



1957 Mountbatten Medal – Peter Critchley

During the afternoon of Saturday 23rd March, a 7-year-old boy, wearing wellington boots, slipped from a concrete jetty at Bangor, Caernarvon, and was being carried out to sea by a strong tide. A man who went to his rescue was grasped round the throat by the boy while he was trying to remove the wellington boots, and being unable to release the stranglehold, himself got into difficulties. Mr Critchley, who had recently had an operation on his left arm, dived in and swam some thirty yards against a strong ebb tide. By the time he reached them the man was unconscious and the boy was semi-conscious. Mr Critchley brought both safely to land using the second method rescue. Artificial respiration was applied to both the man and the boy, who were later taken to hospital, where both recovered.