

the next five hundred yards two further shots were fired one of which hit the roof of the car above the Constable's head. At this stage Constable Sadler, driving another car, joined the chase. The van travelled along the centre of the carriageway with Skitt close behind, followed by Sadler in his car. Another police car joined the chase, travelling in the opposite direction and the driver deliberately drove his vehicle into the van. There was a violent collision and both vehicles stopped. One of the occupants of the van jumped out with a revolver in his right hand and ran off. Sadler jumped out of his car, ran after the gunman flung himself at him and, with a rugby tackle, brought him to the ground, hitting the ground very heavily himself. The man then pointed the gun at Sadler but two other Constables were close at hand and one kicked the revolver out of the man's hand before he had time to fire. The three constables tried to pin the gunman on the ground but he was extremely violent and they had the greatest difficulty in holding him down. Constable Skitt joined them and the man was eventually handcuffed and arrested.

William John WILCOX, Senior Constable, Queensland Police Force.

Two intruders, one armed with a rifle, entered the residential section of a mixed business demanding cigarettes. The armed man, without any cause, pointed the rifle at the chest of the proprietor of the store and shot him dead. Senior Constable Wilcox, while being advised of the presence of an armed man at the store, heard the shot and ran to the store. A red and white car was seen to leave at high speed. Wilcox, accompanied by a Police Cadet, son of the murdered man, set off in pursuit. The wanted vehicle was found stopped at a deserted area on the bush road. Wilcox instructed the Cadet to illuminate the area with the headlights and then leave for assistance. Alone and unarmed Wilcox approached the five persons in the car, three of whom he knew to have lengthy criminal records,

and succeeded in holding them until other assistance and Police arrived. One of the arrested men was later convicted of wilful murder. Senior Constable Wilcox's resolute determination to apprehend the murderer and his associates, although he himself was unarmed, demonstrated courage and devotion to duty.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

James BULLEN, Sub-Officer, Carlisle Fire Brigade.

Brian HODGSON, Fireman, Carlisle Fire Brigade.

Lawrence MONK, Fireman, Carlisle Fire Brigade.

John Donald SOUTHWELL, Fireman, Carlisle Fire Brigade.

Joseph UNDERWOOD, Fireman, Carlisle Fire Brigade.

For services when a fire broke out in a railway van containing explosives.

David Quentin EARL, Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Leslie Walter HARROD, Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Lionel Gordon LAYTON, Constable, Birmingham City Police.

For services when an armed man attempted to avoid arrest.

John James KING, Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting a man armed with a loaded rifle.

Ian Maxwell LANE, Detective Senior Constable, New South Wales Police Force.

For arresting a man armed with a loaded rifle.

Dudley Charles PRATT, Detective Chief Inspector, Sussex Constabulary.

For services when a man threatened to jump from the top of a high cliff.

John Vere SMALLWOOD, Constable, Northampton and County Constabulary.

For arresting a youth armed with a loaded shot gun.