

lowered himself into the water and a rope was tied under his armpits. A lifebelt with a rope attached was thrown into the water alongside the Constable. The Constable then ducked beneath the Staging, there being only about 18 inches between the water and the Stage at this time, and pulled himself along sideways towards the immersed man, whose head he could see some 15 to 20 yards away, towards the centre of the Stage. Lee edged himself along until he could reach the man with his left hand and gripping him commenced to make his way back. The men at the other end of the rope pulled slowly and firmly until both rescuer and rescued were pulled clear of the Stage.

Walter Frederick ROBINSON, Sub-Officer, Grimsby Fire Brigade.

A call was received to a fire in a motor fishing vessel lying in the Royal Dock Basin, Grimsby. During the course of the operations a fireman became unconscious and fell into the ship's engine room partially blocking the entrance hatch. Sub-Officer Robinson, wearing breathing apparatus, crawled over the unconscious man into the engine room. With great difficulty, because of the confined space, and in spite of the fact that the mouthpiece of his breathing apparatus had been dislodged, he succeeded in getting the unconscious man through the entrance hatch and supported him until he could be pulled out from above. Sub-Officer Robinson showed great courage in accepting the risk of being trapped in the engine room where he would undoubtedly have been overcome by the heat and lack of oxygen.

Jesse SOUTHALL, Lathe Hand, Lye, Stourbridge.

A fire broke out in a house and three young children were trapped in an upstairs room. Mr. Southall saw smoke coming from the house and with two other men tried to get in through the front door but the smoke and fumes drove them back. Southall obtained a wet towel and a flash light and with these was able to get upstairs to the children. Nothing could be seen because of the thick smoke but he groped around and felt one of the children on the bed and took her downstairs. He immediately went up again and searched blindly until he felt a baby on the floor and another child on the bed. He picked them up, took them downstairs and out into the street.

John Haigh Howe THATCHER, Constable, Southern Rhodesia Police Force.

JACONIAH, African Constable, Southern Rhodesia Police Force.

Harold Keith WARD, Reservist, Southern Rhodesia Police Force.

Two African children were trapped on an island by rising flood waters of the crocodile infested Shashe River. The children had taken refuge in a tree sixty yards from the river bank; the island was completely submerged and the river in full spate. Thatcher and Jaconiah attempted to rescue the children but were unsuccessful. They then went in search of help and returned at about 6 p.m. with three Europeans including Police Reservist Ward. Thatcher volunteered to swim across to the children and after a length of electric cable had been tied around his waist, he entered the flood waters. When only a short distance from the submerged island, the length of cable ran out and he had

to be pulled back to the shore. The cable was then extended by tying a length of garden hose-pipe to the end and Constable Thatcher once again entered the water. By this time it was dark. He succeeded in reaching the children and seizing one of them and holding him with both arms, he was dragged back to safety. Thatcher and the child were submerged for most of the return journey and on reaching the bank Thatcher was completely exhausted. Jaconiah then volunteered to bring the remaining child back. The cable was secured around his waist and he set off into the river. On nearing the tree where the child was taking refuge, the current proved too strong and he was swept down the stream. He had to be hauled back to safety. Ward then volunteered to attempt the rescue. The cable was fastened to him and he swam out into the river. This attempt was successful and Ward although submerged for most of the journey returned holding the child with both arms. Ward was also completely exhausted after the rescue. The three officers displayed great courage and disregard for their personal safety in effecting the rescue.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct :*

Alan Vivian BIRD, Little Badminton, Gloucester.

Raymond BIRD, Little Badminton, Gloucester.

Christopher Charles ROBIN, Little Badminton, Gloucester.

For rescuing a member of the crew of an aircraft which crashed and caught fire.

LORINYOI s/o Nakewan, Corporal, Turkana Tribal Police, Kenya.

For services during raids by armed tribesmen on the Kenya Uganda border.

Eugene MARAIS, Schoolboy, Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia.

For rescuing a girl attacked by a crocodile in the River Zambezi.

Chimanga MWAMBA, Native Authority Constable, Chinsali District, Northern Rhodesia.

For services when attempting to avert a riot at Chilanga Sub-Court.

Elina, Mrs. NINEFENCE, Villager, Ndungo Village, Kabompo, Northern Rhodesia.

For rescuing a woman attacked by a crocodile in Kabompo River.

Samuel Harris PARK, Firemaster, Central Area Fire Brigade, Alloa. (Bridge of Allan).

For rescuing a fireman injured while fighting a fire in a warehouse.

Momodou SAMBA, Relief Signalman, London Transport Board. (London N.1).

For rescuing a man who had walked into the tunnel of the underground electric railway and was in danger of being electrocuted.

Ethel Maud, Mrs. WAGGOTT, S.R.N., Nursing Sister, Bank Hall Colliery, National Coal Board. (Burnley).

For services following an explosion in a mine.

George Alfred WALE, Street Trader, Quinton, Birmingham.

For resisting an attempt at armed robbery.