

became violent again and produced a loaded revolver which he had concealed on his person. Lewis grappled with him and again disarmed him.

Angus James MACDONALD, Petrol Pump Attendant, Wroughton, near Swindon, Wiltshire.

At about 10.40 p.m., Mr. MacDonald was inside the cash kiosk, situated in the centre of a garage forecourt, counting the daily takings preparatory to putting them in the night safe. Another attendant was outside the kiosk. A man, followed by two girls came into the forecourt and the man produced a gun, pressed it into the attendant's stomach and demanded the money. The attendant immediately grabbed the gun and hit the man in the left eye whereupon a struggle ensued which took them both out towards the pavement. The attendant managed to take the gun from the man and went back to the kiosk to bandage his hands which had been injured in the struggle. As he was doing this the man again approached the kiosk, struggled with him and managed to regain possession of the gun. MacDonald heard the struggle and seeing the gun, dropped the money he had been counting, picked up an iron bar and went to the assistance of the attendant. He was impeded for a time by the two girls who tried to take the iron bar from him. Eventually he managed to break away and he hit the man on the back causing him to drop the gun. However, the man picked it up again and backed away threatening to shoot if MacDonald approached. Despite being continually threatened with the gun MacDonald followed him and when they were some 300 yards from the garage the man came back towards MacDonald waving the gun and shouting threats but MacDonald hit him with the iron bar and he fell to the ground. The two girls then picked him up and put him into a sports car. MacDonald stood nearby to prevent the man driving away, and when the car was started he threatened to smash the windscreen if it came any closer. At that point police officers arrived and after a fierce struggle the man was arrested.

George Donald MOORE, Sergeant, Manchester City Police. (Withington.)

Police officers were summoned by radio to a dwelling house where a man had discharged a firearm at a police officer. On arriving at the house the police officers, led by Sergeant Moore, went to an attic room in which the man had locked himself. Sergeant Moore, after asking the man to open the door, broke it down and was confronted by the man who was holding a pistol in his left hand and a knife in his right. The Sergeant kicked the pistol from the man's hand and closed with him. In doing so he was stabbed in the stomach. Another officer then attempted to disarm the man but was stabbed in the right hand and right leg and fell to the floor. In spite of his injuries Sergeant Moore again closed with the man and held him from behind until he was overpowered by other police officers.

Neville MORGAN, Factory Labourer, London S.E.4.

A workman was trapped when a disused railway bridge collapsed suddenly during demolition. The bridge, 75 feet in length and 26 feet wide,

consisted of two main girders spanning a canal with steel joists between the girders to form the bridge floor. Two men were working with oxy-acetylene cutting equipment in the centre of the bridge when it began to collapse into the canal. A crane slid sideways, tilted over and pinned one man against the side of the bridge. The other was completely trapped by the crane. The bridge continued its progress for some moments after the initial collapse until part rested on the bottom of the canal, in twelve feet of water. Morgan and another workman from a nearby factory, heard the crash and ran out on to the towpath where they saw the collapsed bridge and the partly submerged crane and realised that men were trapped in the water. Morgan dived into the canal and swam across to where he thought the men were trapped. One man was completely immersed, trapped by the leg, and the water was up to his chin. There was some possibility of a further collapse of the bridge with the added danger that the water level might rise and so drown the trapped man. Morgan dived down into the water several times in an attempt to release the trapped man and to search for the other workman who had completely disappeared. With the help of firemen the trapped man was eventually released.

Roy OWEN, Constable, Coventry City Police.

Constable Owen, who was off duty at his home at about 12.55 a.m. heard an explosion which sounded like a gun being discharged. Taking his truncheon with him, he left his home and made a search of a small compound. He then saw a man enter and almost immediately leave the rear garden of a house and go into a narrow passage between two garages. Owen immediately followed him and on entering the passage found himself confronted by the man, who was pointing a gun towards him, the barrel being only a few inches away. Owen caught hold of the barrel of the gun and a violent struggle ensued in the course of which Owen identified his assailant as a man with numerous convictions for crime. The struggle continued during which the barrel of the gun was, on several occasions, only a few inches away from Owen's head. The Constable eventually compelled the man to release the gun which fell to the ground. The man then ran away but was chased by Owen and caught. A passing motorist telephoned for assistance and the man was taken into custody.

Eric Gordon RANKIN, Constable, Warwickshire Constabulary. (Sutton Coldfield.)

The police were informed that a man living on a farm had apparently gone berserk and after firing a shotgun both inside and outside the house had left in his car taking the gun with him. A few hours later the man entered the Casualty Department of a Hospital and at gun point forced the Sister and the Porter to go behind the reception desk. Both were terrified by the man's actions. He unloaded and reloaded his gun and also produced a whip. Under the pretext of fetching some tea the Sister left the room but the man kept his gun pointed at the Porter. A call was made to the police and Constable Rankin and another officer went into the Casualty Department where they saw a man sitting in a chair with a shotgun pointing at the Porter. Rankin approached the man who pointed the shotgun at him and told him to stay