

into the manhole. A rope was then passed down to Smith and he was told to tie it around the other man. Smith was by now seriously affected by the fumes and although he tied the rope it kept slipping. Smith was too affected to retie the rope but refused to leave his colleague and he eventually became unconscious himself. By this time Mr. Quigley had arrived as a result of an emergency call to his depot. On being told that two men were in the sewer he looked down the manhole where he saw one man apparently unconscious and the other fighting for breath. Realising that there was not time to wait for assistance he took an oxygen mask and went into the manhole, where he could smell what appeared to be acid fumes. As Smith was the least affected of the two men he placed the mask on him and then pulled the head of the other man clear of the sewer. He tied the rope which had been passed down to him around Smith, who was then pulled out of the manhole. The rope was again passed down and Quigley tied it around the other man who was pulled out. He was found to be dead on arrival at hospital. By this time Quigley was almost unconscious and he too had to be pulled out.

Derek Barrie SIMMONS, Sergeant, Essex County Constabulary.

A man and two boys went to a remote marshy area and started fishing in a deep gully some 350 to 400 yards from the sea wall. It was extremely cold with the air temperature at freezing point, snow flurries and a 30 knot north wind blowing. After a while they stopped fishing and started to make their way back to the sea wall, but the tide had come in around them filling the gullies. They managed to cross some, but eventually reached one that the two boys could not cross without going into the water. They were then on a mudbank about 300 yards from the sea wall. The man decided to leave the boys on the mudbank and obtain assistance. He swam and waded to the sea wall, and an emergency call was made from a nearby telephone for Police assistance. Several other persons tried unsuccessfully to locate a suitable boat to take out to the boys. The tide was still rising and the weather bitterly cold and snowing. The screams of the boys could be heard across the water as one disappeared from view. Sergeant Simmons rushed to the scene and ran along the sea wall, which was slippery with ice, some 300-400 yards to the group of people which had by now collected. The head of the surviving boy was just visible some 300 yards away. Simmons decided to attempt to swim out to him. A Constable volunteered to go with him and after stripping to their underpants they both entered the icy water. Simmons managed to reach a mudbank and part walking and part swimming reached the boy. Meantime the Constable after swimming about 100 yards had been struck down by the extreme cold and stomach cramp. Simmons held the boy aloft waiting for helicopter or other assistance. Even on the mudbank the water was chest high on the Sergeant and with numbness and the weight of the boy he was having great difficulty in keeping up on the slippery mud, at one time nearly falling back into the deep channel. After about thirty minutes an R.A.F. helicopter arrived, a winchman was lowered and first the boy and then Sergeant Simmons were rescued. The helicopter crew then recovered the body of the other boy but in spite of continuous

efforts at resuscitation he was found to be dead on arrival at hospital.

William Richard THORLEY, Chief Booking Clerk, British Railways.

A man wearing a mask and armed with a sawn off double barrelled shot gun entered the parcels office at a Railway Station pointed the shot gun at a railwayman and ordered him into the adjoining booking office. The railwayman however ran out with the intention of telephoning police. The masked man then entered the booking office, put the barrels of the shot gun into the stomach of a booking clerk and ordered him to open the safe. Mr. Thorley who was sitting at his desk some ten feet away saw that the man was wearing gloves and that his finger was not on the trigger of the gun so he jumped from his chair, ran to the man, grabbed hold of the gun and forced it down and pointing to the ground. Thorley shouted to the other booking clerk to ring the alarm bell, but he appeared to be unable to move and Mr. Thorley reached over with his right hand and pressed the alarm himself. While he was doing this the man broke away, ran into the parcels office and made off. The man escaped in a motor van and after noting the index number of the vehicle Thorley immediately telephoned police.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Thomas John ANGLIM, Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

Patrick James BUSS, Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

Robert Frank HOLLAND, Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

Robert John JEAL, Nurseryman, Horley, Surrey.

Albert Stanley KEMP, Factory Charge-hand, Horley, Surrey.

Reginald LONGHURST, Storekeeper, Horley, Surrey.

Keith Roland SIMMONDS, Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

Harbans SINGH, Student, Derby.

William John TAPPERN, Constable, Surrey Constabulary.

Miss Rosalind Hilary Middleton TAYLOR, Student, Horley, Surrey.

Timothy Gerald Haydn TAYLOR, Student, Horley, Surrey.

For services when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

Stuart John DICK, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

For services when armed men attempted to rob a bank.

Bernard Colin MAY, Carpenter, Chiddingstone, Kent.

For rescuing a woman from drowning in a flooded river.

David John PLESTER, Sergeant, Sheffield and Rotherham Constabulary.

Geoffrey Bevan RHODES, Constable, Sheffield and Rotherham Constabulary.

For arresting a man armed with a loaded revolver.