

had reached a position in the centre of the road near the injured Sergeant, the ambulance driver, moved round the ambulance and attempted to open the rear offside door. At this point the gunman fired and the driver received fatal injuries to his head and chest; Mr. Dickman who was still partly sheltered by the ambulance received shotgun wounds to his left hand and Constable Proudman was slightly injured on the right temple and right hand by a ricochet. Those pushing the ambulance were then trapped behind the vehicle and Constable Acton who had been lying in the roadway by the injured Sergeant crawled under the ambulance to join them. Ambulanceman Oakley tried to send a message on the ambulance radio but the gunman fired again damaging the front of the vehicle near the radio set. Constable Christian likewise attempted to send a message on the radio of his police car, he too was shot and injured in the head, but was able to run from the scene and was taken to hospital.

In order to shield those injured or trapped behind the ambulance from the gunman's view, the street lighting was turned off and some time later two fire tenders were moved slowly into the road, providing a shield, and a number of police officers and firemen took up a position beside the advancing engines.

As the leading fire tender was level with the house occupied by the gunman, the fire in the house took hold and the gunman was seen at the front upstairs window. As he climbed on to the window sill he dropped the shotgun which discharged both barrels as it hit the ground.

The gunman followed very quickly and as he fell to the ground there was a violent struggle and he was overpowered by the waiting Police.

All the people engaged at the scene of this violent and dangerous incident displayed outstanding courage and acted in a way which endangered their personal safety and which went far beyond their responsibilities.

Awarded the George Medal

David Michael CLEMENTS, Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Clements was patrolling in a panda car when he was told by members of the public that three armed men were robbing a nearby bank.

Constable Clements immediately went to the front entrance of the bank where he confronted the raiders as they were leaving. The raiders threatened him with their weapons and one of the raiders fired several shots in the direction of the panda car and struck the officer in the face causing him to stumble.

The Constable quickly returned to the car to pursue the gang, but due to a faulty radio was unable to summon up assistance. Nevertheless, he chased the gang's car which was travelling at times against the one-way traffic system and, as they came to a road junction, one of the raiders fired a shot through the rear window of the getaway car. The bullet shattered the windscreen of the police car and wounded Constable Clements in his right shoulder. The wound caused him momentarily to lose control of the car and he crashed into a rubbish skip which was in the road. The Constable quickly recovered, smashed out the glass from his shattered windscreen and, although in great pain from his wounded shoulder, he pulled away and continued his pursuit of the bandits' car for a further mile until they eluded him.

Constable Clements behaved with outstanding devotion to duty and conspicuous gallantry when regardless of his personal safety and with great determination he

pursued these armed and dangerous criminals who had already shot and wounded him.

Awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal

Robert Patrick BRADSHAW, Special Constable, Leicestershire Special Constabulary.

Special Constable Bradshaw and another police officer were posted on duty at roadworks being carried out on a leaking gas main.

The road had been excavated and when it was discovered that the main gas pipe was seriously cracked, all the mechanical devices were switched off apart from a petrol-driven generator which provided electricity to light the scene. An East Midland Gas Board Supervisor decided to make a further inspection of the cracked main and as he walked along the main there was a sudden flash followed by an explosion. The leaking gas main ignited, there were flames over 20 feet high, the explosion forced everyone backwards and the flash injured some of the workmen.

Special Constable Bradshaw was one of the first to react to the danger; he saw the Gas Inspector, who was ablaze from head to foot, trying to crawl from the flames. With complete disregard for his own safety the officer ran a distance of about 45 yards into the flames, pulled the man out and beat out the flames on his clothing with a board he found nearby. Although the officer was quite severely burned on the face, neck and arm, he ran and sought medical attention for the injured man. Having done this, he quickly began to direct traffic away from the danger area.

Special Constable Bradshaw immediately responded to the demands made upon him following the explosion. He knew that there was danger of further explosion from the gas and that in close proximity to the fire there were the petrol storage tanks of a filling station. He ignored all these dangers and displayed great bravery when he rescued the injured man.

Kenneth James David BROWN, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Samuel Trevor CATHCART, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

David Trevor MCKEE, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

John Charles Colin WINSLOW, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

Frederick FARMER, Gunsmith, Driffield, North Humberside.

Walter THORNTON, Proprietor, Duncan's Gun Shop, Kingston-Upon-Hull.

Mr. Thornton served a man who had entered his shop and asked to see the range of shotguns and small arms. He talked to the man for some time and afterwards left the counter to go to the back of the shop. On his return he saw the man load one of the double barrelled shotguns with two cartridges. The gunman then pointed the loaded weapon at Mr. Thornton and demanded ammunition. Despite the fact that he was being threatened with the shotgun, Mr. Thornton tried to reason with the man and discourage him.

At this time Mr. Farmer returned from lunch, entered the shop and was also confronted by the loaded shotgun. The gunman again demanded ammunition for a small arm and threatened to shoot both men if they did not co-operate. Mr. Farmer and Mr. Thornton knew the gunman was serious in his threats by the manner in which he handled the loaded shot gun and they realised that unless they disarmed him they would be shot if they did not meet his demands.