

room and through the top of the window saw the murderer standing behind a desk. He had a pistol which was pointed at his head. Eaves called upon him to drop the pistol. The man looked up, took the pistol away from his head and pointed it at the Constable. Eaves then jumped from the window and with Inspector Stewart ran to the room, opened the door and entered. Eaves ran towards the man, took hold of his arm, and struggled with him for possession of the pistol. Eaves was thrown to the floor, but Inspector Stewart tackled the criminal and all three struggled for the possession of the pistol. The man was eventually disarmed, handcuffed and searched. The pistol was loaded, with a cartridge in the breech.

Awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Civil Division):

John James UNDERHILL, Valve Room Attendant, Richmond Holder Station, North Thames Gas Board.

Mr. Underhill and another Valve Room Attendant were on duty at a gas station when they realised that the pump in the adjacent pump house had stopped. Underhill's colleague went into the pump house to investigate and Underhill followed him. As he reached the door there was an explosion, escaping gas immediately ignited and the building was filled with very fierce flames. Underhill was thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion and when he had got to his feet he saw that the other man was in the midst of the flames in the pump house, with his clothing on fire. Although himself suffering from the effects of the explosion and fire, Underhill went into the building and brought out the man, whose clothes were still alight, and somehow contrived to put out most, if not all of the flames enveloping him. By that time other people had arrived on the scene and, leaving the injured man in their care, Underhill went back to try to close the valves through which gas from two 36" mains was feeding the fire, flaming to a height of some 60 feet towards the adjacent gas holder. He turned off some of the valves and it was only then that he unwillingly consented to be taken to hospital. Underhill was severely burned. His fellow workman died two days later.

Thomas YOUNG, Constable, Metropolitan Police. (London W.5.)

Constable Young was on duty, wearing a civilian raincoat over his uniform at a cinema car park when he saw a man go to the rear of a car and syphon petrol from the tank into a large can, which he then put in the boot of another car. The man got into the vehicle and Young stepped forward into the headlights of the car, opened his raincoat to expose his uniform, and, calling out that he was a police officer, requested the man to stop. The man immediately drove the vehicle straight at the officer, who threw himself on the bonnet of the car and held on to the roof luggage-rack.

The man then drove the car for several miles, at a reckless speed, swerving from side to side, mounting pavements, and braking violently and then rapidly accelerating in an effort to dislodge the officer. At one stage the car was driven at speed four times round a roundabout and at another it was driven over a hump-back bridge at an estimated speed of 70 m.p.h.

During this journey, which continued for about 35 minutes, Constable Young continually called on the man to stop and shouted to pedestrians to call police assistance. At the same time he tried to cover the windscreen to obscure the driver's view. Eventually the car stopped, having apparently run out of petrol, and the man jumped out and ran away.

Despite the fact that Young was badly shaken and bruised, he gave chase and, after about 250 yards, overtook the man, who kicked him and aimed a blow at his head. The officer thereupon drew his truncheon and after a short struggle, overpowered the man and arrested him.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct:

Peter John Herman ALLEN (deceased), Trainee Manager, Chipperfield, Hertfordshire.

For attempting to rescue a child from drowning.

Maxmillian van Ellewee HAGER, Superintendent, Government Roads Department, Southern Rhodesia.

For rescuing a child from drowning in a sewerage bay.

Alan Angus HOMES, Member, Perranporth Surf Life-Saving Club, Perranporth.

Leslie John STOPHER, Beach Guard, Perranporth.

For rescuing a mother and child from drowning.

Derek Evan JARRETT, Chemist 1, Directorate of Safety Services, War Office (Sevenoaks).

For services when a consignment of damaged ammunition was dumped at sea.

Edward JOHN, Police Constable, Cardiff City Police Force.

For attempting, single-handed, to arrest three violent men.

Florence, Mrs. KING (deceased), Housewife, Ladywood, Birmingham.

For the rescue and attempted rescue of children from a burning house.

Kefa MPANUKA, Constable, Uganda Police Force, Karamoja District.

For services during an action against a large armed party of cattle raiders.

William QUICK, Sergeant, Somerset Constabulary, Flax Bourton.

For services when a man fell down a disused mine shaft.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the following awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal.

Awarded the George Medal:

Thomas Ross BENNETT, First Officer, Trans Australia Airlines.

The lives of fifty passengers and crew aboard a Trans Australia Airlines aircraft, which was flying from Sydney to Brisbane, were placed in jeopardy by a passenger in