

and Constable Giles gave him showed considerable courage and undoubtedly played a major part in the man's arrest.

John Warwick CHAMBERLAIN, Carpenter, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Mr. Chamberlain was returning to his home one evening when he saw a woman knocking on a door and screaming. The woman told him that a man had forced an entry into her house and shot her mother and had threatened to shoot her too. Mr. Chamberlain went to the woman's house and found the front door open and a man standing on the pavement holding a shotgun. The man then ran across the road and Mr. Chamberlain gave chase and as they reached the middle of the road the man turned and hit Mr. Chamberlain across the forehead with the gun. Mr. Chamberlain grappled with him and the two men struggled on the ground. Mr. Chamberlain managed to get the gun away and the man ran off. Mr. Chamberlain pursued him, but was dazed and his head was bleeding; he returned to the house and saw the body of the woman's mother and remained until the police arrived. It is certain that the man intended to kill the woman as well as her mother and that her life was saved by Mr. Chamberlain's intervention. He acted most courageously, he could see that the man, who was a stranger to him, was holding a gun and he was aware that the man had already shot and probably killed a woman.

James Patrick COLLINS, Constable, Liverpool and Bootle Constabulary.

James Brian McDONALD, Constable, Liverpool and Bootle Constabulary.

Constable McDonald was on duty at the barrier on the Prince's Landing Stage when a man, who had earlier discharged himself from the Psychiatric Ward of a hospital, removed his clothing and jumped into the River Mersey. The Constable immediately shouted to a colleague and then dived into the water and managed to grasp hold of the drowning man about six yards from the quayside. The officer had taken a lifeline with him which he threw to his colleague who had to lie flat on the stage in order to pull the two men in. The rescued man became hysterical, but although Constable McDonald felt himself being sucked under the stage, and despite the man's struggles he succeeded in maintaining his hold on him. Constable Collins arrived at this point and on seeing the difficult situation immediately plunged fully clothed into the river and managed to reach the two men and give assistance. Meanwhile other policemen had gone in search of a boat and had engaged the assistance of a Customs and Excise launch. A rope was lowered to the men and a lifebelt placed over the rescued man, but by this time Constable McDonald had been in the water for some time and was exhausted and the police Inspector in charge of the rescue operations gave instructions for him to be lifted out of the water. The other two men were too heavy to be lifted out in this way. The Customs and Excise launch had by now arrived at the scene and a rope was tied round the man who was hauled on board, Constable Collins then let go of the life-line, but due to the oily state of his body and clothing he slipped and was in danger of being sucked under the launch by the tide, but a man who was on a ladder which had been lowered over the side of the stage managed to grab one of his arms and a policeman on the launch grasped his tunic and he was pulled from the water. All three men were taken to hospital. At the time of the rescue the tide was ebbing, the speed of the ebb current was in the region of six knots and conditions were "choppy". It is almost certain that the man would have drowned but for the prompt action of these two constables, and in continuing the long and strenuous struggle

against the elements to rescue him at considerable risk to their own lives they showed determination and courage of a very high order.

David McCLEERY, Station Officer, Belfast Fire Brigade. For gallantry.

Michael Alfred PICKARD, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary. For gallantry.

Robert Anthony SHARPE, Fireman, Barnsley Fire Brigade.

Fireman Sharpe was a member of a fire brigade team who were called by police to a development site where a man had climbed on the boom of a tower crane and was sitting on the counter weight at the extreme end of the boom 100 feet above the ground. Fireman Sharpe immediately mounted the crane by ladder to the point where the extension was connected, he edged along the boom to talk to the man and tried unsuccessfully to persuade him to come down. The man had consumed a full bottle of whisky and two bottles of aspirin and on reporting to his superior officers Fireman Sharpe learned that two police officers who had been on the scene had withdrawn because the man's attitude to them was belligerent. Fireman Sharpe returned to his original position some 4 yards from the man. The boom was only 18 inches wide and, during his traverse, had the fireman overbalanced he would have fallen to the ground. He remained in this precarious position for about an hour despite a considerable wind and twice managed to get to within a yard of the man whose condition was rapidly deteriorating. When another officer crawled along the boom in an effort to assist the fireman, the man moved to the outside of the concrete block and was hanging by his hands and feet. Fireman Sharpe also moved towards the concrete block to try and get hold of the man, but before he could do so, the man let go and fell to his death. In attempting to save the life of this man, Fireman Sharpe placed himself in a very dangerous position and showed great courage and gallantry.

Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Joseph CARR, Constable, Durham Constabulary.

Maurice HENDERSON, Lately Methodist Minister, Wheatley Hill, County Durham.

Kenneth David YEATES, Sergeant, Durham Constabulary.

For services when arresting a man armed with a loaded firearm.

Herbert DAVISON, Breadserver, Belfast.

William Albert EAKIN, Detective Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

William Whitelaw GARDNER, Belfast.

Lindsay Cullen TAYLOR, Lately Executive Officer, Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority, Belfast.

Mervyn WATERWORTH, Sergeant, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Roy WISHART, Welder, Belfast.

For gallantry.

Kenneth James MILLETT, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Michael Bradley ROSS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

For tackling and arresting an armed man.

David MORGAN, Sheeter, British Steel Corporation (Strip Mills Division Tinplate Group), Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.

For rescuing a fellow employee who had fallen through a roof on to the wheel tracks of an overhead travelling crane.

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