

Without hesitation in appalling conditions and despite extensive burns, Jones successfully carried out his rescue. There is little doubt that his courage and devotion to duty were directly instrumental in saving the life of the woman.

Henry Montgomery McCULLOUGH, Sergeant Royal Ulster Constabulary, Armagh, County Armagh.

Early one morning, Sergeant McCullough saw a suitcase at the front door of a Police Station. A brown paper parcel was tied to the suitcase with heavy string and flex wires led from the case to the street for a distance of about eight feet. As it had all the appearance of a booby trap or time bomb the Sergeant immediately ordered the men of his Station into the yard at the rear of the building and placed some of them on duty in the streets leading towards the Station to prevent anyone from approaching. After taking these precautions the Sergeant began a closer examination of the bomb. Although the presence of wires seemed to indicate that the bomb was designed for electrical detonation the Sergeant knew that these could have been placed there for the purpose of camouflage with the intention of inducing the police to move it and thus cause it to explode. The situation of the bomb constituted a grave danger to the inhabitants of the area, and the Sergeant, therefore, decided to remove the bomb at once and not wait the arrival of military experts. Although fully aware that his life was in very real danger he picked up the suitcase and carried it away from the Station to a blank gable wall on some waste ground at a safe distance away where, if it exploded, infinitely less danger to life and property would result. Subsequent examination of the suitcase and the parcel by experts revealed that it was a very heavy and dangerous type of bomb containing some 62-lbs. of explosives of the gelnite and gun cotton type, as well as five detonators.

Sergeant McCullough displayed great gallantry with an utter disregard for his own personal safety.

John James SMYTH, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Armagh, County Armagh.

While on his way to duty, Sergeant Smyth saw three men run across a road and through the gates into the grounds of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral where they disappeared from his view. A driver of a taxi informed Sergeant Smyth that the three men were armed and had forced him to drive them there from the Police Station. The Sergeant collected a party of Police, returned to the Cathedral grounds, disposed his men to watch the various exits and then entered the building accompanied by a Constable. With the Constable covering him from the main door, Smyth went into the body of the Cathedral alone. On reaching a Confession Box he saw the left-hand door open slightly and at the same time the barrel of a revolver was pointed at him from a curtain in the centre compartment. He called on whoever was inside to put up his hands and come out. One of the compartment doors then opened and a man came out with his hands up. The Sergeant went to the centre compartment of the Confessional and saw a second man with a revolver hanging

from a cord around his neck. In the third compartment a man was found in a crouched position on the floor of the Confessional. He was brought out with his hands up and a revolver was taken from under a pullover he was wearing. The weapons with which the three men were armed were fully-loaded heavy calibre revolvers. The Sergeant brought the three men to his Station in Armagh where they admitted being responsible for leaving a large bomb outside the Royal Ulster Constabulary Station only a few minutes before they were first seen by Sergeant Smyth.

Sergeant Smyth acted with courage, coolness and initiative.

Stewart John WINTER, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.4.)

Shortly after midnight, Police Constable Winter saw a man get out of a jeep and go into a shop entrance. As Winter crossed the road there was a sound of glass being smashed and the man ran back to the jeep. Winter flashed his torch and called on the man to stop but the jeep was driven straight at him. As it went by, he managed to jump on to the bonnet. The man drove about 150 yards down the road, zigzagging from side to side in order to throw the officer off, but Winter managed to retain his hold until the vehicle collided with some pedestrian guard rails. The force of the impact was such that the rails were uprooted and the vehicle extensively damaged. Winter was thrown over the rails and, apart from being badly shaken, received abrasions to his shins and left knee and injury to his right foot and elbow. The man abandoned the vehicle and ran off, but, despite his injuries, Winter immediately gave chase and, after some 80 yards, overtook the fugitive and closed with him. The man struggled violently, but another constable arrived and the criminal was overcome and arrested.

Queen's Commendations for Brave Conduct

Satill BANDA, Labourer, Public Works Department, Broken Hill, Northern Rhodesia.

For services when an accident occurred on a borehole site.

Edward CLAYTON, Ganger, Spring Head, Near Oldham, Lancashire.

For rescuing a man from drowning.

Charles John CLEMENTS, Chief Prison Officer, H.M. Prison, Parkhurst.

For services when a prisoner attempted to escape from H.M. Prison, Parkhurst.

Arthur Graham Ferguson COLLINS, Superintendent, Liverpool City Police.

For services when an aircraft crashed into the River Mersey.

Phillip HOGGARD, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London E.13.)

For services when a basement Club was set on fire.