground where there were electric cable terminals with insulators supporting the end of a bare copper overhead line. He touched one of the sealing bells, causing an explosion and fire, and collapsed on to the platform, his clothing a mass of flames. Ayre ran to the scene and although unaware whether the supply was alive or dead climbed up to the platform and removed the boy's burning clothing. He was quickly followed by Higgin who, besides cutting away the barbed wire protection and bringing a blanket, removed his overalls to make a pillow for the boy. Both men made the boy as comfortable as possible until firemen arrived with a stretcher and a ladder and helped them to lower him to the ground.

Both men acted without hesitation though they knew well the risks they ran.

Douglas HUNTER, Plant Attendant, Brancepeth Coke Works, Willington. (Hunwick, County Durham.)

Mr. Hunter was reporting for duty at the Benzole House, Brancepeth Coke Works, and as he approached the Plant he noticed a strong smell of benzole. When he reached the door he saw a man lying on his back in a pool of liquid some 35 ft. inside the House. Benzole was pouring out of the top of the washer at the rate of about 100 gallons a minute and the atmosphere was highly toxic and inflammable. Hunter immediately entered the Benzole House and dragged the

unconscious man outside. He then summoned help and arranged for an ambulance. It was essential that the steam supply to two stills should be turned off in case there had been a failure in the supply of spirit to the stills. Hunter again entered the House to complete this operation. By this time he had become dazed by the fumes and was taken to hospital.

Thomas John JONES, Deputy, Tymawr Colliery, Glamorgan.

A collier was working in a hole at the coal face of a conveyor district, when two pairs of props behind him discharged and he was buried by the resulting fall of roof. Deputy Jones crawled over the conveyor and scraped the rubbish away from the man's face. The trapped man began to shout and struggle upon revival, but Jones convinced him he would soon be free and so calmed him down. There were continuous small falls from the roof and nothing could be seen clearly in the dusty atmosphere. Jones was lying across the conveyor with his head below the level of his body and not only continued to keep the man's face clear of rubbish and to protect him with his own body, but he also directed and assisted in the erection of a canopy. Jones scraped away rubbish and eventually uncovered a wooden lagging wedged across the collier's neck. He managed to saw through the lagging and about thirty minutes after the fall occurred the trapped man and Jones, who by this time was himself so buried that he could not get out without assistance, were released.

Charles RICHARDSON, Sub-Officer, Lincs. (Lindsey) Fire Brigade. (Brigg.)

A fire broke out in a private house in Brigg. On arrival Sub-Officer Richardson was informed that a child was still in the house and presumed to be in the back bedroom. Richardson first attempted to enter the bedroom through the window by climbing on to the roof of a lean-to shed but was driven back by the intense smoke. He then entered the house by the front door and despite the smoke and heat, crawled upstairs. He searched the back bedroom but because of the smoke was unable to find the child. He then searched the front bedroom, again without success. Finally Sub-Officer Richardson returned to the back bedroom and crawling on the floor to avoid heat and smoke found the child under a bed. He carried the child from the bedroom and out of the house.

Noel Francis Woodburn TROTTER, Police Constable, Guernsey Police Force.

A boy scout fell down a steep, crumbling cliff some 300 feet high at Pleinmont, Guernsey. Constable Trotter was called and shown where the boy had fallen. The St. John Ambulance Brigade arrived with ropes and Trotter instructed them to lower him over the edge. When down 150 feet, large stones were dislodged and fell around him, forcing him to take cover and crawl some yards along a ledge before continuing his descent. When 20 feet from the bottom he found that the rope was too short and waited, slung in his harness, until such time